



HE is  
COMING  
BACK

PUSHING BACK



# Rapture Views

**Pre-Tribulation.**

**Mid-Tribulation.\***

**Pre-Wrath.\***

**Post-Tribulation\***

**Partial Rapture**

**All are  
Pre- Millennial**

**\*Jesus cannot return today! Eliminates the imminent (forthcoming) coming of Christ**



# I. There are a number of reasons I believe in the Pre-Tribulation Rapture.

- Why go meet the Lord in the air and come immediately back to the earth?  
1 Thessalonians 4:17, Revelation 1:5-6, Revelation 5:8-10
- Don't confuse Israel and the church.  
1 Corinthians 10:32
- It is not the church's trouble. Jeremiah 30:5-11
- Don't fracture Daniel's 70 weeks. Daniel 9:24-27
- Our tribulation is from man, not God.  
John 16:33 1 Thessalonians 3:3-4 Act 14:22



- We are spared from wrath!  
1 Thessalonians 1:10. Revelation 6:17
- What would the church be doing in the Tribulation?  
(The two witnesses, the 144,000 and the flying angel,)  
Revelation 14:6-7, Rev 7:9... Rev 7:14

## **II. The strongest reason I believe in the Pre-Tribulation Rapture.**

**2 Thessalonians 2:1-12** Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,  
<sup>2</sup> That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.



<sup>3</sup> Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except **there come a falling away first**, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; <sup>4</sup> Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

<sup>5</sup> Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

<sup>6</sup> **And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.**

<sup>7</sup> **For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.**

<sup>8</sup> And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:



<sup>9</sup> Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

<sup>10</sup> And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

<sup>11</sup> And for this cause God shall send them **strong delusion**, that they should **believe a lie**:

<sup>12</sup> That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

**Withholdeth:** *katechō*. To hold back, detain, retain. To restrain, hinder (the course or progress of). That which hinders, Antichrist from making his appearance.

**Letteth:** *katechō*

**Taken:** *ginomai*. To come to pass, happen. (To cause to be.) **The way:** *mesos*: the midst.



**Falling away:** *apostasia* a falling away, defection, apostasy.

**Act 21:21** And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to **forsake** Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs.

### **A. The reasoning.**

1. It is the Holy Spirit that restrains and will be “taken out of the way”.
2. Our relationship with the Holy Spirit would demand that we would also be “taken out of the way.”



**2 Corinthians 1:21-22** Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; <sup>22</sup> Who hath also **sealed us**, and given the **earnest** of the Spirit in our hearts

**Ephesians 4:30** And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are **sealed unto** the day of redemption

**2 Corinthians 5:5** Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the **earnest** of the **Spirit**.

**Ephesians 1:14** Which **(the Holy Spirit)** is the **earnest** of our inheritance **until** the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.



3. How could the Holy Spirit leave without our going with Him?

4. The difference between the Holy Spirit's function in the Old and New Testaments.

**Colossians 1:27** To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory:

**2 Chronicles 15:1** And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded:



5. Once the Holy Spirit is “out of the way”, the Anti-Christ will appear.

6. The lie will be easy to believe because the truth will be gone!

## **B. The Responsibility**

1. The Holy Spirit does not work independently in His restraining effort.

**Ephesians 5:11** And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather **reprove** them.

**Reprove:** elegchō. To convict, generally with a suggestion of shame of the person convicted. To find fault with, correct. To reprehend severely.



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**John 16:8** And when he is come, he will **reprove** the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

**1Tim 5:20** Them that sin **rebuke** before all, that others also may fear.

**Proverbs 28:4** They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law **contend** with them.



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**Contend:** garah: to cause strife, stir up, contend, meddle, strive, be stirred up. To excite oneself against, engage in strife.



2. We are expected to follow the Holy Spirit's leading and contend (verbally) with the wickedness!
3. We are not to be silent about the LGBT crowd, abortion, murder, violence, unrighteousness and the uniting of all religions.
4. We're not just to "think" against it, we're to push back verbally.
5. "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."  
Edmund Burke



## Considering the Statistics

1. 318.9 million people in the USA
2. 0.06% identify as transgender – 1,914,000
3. 3.8% identify as LGBT 12,121,000  
(-1,914,000 = 10 million)
4. 83% identify as Christian (according to ABC News) 264,770,000 [138 times more.]
5. 70.6% identify as Christian (according to Wikipedia) 225,214,000
6. For every 1 million LGBT there are 22 million Christians





Would your convictions and standards grieve and quench the Holy Spirit within you?