

***THE PROPHECIES OF END TIMES***  
***06 – REASONS FOR A PRETRIBULATION RAPTURE***

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**THE PLACE OF THE CHURCH IN REVELATION**

- The key passages in Revelation that talk about the Great Tribulation do not include the Church.
- The “saints” in Revelation 4-18 are Tribulation age believers.
- The 24 Elders represent the Church, we gather this because of their:
  - Title
  - Number
  - Position
  - Crowns
  - Clothing
  - Praise
  - Distinction

**THE RAPTURE vs THE RETURN OF CHRIST**

- Christ’s coming back is in two phases.
- He will come to escort His church to His Father’s house.
- He will come with the saints to establish His kingdom.

**EXEMPTION FROM DIVINE WRATH**

- The Bible promises God’s people are exempt from the Great Wrath or Tribulation (Rev. 3:10-11)
- The wrath of God will begin with the first seal and continue until the second coming of Christ

**THE TIME GAP**

- There are prophecies that show there will be a time gap between the rapture and the second coming.
  - The preparation of Christ’s Bride (Rev. 19:7-10)
  - Life in the Millennial Kingdom (Rev. 20:1-6)

## **THE REMOVAL OF THE RESTRAINER**

- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8 mentions a restrainer holding back the lawless one.
- I believe that God (the Holy Spirit) is this restrainer.
- The church is the weapon of the Holy Spirit in restraining the lawless one, and when the church is removed the lawless one will be let loose upon the Earth.

## **IMMINENCY**

- This is the belief that Christ will return at any moment without notice or warning.
  - 1 Cor. 1:7, 16:22, Philippians 3:20, 4:5, 1 Thess. 1:10, Titus 2:13, Hebrews 9:28, James 5:7-9, 1 Peter 1:13, Jude 1:21, Rev. 3:11, 22:7, 12, 17, 20.

## **BLESSED HOPE**

- The truth of the rapture is intended to bring comfort.
- Titus 2:13, 1 Thess. 4:18