

Eschatology ABF Series Handout for October 13th

Review

Objections to Pre-tribulational Rapture

1. I Thessalonians 4:17 – caught up (most common translation of ἀπανταω (apantao) and ἀπαντησις (apantasis))
2. I Thessalonians 5:6 - “the Day of the Lord”
3. Matthew 24:37-42 - people taken out of the world
4. Two second comings of Christ
5. Jeremiah 30:7 – “the time of Jacob’s distress, but he will be saved from it”
6. If pre-tribulationism is true, why is there no mention of the “church” in heaven in Revelation 4-19?
 - Revelation 4-5 – 24 elders
 - Revelation 18:20 - “you saints and apostles and prophets”

7. Why is Revelation addressed to the church, if the church will not experience the tribulation of Revelation 6-19 due to a pre-tribulational rapture?
8. Is there any relationship between the rapture trumpet of I Thessalonians 4:16 & I Corinthians 15:51-52 and the trumpet of Joel 2:1, or the trumpet of Matthew 24:31 or the trumpet of Revelation 11:15? If so, does this not contradict a pre-tribulational rapture?
9. Is not a mid-tribulational view actually a pre-tribulational view since the “great tribulation” (Matthew 24:21; Revelation 7:14) does not begin until the middle of Daniel’s 70th week?
10. If the church partakes of the first resurrection and if the first resurrection is described in Revelation 20:4, does this not point to a post-tribulational resurrection/rapture?

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Organization of the Book of Revelation

Chapters

Chapter 1 – Prologue

Chapters 2-3 – Letters to the Seven Churches

Chapter 4 – The Throne in Heaven

Chapter 5 – The Large Scroll

Chapter 6 – The First Six Seals

Chapter 7 – 144,000 Sealed Jews

Chapter 8 – Seventh Seal Events [Trumpet Judgments 1-4]

Chapter 9 – Completion of 70th Week [Trumpet Judgments 5-6]

Chapter 10 – The Little Scroll

Chapter 11 – Two Witnesses (Daniel 9:24 Completed) [Trumpet Judgment 7]

Chapter 12 – Woman & the Dragon / Satan on Earth

Chapter 13 – Two Beasts

Chapter 14

A. Deliverance of the elect

B. Decree to the wicked

C. Destruction of the wicked

Chapter 15 – Prelude to Bowl Judgments

Chapter 16 – Bowl Judgments 1-7

Chapter 17 – The Great Harlot

Chapter 18 – The Great City

Chapter 19 – The Great Army

Chapter 20

1-6 – The Beginning of the Millennium

7-15 – The End of the Millennium

Chapter 21 – New Heavens, New earth, New Jerusalem

Chapter 22 – Epilogue

Chronological then Topical then Chronological then Topical, etc.

Organization of Judgments

Either:

Cyclical – Judgments cycle back around

Overlapping – 7th Seal contains all 7 Trumpet Judgments; 7th Trumpet contains all 7 Bowl Judgements

Timeline of the Rapture & Tribulation Period

Rapture

Can happen anytime!

Judgment Seat of Christ (in Heaven)(during Tribulation??)

Tribulation Period Begins (?? on how much time after the Rapture)

Anti-Christ comes to power
Signing of Peace Treaty with Israel
Sacrifices allowed (Temple rebuilt)

First Half of Tribulation Period

Two Witnesses Begin Ministry
Seal Judgment 1
Seal Judgment 2
Seal Judgment 3
Seal Judgment 4
Seal Judgment 5
Seal Judgment 6
Calling of the 144,000
Seal Judgment 7

Trumpet Judgment 1
Trumpet Judgment 2
Trumpet Judgment 3
Trumpet Judgment 4
Trumpet Judgment 5
Trumpet Judgment 6

Middle of Tribulation

Anti-Christ is Killed, then “Resurrected”
Two Witnesses Killed, then Resurrected
Antichrist becomes world head
Antichrist institutes the “Mark of the Beast”
Antichrist Breaks Peace Treaty
Abomination of Desolation
Jews Flee
False Prophet Promotes the Antichrist

Last Half of Tribulation

Trumpet Judgment 7
Bowl Judgment 1
Bowl Judgment 2
Bowl Judgment 3
Bowl Judgment 4

Bowl Judgment 5

Bowl Judgment 6

Bowl Judgment 7

End of Tribulation

Armageddon

Marriage Supper of the Lamb (in Heaven)(right before Second Coming ??)

30 Days??

Second Coming

Mount of Olives Split

Destruction of Rome

Antichrist & False Prophet Destroyed

Jewish People Get Saved

45 Days??

Sheep / Goat Judgment

Satan is Bound for 1,000 Years

Millennium

Satan is Released for a Short Time

Final Deception / Final Battle / Final Destruction of Satan

White Throne Judgment

Eternity Future

New Heavens & New Earth

Tribulation Period Begins (?? on how much time after the Rapture)

Anti-Christ comes to power

Daniel 7:24-25

Signing of Peace Treaty with Israel

Daniel 9:27a

Sacrifices allowed (Temple rebuilt)

Revelation 11:1-2

First Half of Tribulation Period

Two Witnesses Begin Ministry

Revelation 11:3

Seal Judgments

Seal Judgment 1 – Rise of the Antichrist – Revelation 6:1-2

Seal Judgment 2 – Antichrist Shows His True Nature – Revelation 6:3-4

Seal Judgment 3 – Disease, Famine & Food Shortage – Revelation 6:5-6

Seal Judgment 4 – Death – Revelation 6:7-8

Seal Judgment 5 – Cries of Martyrs – Revelation 6:9-11

Seal Judgment 6 – Judgments on the Earth – Revelation 6:12-17

Calling of the 144,000 (Between 6th & 7th Seal Judgments) – Revelation 7:1-8

Seal Judgment 7 – Trumpet Judgments – Revelation 8:1-5

Trumpet Judgments

Trumpet Judgment 1 – Hail & Fire – Revelation 8:6-7

Trumpet Judgment 2 – Mountain Burning with Fire – Revelation 8:8-9

Trumpet Judgment 3 – Great Star Burning Like a Torch – Revelation 8:10-11

Trumpet Judgment 4 – Judgment on Sun, Moon & Stars – Revelation 8:12-13

Trumpet Judgment 5 – Locusts – Revelation 9:1-12

Trumpet Judgment 6 – 200 Million Demons – Revelation 9:13-21

Middle of Tribulation (the exact order of these can't be pinned down)

Anti-Christ is Killed, then “Resurrected” – Revelation 13:3, 12

Two Witnesses Killed, then Resurrected – Revelation 11:7-12

Antichrist becomes world head – Daniel 7:8; Revelation 13:7-8

Antichrist / False Prophet institutes the “Mark of the Beast” – Revelation 13:16-17; 14:9; 16:2; 19:20a

Antichrist Breaks Peace Treaty – Daniel 9:27b

Abomination of Desolation – Daniel 9:27b; 11:31; Matthew 24:15; II Thessalonians 2:4

Jews Flee – Matthew 24:16-21; Revelation 12:1-6

False Prophet Promotes the Antichrist – Revelation 13:11-15

Last Half of the Tribulation

Trumpet Judgment 7 – Bowl Judgments – Revelation 11:15-19

Bowl Judgment 1 – Boils – Revelation 16:1-2

Bowl Judgment 2 – Salt Water Destroyed – Turned to Blood – Revelation 16:3

Bowl Judgment 3 – Fresh Water Destroyed – Turned to Blood – Revelation 16:4-7

Bowl Judgment 4 – Scorching Sun – Revelation 16:8-9

Bowl Judgment 5 – Darkness – Revelation 16:10-11

Bowl Judgment 6 – Euphrates Dries Up & Three Demons Released –
Revelation 16:12-16

Bowl Judgment 7 – Earthquake & Giant Hailstones – Revelation 16:17-21

End of the Tribulation (again, hard to press some of these into a strict timeline)

Armageddon (7th Bowl Judgment) – Zechariah 14:2-3; Revelation 16:17-18; 19:11-21

Marriage Supper of the Lamb (?? on timing, location is in Heaven) – Revelation 19:6-9

30 Days?? – Daniel 12:11

Second Coming – Matthew 24:29-31

Mount of Olives Split – Zechariah 14:4

Destruction of “Rome” – Revelation 16:17-21; 18:8-10

Anti-Christ & False Prophet Destroyed – Revelation 19:20

Jewish People Get Saved – Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:8-9; Romans 11:25-27

45 Days?? – Daniel 12:12

Sheep / Goat Judgment – Matthew 25:31-34, 46

Satan is Bound for 1,000 Years – Revelation 20:1-3a

Millennium – Revelation 20:4-6

Satan is Released for a Short Time – Revelation 20:3b

Final Deception / Final Battle / Final Destruction of Satan – Revelation 20:7-10

White Throne Judgment – Revelation 20:11-15

Eternity Future – Daniel 2:44; Revelation 11:15

New Heavens & New Earth – Revelation 21-22