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Unfortunately many people know more about prophecy from listening to a quartet sing songs like "I'll Fly Away" or "I Wish We'd All Been Ready" than from Bible study. One topic that has been given much popular attention but has no Biblical foundation is the "RAPTURE". Jesus did not say that the church would be raptured out of the tribulation. He said, "I pray not that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from evil (John 17:15).

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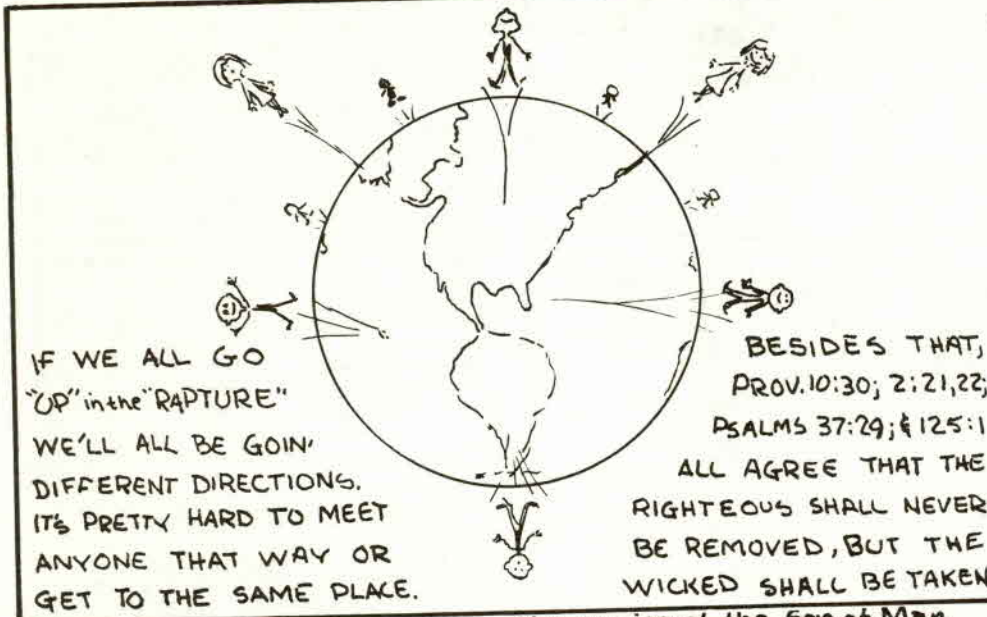
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Christians His wrath (wrath is for unbelievers, I Thes. 5:9) but He does say we will have tribulation (John 16:33). His people always go through times of trouble, they are not taken out of them.



Noah was not raptured out of the flood water; he went through it. God said, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you; when you walk through the fire you shall not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon you." (Isaiah 43:2) Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego went through the fire. They were not raptured out. Daniel was not raptured out of the lions den, he went through it.

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We believe that a correct understanding of this will open your eyes to much more Bible truth and help you start seeing the difference between tradition or men's ideas and what the Bible actually does teach. Although it is very important we do not believe it is worth arguing about. All who name the name of Jesus Christ are of one spirit. We are all brothers and should be able to search the scriptures together in love rather than rearing up in hatred when our favorite doctrines are seen to be something other than Biblical. So, if we're wrong (we truly believe a sincere study of the scriptures will prove us right) you can tell us all about it on the way up.

Jesus placed the sign of His Second Coming "immediately AFTER the tribulation of those days." (Matt. 24:29) The Bible DOES NOT say the Christians will be raptured FIRST when two are in a field, one taken and one left. (Matt. 24:40-41) It says plainly in the preceding verses that it will be as in the days of Noah. Verse 39 says, "They did not understand until the flood came and took them away, so shall

the coming of the Son of Man be." Now we know the evil were removed from the earth in Noah's day and not the righteous. Also, it is clear that the children of the wicked one are taken FIRST from reading Matt. 13:24-43.

God has established a pattern of providing supernatural protection for His people so that they had the power to go through the test, not out of it. Why would He change His pattern for the last great tribulation?

God said, "Only with your eyes shall you behold and see the reward of the wicked. There shall no evil befall you." (Psalm 91) A mighty supernatural deliverance was wrought by God by protecting His children in Egypt.

They went through the LAST SEVEN plagues but Israel did not suffer from them. (Ex. 8:22-23, 9:4).

When we study how God poured out His wrath in Egypt during the LAST SEVEN plagues we notice an amazing parallel to when God will pour out His wrath during the LAST SEVEN vials of wrath (also seven trumpets) of the book of the Revelation.

Just as God protected His people from His wrath in Egypt; He will also protect His people from His wrath in the end time. God never promised to send us

Tribulation brings about patience (Romans 5:3). It has a purpose in God's plan. A spoiled and pampered child usually has great difficulty dealing with responsibility, it is hard for them to ever really grow up. How can we expect to rule and reign with Christ without having been tried and tested through tribulation. A person gains character and understanding when he goes through trying experiences victoriously.

Some people mistakenly teach that we will be raptured and go to the marriage supper of the Lamb; there we will be eating and enjoying ourselves for seven years while God purishes the world. A close analysis of the scripture in I Thes. 4:7 shows that the word "meet" was only used in two other places in scripture. In both it means "returning with" not "remaining at" the place of meeting. There is no scripture anywhere in the Bible that says we will remain for seven years in the air.

I have been taught that the Greek word "parousia" always referred to the rapture and that other words were used for the coming of Christ in glory after the tribulation. But I found that this also is not true. "Parousia" is used for the coming in glory in II Thes. 2:1.

# RAPTURE

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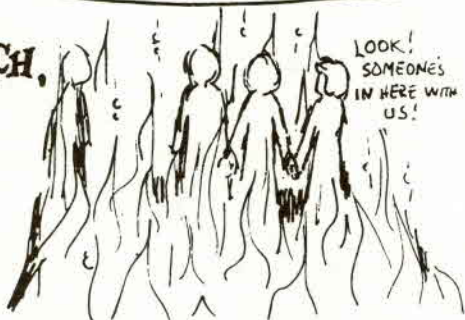
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### MATTHEW 24: 29-31

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

## SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO WENT THROUGH THE FIRE.

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### II THESSALONIANS 2:1-3

Now...with regard to the coming of our lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together to Him, that you may not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit, or a message, or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the lord has come. Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will NOT COME UNLESS THE APOSTASY COMES FIRST...

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## DANIEL WENT THROUGH THE LIONS DEN.

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## TRIBULATION HAS A PURPOSE

I believe that the dead saints will be resurrected at the END of the tribulation and we who are alive will meet them. Since the resurrection occurs after the tribulation, every born again believer in Jesus Christ needs to be awakened to this truth. They need to prepare and perfect themselves through the word, by the Holy Spirit. Your hope of being taken out and away from the bad things may let you down and you may not have the power (Holy Spirit) to go through the trouble. Of all the people I know, not one person has ever found a single Bible verse that says we will be raptured before the tribulation. Can you?

My Cocoon was kind of a tribulation experience. But look at me now! I CAN FLY!

