

THE PRETRIBULATION RAPTURE

THIS THEORY... THAT THE BODY OF CHRIST - WHICH IS THE CHURCH - WILL BE RESURRECTED - AND RAPTURED FROM THIS EARTH - IN ITS ENTIRETY - BOTH THOSE - DEAD AND THOSE LIVING - BEFORE - AND PART OF THE - - TRIBULATION - THE SEVENTIETH WEEK OF WHICH DANIEL PROPHESIED - BEGINS -

THE PRETRIBULATION THEORY - IS BASED ON - FOR THE MOST PART - ~~AND~~ A LITERAL INTERPRETATION - OF THE SCRIPTURE - ALONG WITH - A DISPENSATIONAL APPROACH TO THE WORD OF GOD - WHICH ESTABLISHES THE CHURCH - AND ISRAEL AS TWO DISTINCT GROUPS - OF WHICH GOD HAS A DIVINE PLAN FOR BOTH -

"THE CHURCH" - AS WE HAVE ESTABLISHED - IS "A MYSTERY" - WHICH IS "UNREVEALED" IN THE OLD TESTAMENT -

THIS PRESENT AGE (MYSTERY AGE) - INTERVENES - WITH ^{IN} THE PLAN OR PROGRAM OF GOD FOR "ISRAEL" - - WHY - BECAUSE "ISRAEL" REJECTED "THE MESSIAH"

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST - AT HIS FIRST
ADVENT - IN BETHLEHEM -

TIES
 "MYSTERY" PROGRAM OF "THE CHURCH"
 MUST BE COMPLETED - BEFORE THE
70TH WEEK OF DANIEL'S PROPHECY - SO
 GOD CAN RESUME HIS PROGRAM - COVENANT,
 WITH ISRAEL TO ITS COMPLETION -

FIRST WE NEED TO
 DEFINE - THE LITERAL METHOD OF THE
 "INTERPRETATION"

(THE BASIC MEANING) - IT ALLOWS EACH
 WORD - TO HAVE THE EXACT BASIC MEANING
 IT WOULD HAVE IN - NORMAL - ORDINARY
 - "CUSTOMARY" USAGE - WHETHER -
 "WRITTEN" OR "SPOKEN" - THUS TO DETERMINE
 THE MEANING - BY BOTH - "GRAMMATICALLY"
 AND "HISTORICALLY" OF THE AGE IN -
 CONSIDERATION - - THUS

"THE CUSTOMARY" - AND "THE"
SOCIALLY ACKNOWLEDGED DESIGNATION
 OF THE TIME PERIOD USED - IS THE
LITERAL MEANING - OF THE WORD -

RAMM STATES
 TO INTERPRET - "LITERAL" - MEANS
 - NOTHING MORE OR LESS THAN TO

INTERPRET IN TERMS OF NORMAL --
USUAL -- DESIGNATION. WHEN THE
MANUSCRIPT ALTERS ITS DESIGNATION--
-- (THEN) -- THE INTERPRETER IMMEDIATELY
SHIFTS HIS METHOD OF INTERPRETING--
-- (OF THE WORD) --

"THE LITERAL INTERPRETATION" --
GROUNDS -- INTERPRETATION -- IN "FACT"
OF THE SCRIPTURE --

IT
DOES NOT -- BLINDLY -- RULE OUT FIGURES
OF SPEECH -- SYMBOLS -- ALLEGORIES --
AND TYPES -- BUT IN FACT -- DEFINES THEM --

["EXEGESIS" OF SCRIPTURE -- MUST START
WITH A "STUDY OF WORDS" --]

— THE NATURE OF THE SEVENTIETH WEEK --
— THE TRIBULATION —

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WORDS
USED -- IN BOTH THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT
TO DESCRIBE -- THE 70TH WEEK PERIOD --
WHICH -- WHEN THEY ARE CONSIDERED
TOGETHER -- REVEAL -- TO US THE --
"BASIC CHARACTER" OR NATURE OF
THIS PERIOD --

① WRATH - [VIOLENT ANGER OR FURY]

[REV 6:16-17]

"AND SAID TO THE ROCKS ~
FALL ON US AND HIDE US ~ FROM THE
WRATH OF THE LAMB ~ FOR THE GREAT
DAY OF HIS WRATH HAS COME" --

[REV 11:18] "YOUR WRATH HAS COME"

[REV 14:19] "THE GREAT WINE PRESS OF
THE WRATH OF GOD!"

[REV 15:1,7] "THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES ~
FOR IN THEM - THE WRATH OF GOD IS
COMPLETE - (DS) - SEVEN GOLDEN BOWLS
FULL ~ OF THE WRATH OF GOD"

[REV 16:1] "POUR OUT THE BOWLS OF GOD
~ THE WRATH OF GOD ON THE EARTH"

[REV 19:15] NOW OUT OF HIS MOUTH
GOES A SHARP SWORD - THAT WITH IT
HE SHOULD STRIKE THE NATIONS - AND
HE HIMSELF WILL RULE THEM ~~WITH~~
WITH A ROD OF IRON. HE HIMSELF
TREADS THE WINE PRESS OF THE
FIERCENESS AND WRATH OF --

"ALMIGHTY GOD"

② JUDGEMENT - [A MISFORTUNE REGARDED AS INFILCTED BY DIVINE SENTENCE -
[THE LAST JUDGMENT]]

[REV 19:2] "FOR TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS ARE HIS JUDGEMENTS"

③ INDIGNATION - [STRONG DISPLEASURE AT SOMETHING CONSIDERED UNJUST -
[RIGHTEOUS ANGER]]

④ PUNISHMENT - [A PENALTY INFILCTED FOR AN OFFENSE - THE ACT OF PUNISHING]

[ISAIAH 24:21] "IT SHALL COME TO PASS IN THAT DAY - THAT THE LORD WILL PUNISH ON HIGH - "THE HOST OF EXALTED ONES" - AND ON EARTH - "THE KINGS OF THE EARTH"

LET US GET CLEARLY IN MIND -
— THE NATURE OF THE TRIKULATION -
IT IS
DIVINE "WRATH" - AND DIVINE "JUDGMENT"

WE KNOW,
THAT OUR BLESSED LORD - BORE FOR US - THE "WRATH" OF GOD AND HIS "JUDGMENT" - "ON CALVARY" -
— THEREFORE -

WE WHO ARE IN HIM ~ "SHALL NOT COME
INTO JUDGEMENT" [JOHN 5:24]

NOTE BY COMPARISON: [1 THESS 5:9]
"FOR GOD

APPPOINTED US NOT ~ UNTO WRATH -- BUT
~ UNTO THE OBTAINING OF SALVATION ~
THROUGH ~ OUR "LORD JESUS CHRIST" ~
"WRATH" FOR OTHERS ~ BUT "SALVATION"
FOR US ~ AT THE RAPTURE ~ WHETHER ~
WE WAKE OR SLEEP" [1 COR 10] ~

→ THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION ABOUT
THE ~ SEVENTH WEEK ~ THIS PERIOD
WILL SEE ~ "THE WRATH OF GOD" ~
POURED OUT UPON "THE WHOLE WORLD" ~
[REV 3:10]

"BECAUSE THOU HAST KEPT THE
WORD OF MY PATIENCE ~ I WILL ALSO
KEEP THEE ~ FROM THE HOUR OF
TEMPTATION ~ WHICH SHALL COME
~ "UPON ALL THE WORLD" ~ TO TRY
THE THAT DWELL ~ UPON THE EARTH" ~
~ AND MANY OTHER PASSAGES MAKE
THIS CLEAR ~

— AND YET —
WHILE THE WHOLE WORLD IS IN
VIEW ~ THIS PERIOD IS —

PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO ISRAEL -
 [JER 30:7] -- CALLS THIS PERIOD -- THE
 TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE -- "MAKES" --
~~ONE THIS CERTAIN~~ --

THE EVENTS OF THE 70TH WEEK --
 ARE EVENTS OF THE -- "DAY OF THE LORD"
 OR OF "JEHOVAH" --

WHEN
 THIS EVENT -- IS BEING PROPHECIED -- IN
 [DANIEL 9]

"GOD SAID TO DANIEL -- "SEVENTY"
 "WEEKS" ARE DETERMINED UPON THY
PEOPLE -- AND UPON THY HOLY CITY [VS 24]

SO WE SEE

THIS "WHOLE PERIOD" THEN -- HAS SPECIAL
REFERENCE TO "DANIEL'S PEOPLE" ISRAEL
 AND DANIEL'S "HOLY CITY" JERUSALEM --

THERE ARE MANY PASSAGES IN THE
 NEW TESTAMENT -- LIKE [EPH 3:1-2]

FOR THIS REASON I -- PAUL THE
 PRISONER OF CHRIST JESUS -- FOR YOU
 GENTILES --

IF INDEED YOU HAVE HEARD OF
 THE -- DISPENSATION OF THE GRACE
 OF GOD. (THIS PRESENT AGE) -- WHICH
 WAS GIVEN TO ME FOR YOU --

HOW THAT BY REVELATION -- HE
 (GOD) MADE KNOWN TO ME -- THE MYSTERY

AS I HAVE BRIEFLY WRITTEN ALREADY
-- BY WHICH -- WHEN YOU READ -- YOU MAY
UNDERSTAND MY KNOWLEDGE IN --
-- THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST --

WHICH IN OTHER AGES WAS -- NOT
MADE KNOWN -- TO THE SONS OF MEN --
-- AS IT HAS NOW BEEN REVEALED -- BY
THE HOLY SPIRIT -- TO THE HOLY APOSTLES
AND PROPHETS:

THAT THE GENTILES SHOULD BE --
FELLOW HEIRS -- OF THE SAME BODY
AND PARTAKERS OF HIS PROMISE IN
CHRIST -- THROUGH THE GOSPEL."

— AND LIKE —

[COLOSSIANS 1:25-27]

I KNOW REJOICE IN MY SUFFERING
FOR YOU -- AND FILL UP IN MY FLESH --
WHAT IS LACKING -- IN THE AFFLICTIONS
OF CHRIST -- FOR THE SAKE OF HIS
BODY -- WHICH IS "THE CHURCH" --

OF WHICH I BECAME A MINISTER
ACCORDING TO THE STEWARDSHIP FROM
GOD -- WHICH WAS GIVEN TO ~~ME~~ ME FOR
YOU -- TO FULFILL THE WORD OF GOD --

THE MYSTERY -- WHICH HAS BEEN
HIDDEN FROM AGES AND FROM --
GENERATIONS -- BUT NOW HAS BEEN
REVEALED -- "TO HIS SAINTS" --

TO THEM GOD WILL MAKE KNOWN

WHAT ARE THE RICHES OF THE GLORY OF
 "THIS MYSTERY" AMONG THE GENTILES: --
 WHICH IS - CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE
 OF GLORY"

MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE CHURCH IS
 A MYSTERY AND ITS NATURE AS A BODY --
 COMPOSED OF JEW AND GENTILE ALIKE
 WAS

UNREVEALED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT - SO
 -- THE CHURCH COULD NOT HAVE BEEN IN
 VIEW IN THIS - OR ANY OTHER OLD TESTAMENT
 PROPHECY - - "SINCE"
 THE CHURCH DID NOT HAVE ITS EXISTENCE
 UNTIL AFTER THE DEATH OF CHRIST -
 (EPH 5:28-26)

CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH AND
 IS THE SAVIOUR OF THE "BODY" (CHURCH) --
 -- THE CHURCH IS SUBJECT TO CHRIST --
 CHRIST ALSO LOVED THE CHURCH AND
 GAVE HIMSELF FOR HER (HIS BRIDE) THAT
 HE MIGHT SANCTIFY (SET APART AS
 HOLY) AND CLEANSE HER WITH
 THE WASHING OF WATER BY THE WORD --
 THAT HE MIGHT PRESENT HER TO
 HIMSELF - A GLORIOUS CHURCH - NOT
 HAVING SPOT OR WRINKLE OR ANY SUCH
 THING - BUT SHE (THE CHURCH) SHOULD BE

HOLY AND WITHOUT BLEMISH" —

AND

UNTIL AFTER THE RESURRECTION
OF CHRIST — [COL 3:1-3]

"IF YE THEN BE RAISED WITH
CHRIST, SEEK THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE ABOVE
— WHERE CHRIST IS — SITTING AT THE
RIGHT HAND OF GOD."

SET YOUR MIND ON THINGS ABOVE
NOT ON THINGS ON THE EARTH —

FOR YOU DIED — AND YOUR LIFE IS
HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN GOD —

UNTIL AFTER THE ASCENSION [EPHI:19-20]

— "WHEN HE RAISED
HIM FROM THE DEAD AND SEATED HIM AT
HIS RIGHT HAND — IN HEAVENLY PLACES"

AND

UNTIL AFTER THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY
SPIRIT AT PENTECOST — WITH THE "INCEPTION"
OF ALL HIS MINISTRIES TO THE "BELIEVER"
— (ACTS 2)

— AND "THEY WERE ALL FILLED
WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT"

THE ORIGIN OF THE CHURCH — THE
BODY OF CHRIST — WAS AT PENTECOST
WITH THE COMING OF THE HOLY
SPIRIT — THUS —

THE CHURCH COULD NOT

HAVE BEEN IN THE FIRST SIXTY-NINE WEEKS
OF PROPHECY IN DANIEL 9 -- WHICH ARE
RELATED ONLY TO GOD'S PROGRAM FOR ISRAEL
IT (THE CHURCH)

CAN HAVE NO PART IN THE 70TH WEEK --
WHICH IS AGAIN RELATED TO GOD'S PROGRAM
FOR "ISRAEL" - - -

AFTER

THE MYSTERY PROGRAM FOR "THE CHURCH"
HAS BEEN COMPLETED OR CONCLUDED -

WM. KELLY CONCLUDES:

IN AND EXTENDED TREATMENT OF
EACH MAJOR PASSAGE IN THE WORD ON
THE SUBJECT OF THE TRIBULATION - IN
WHICH PASSAGES SUCH AS [MATT 24],
[DANIEL 12] [LUKE 21] [MARK 13] [JER 30]
[REVELATION] ARE VIEW -

~~REBUTTAL~~
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FOLLOWS A CLOSE INVESTIGATION OF
EVERY DISTINCT PASSAGE THAT SCRIPTURE
AFFORDS UPON THE SUBJECT OF THE
GREAT TRIBULATION. — I SHOULD BE OBLIGED
TO ANYONE WHO WILL PRODUCE ME
OTHER PASSAGES THAT REFER TO IT. — BUT
I AM NOT AWARE OF THEM — I DEMAND
OF THOSE — WHETHER THEY CAN --
POINT OUT ONE WORD —

WHICH SUPPOSES A CHRISTIAN OR THE CHURCH -- ON THE EARTH -- WHEN THE GREAT TRIBULATION ARRIVES --

- WHAT WE HAVE SEEN -
 THE DOCTRINE OF THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT -- OF JEREMIAH -- OF DANIEL -- OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST -- AND OF THE APOSTLE JOHN -- IS THIS -- THAT JUST BEFORE THE LORD APPEARS IN GLORY --
 - THE LAST AND UNEQUALLED TROUBLE OF ISRAEL WILL COME -- THOUGH JACOB SHALL BE SHALL BE DELIVERED FROM IT -- [JEREMIAH 30:7] -- THAT THERE WILL BE "THE GREAT TRIBULATION" -- OUT OF WHICH --

A GREAT MULTITUDE OF GENTILES EMERGE -- (REV'D) -- BUT BOTH JACOB AND THE GENTILES ARE TOTALLY DISTINCT -- FROM "THE CHRISTIANS OR THE CHURCH" --

AS
 REGARD TO THE CHRISTIANS -- THE LORD PROMISED:

"THAT SUCH AS HAVE KEPT THE WORD OF HIS PATIENCE -- HE WILL KEEP OUT OF THE HOUR OF TRIAL -- WHICH IS ABOUT TO COME UPON --

- THE WHOLE HABITABLE WORLD -

- TO TRY THEM THAT DWELL UPON --
-- THE EARTH -- (Rev 3:10)

-CONCLUSION -

- SINCE EVERY PASSAGE DEALING WITH THE TRIBULATION RELATES IT TO GOD'S PROGRAM FOR ISRAEL -- AND SINCE THIS IS THE SCOPE OF THE TRIBULATION -- THIS PREVENTS THE CHURCH FROM PARTICIPATING IN IT --

THE SCRIPTURE INDICATES :

THERE ARE TWO MAJOR PURPOSES --
TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE 70TH WEEK --

① FIRST OF ALL WE SEE THAT THIS PERIOD HAS IN VIEW:

"THEM THAT DWELL ON EARTH" --
AND NOT THE CHURCH -- THIS SAME EXPRESSION OCCURS IN:

[REV 6:10]

... HOW LONG, O LORD, HOLY AND TRUE
- UNTIL YOU JUDGE AND AVENGE - OUR BLOOD -- "ON THOSE WHO DWELL ON EARTH" --

[REV 11:10]

AND "THOSE WHO DWELL ON EARTH"
WILL REJOICE OVER THEM -- (THE D TWO DEAD WITNESS)

[REV 13:8]

AND "ALL WHO DWELL ON EARTH"

-- WILL WORSHIP HIM (THE BEAST)
 WHOSE NAMES HAVE NOT BEEN WRITTEN
 THE BOOK OF LIFE OF THE LAMB --
 AND MORE

[10:12,14 -- 14:6 -- 17:8]

IN THE USE OF THIS PHRASE HERE
 IS NOT A .. GEOGRAPHICAL DESCRIPTION
 BUT
 A MORAL CLASSIFICATION -- OF
"THOSE WHO DWELL ON EARTH" --

THE WORD FOR DWELL HERE --
 IS NOT

THE WORD "OKED" THE GENERAL WORD
 FOR DWELL (WHERE ARE YOU DWELLING)
 AT THIS TIME --

BUT
 THE WORD "KATOIKED" IS THE IDEA
 OF PERMANENCE --

SO

"THOSE THAT DWELL ON EARTH" -- HERE;
 ARE THE EARTH-DWELLER OF
 THAT DAY --

"THIS MORAL CLASSIFICATION"
 IS AGAINST THOSE -- WHO HAVE SETTLED
 DOWN -- IN OR ON EARTH -- AS THEIR
 REAL HOME -- THOSE WHO HAVE
 IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES WITH THE
 EARTH'S COMMERCE AND RELIGION --

SINCE THIS PERIOD IS RELATED TO --
"EARTHY DWELLERS" -- THOSE THAT HAVE
"SETLED DOWN" -- TO PERMANENT --
~~OR~~ OCCUPANCY -- IT CAN HAVE NO
REFERENCE TO "THE CHURCH" --
-- WHICH ~~OR~~ WOULD BE --
SUBJECTED TO THE SAME EXPERIENCES
-- IF IT WERE HERE --

② THE SECOND TO BE ACCOMPLISHED ~~OR~~
OR PURPOSE OF THE 70TH WEEK IS IN
RELATION TO ISRAEL --
[MALACHI 4:5-6]