

The Tribulation experience will be a terribly miserable, tragic time for all who will be forced to go through it. Revelation, chapters 5 through 19 includes graphic descriptions of what it will be like. May I begin this article by saying: *“I’m not going to tell you when it will occur!”* I will only tell you what I believe, and how I interpret many Old and New Testament Scriptures. Then you, if you haven’t already, can draw your own conclusions.

An equally interesting question to ponder is: When will the RAPTURE occur? Let me say this: *“I have become a Pre-Tribulation believer.”* I believe the RAPTURE will occur before the TRIBULATION. So, if I am right, everyone who genuinely experiences and chooses to follow the Spirit of the living Christ will not experience the full blown worldwide Tribulation. That’s not to say we, as followers, are never exposed to challenges. John 16:33 says: *“In this world you will have tribulation, but take heart, I have overcome the world.”* I will attempt to tell you why I interpret Scriptures the way I do regarding the title question.

As we all know some, like me, believe the Rapture will occur before the terribly traumatic WORLDWIDE Tribulation. We are labeled *“pre-tribers.”* Some say the seven year tribulation will come during it; they are labeled *“mid-tribers,”* while still others say it will come after, so they’re labeled *“post-tribers.”* Are you a *pre, mid* or *post* Tribulation believer? Being right or wrong will not affect our salvation position. Perhaps you are one who’s never even given it a thought. No problem, but be assured, both the Rapture and the Tribulation, along with Armageddon will occur at some future time!!!

A detail study in the book of Revelation reveals that the first four chapters are heavily focused on the behavior in seven churches. However, have you noticed? There is no mention of any church activity in any of the remaining chapters. They are forecasting post church activities because there is no church behavior to discuss after the RAPTURE occurs!!! Have you thought about this?

According to Scripture references, both Old and New Testament, many in the remaining Jewish population in Israel will be evangelized and become “Christ followers” after the RAPTURE occurs. One hundred and forty four thousand Jewish evangelists will penetrate Israel’s population. Israel’s salvation, we must understand, is extremely important to God!

I have several Scriptural reasons for being a *pre-triber*. Here are just a few:

Revelation 3:10 *“Because you have obeyed my command to endure I will keep you from the hour of testing that is coming to the whole world to test those living on earth.”*

2 Peter 4:7 & 9 *“if He rescued Lot, a righteous man who was greatly distressed by the immoral conduct of lawless people⁹ then the Lord knows how to rescue godly people from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment*

Rev. 4:1, John sees the vision of God’s throne and the voice says: *“Come up here and I will show you what must happen after this.”* I interpret this to be after the RAPTURE occurs.

Romans 5:19 *“Through one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so through one man’s obedience, many were made righteous.”*

Romans 8:1 *“There is no condemnation for those who are in union with the Messiah.”*

There are many other Scripture references regarding this subject. Some might take you in another direction. Please don’t hold it against me if you disagree. Remember, we’re all supposed to demonstrate UNCONDITIONAL love to each other, even when we disagree.

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