

“When Do We Leave?” Lesson 2

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To develop a belief on when the rapture occurs you first have to develop a belief on the _____.

The _____ view is this: basically, time runs along, and things get better, and we all just walk into the Kingdom.

Under this belief the Kingdom is _____ and not literal.

The _____ view is that there is no kingdom in the future.

This is a nonliteral belief that believes the Kingdom is the church.

Premillennialism says that there is a literal kingdom. This is what New Life believes.

But premillennialists are _____.

The Tribulation is when Christ does what needs to be done to take the earth back from Satan.

So, are we post-trib, mid-trib, pre-trib?

New Life believes in the pre-trib view. That Jesus will come to set up a literal earthly kingdom, and that He will come seven years before the Kingdom; He will come prior to the tribulation.

One of the indicators of a pre-tribulation rapture would be the nature of the church.

The church is _____.

Some have said the church and Israel are the same.

Israel's going to be in the tribulation. It's called the time of who's trouble? _____ trouble.

There will still be some saints left in the tribulation.

The word *ekklēsia* is the word for church.

Most significantly, the church is used to refer to the body of Christ: the true church, those who are truly redeemed, born again, baptized by the Holy Spirit into the body.

The idea of a rapture was absolutely foreign to the Jewish mind.

God never, ever promised a rapture to Israel.

When Paul explains the rapture and says these words in 1 Thess. 4:18, "Therefore comfort one another with these words" that would be a ridiculous statement if the church would have to endure the tribulation, the ultimate disaster for the world.

We're not appointed to judgment; we're appointed to be with Him.

When you remove the imminent return of Jesus Christ, you remove perhaps the greatest motivation for service to Christ that a believer has.

Other scriptures cited: Isa. 11; Acts 12; John 14, 13:33, 14:1-3, 5; 1 Cor. 15:51, 52; 1 Thess. 4:13, 16, 17, 18, 5:1, 2-3, 4, 5, 11; Matt. 24:48; 2 Cor. 5:9-10