

Misconceptions regarding the Rapture.

1) **Paul explained that the Rapture is meant to give Christians comfort and hope. 1 Thess 4:17-18; 5:11.**

Born Again believers will not have to endure The Wrath of God over a seven-year Tribulation period.

a) Daniel C9 and C12 is about Israel. b) Romans 5:9; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 5:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2; Ephesians 5:6; Colossians 3:4 are about the Church.

2) **The Rapture teaching was popularized in 1830 by a teenager named Margaret MacDonald, and then by John Nelson Darby a Baptist.**

This is a historical fallacy, for not only was Darby teaching about the Rapture well back in the 1820s, but many others had since the Puritans 200 years earlier: -

Joseph Mede (1586-1638), Increase Mather (1639-1723), Pierre Jurieu (1687), Philip Doddridge (1738), John Gill (1748), James Macknight (1763), Thomas Scott (1792), Morgan Edwards (1722-1795), William Witherby (1818).

For more examples, read *Dispensationalism Before Darby* by Professor William C. Watson, an expert on historical literature from the 1600s-1700s.

NOTE - Bible prophecy stopped being taught in the Church in the 400s AD when Augustine began spiritualizing everything in the Bible, and until the Renaissance you could be killed for disagreeing with his teachings. When the Reformation in the 1400-1500s began

bringing back the literal interpretation of the Bible, Bible prophecy was once again taken seriously.

3) The Church must endure the Tribulation Period.

a. We should understand that the Tribulation period is not just about God's judgment for the world but that it also includes a period of time for salvation.

b. The Church is raptured because God has promised His Bride will never have to endure His wrath.

Romans 5:9. 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 5:9. Revelation 3:10.

c. While the focus is on bringing the Jewish people to accept Yeshua as Moshiach, many Gentiles will also come to know Messiah Jesus. The Lord will therefore just not use the Rapture as a sign and wonder but several other ways of sharing and spreading the Gospel to Jew and Gentile.

A) The 144,000 Jewish Evangelists (*Rev 7:3-8*).

B) The Great Tribulation (*Rev 7:9-17; cf Rev 20:4*).

C) The Two Witnesses in Jerusalem (*Revelation 11*).

D) The Judgments of God (*Revelation chapters 6, 8-19*).

E) An Angel (*Rev 14:6*) to proclaim the Gospel.

F) A Heavenly Voice, the final warning. (*Rev 18:4*)

The sovereign will of the Lord God Almighty is that none should perish but come to Him in repentance, this being the life and death principle of the Holy Scriptures.

Repentance is the act of confessing your sins and asking for forgiveness in the name of Yeshua/Jesus as the only way of salvation for all mankind.

