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## *The Death of the Post-Tribulation Rapture Theory*

In order for their end time schemes to fit, some Mid and Post-Tribbers share some things in common. They must juggle the Book of Revelation to conform to their ill conceived and preconceived theological systems. Precisely, they must make the seven seals, the seven trumpets and the seven vials overlap in various ways.

Granted, there are things in the Revelation that are not chronological. These are known as parenthetical passages. These are passages that move back and forth in time. They move from heaven to earth and back again etc.. We know they are parenthetical from the Revelation itself or we know it from other scripture. But the seals, trumpets and vials are not parenthetical. They are chronological. We must take them as chronological because no scripture authorizes us to do otherwise.

Therefore, by what right or authority do the Mid and Post people overlap them? Who authorized them to do so? What scripture tells them to do this? Absolutely none. Our end time interpretations must conform to the scripture and not vice versa.

The question is, "Why do they feel the necessity to overlap them?" The Mid-Tribulation Rapturists are trying to make the rapture and the resurrection all occur "at the last trump" and the Post-Tribulation Rapturists are trying to make rapture and resurrection occur, not only at the last trumpet, but also on "the last day". (For the Post-Tribbers, the "last trumpet" occurs on the "last day".) But, is this so? And, what is the last trump and what is the last day?

### *The Last Trumpet*

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We shall consider "the last trump" first and then "the last day". The Mid and Post-Tribulation people believe that the last trumpet of 1 Corinthians 15:52 and the seventh trumpet of Revelation 11:15 are one and the same trumpets.

1 Corinthians 15:50-53

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

51 Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Revelation 11:15

15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

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Two questions must be asked here. Are they the same trumpets? Are they really the last trumpet to be sounded? We shall answer the second question first.

They are not the last trumpet to be sounded. During the millennium, at least part of the rituals from the Mosaic era will be re-established. Those rituals are the year of Jubilee, the New Moon, the Passover and the Tabernacle. In the Old Testament, each of these events were accompanied by the blowing of trumpets. Taking the number of trumpets that will be blown for each of these feasts or events and multiplying by 1000 years, which is the length of the millennium, here is what we have:

Jubilee ----- 480 Trumpets

New Moon ----- 288,000 Trumpets

Passover ----- 24,000 Trumpets

Tabernacles ----- 24,000 Trumpets

Total ----- 336,480 Trumpets

All these trumpets sound after either of the two listed in the scriptures shown above. So, will the "real" last trumpet please stand up?

In addition to the above, in the Old Testament, trumpets were blown at special occasions. Now there are two special occasions concerning end time prophecies when trumpets will be blown. These two special occasions are the last day of this era (the church age) at the rapture, and the last day of the 70th Week-Tribulation-12th Day of The Lord which also signals the beginning of the millennium. On each of these special occasions, or "last days", a special trumpet will sound. Here are the scriptures for the special trumpet on the "last day" of this era.

1 Corinthians 15:52

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1 Thessalonians 4:16

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Here are the scriptures showing the sounding of the special trumpet on the "last day" of the 70th Week-Tribulation-12th Day of The Lord.

Isaiah 27:12-13

12 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall beat off from the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel.

13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

Matthew 24:31

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31 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.

We must note well that the seventh trumpet in Revelation 11:15 has nothing to do with these special trumpets. That trumpet is simply the end of a series of seven trumpets in that specific passage. One cannot make this trumpet the "last trumpet" without juggling the Revelation. But, keep in mind; nowhere do we have the authority to do this.

Now, if we add the "special trumpet" that sounds at the end of the Tribulation to the 336,480 which we demonstrated previously, we have a total of 336,481 trumpets which will sound *after* the seventh trumpet in the Revelation. Consequently, the seventh trumpet in this passage cannot possibly be the "last trumpet" in 1 Corinthians 15:52 or 1 Thessalonians 4:16 or anywhere else. Will the real last trumpet please stand up?

### *The Last Day*

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Now we must determine just exactly what is meant by the expression "last day" as it relates to the resurrection. The term "last day" occurs 7 times in the New Testament. All 7 of them occur in the book of John.

Five of these verses pertain to the resurrection of the saved and one pertains to the judgment of the lost. The other occurrence has nothing to do with resurrection or judgment. Those references which pertain to the saved are listed below.

John 6:39-40

39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 6:44

44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 6:54

54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 11:24

24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

The occurrence of "last day" that pertains to the judgment of the unsaved is listed below.

John 12:48

48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

The question is "Do the above two occurrences of *last day* occur at the same time?" In other words, is the *last day* that pertains to the resurrection of the saved and the *last day* that pertains to the judgment of the unsaved one and the same *last day*? No! To demonstrate this, we must look

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at what Paul said concerning the resurrection of the saved. In 1 Corinthians 15:23, he said that the resurrection of the saved was composed of different orders. He said that Christ would be first. Then he said those who were Christ's at his coming would be second.

1 Corinthians 15:23

23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

In addition, we have previously seen that "they that are Christ's at his coming" are also in their "own order". In Isaiah 26:19 and 1 Thessalonians 4:16 we saw the resurrection of the Saved Abrahamic Seed Group Remnant with Gentiles grafted in. Then, in Daniel 12:2, we demonstrated the resurrection of those who were saved and died during the 70th Week-Tribulation-12th Day of The Lord. All the above comprises what Paul calls the "order" of every man in the resurrection of the saved.

### *The order of the resurrections of the saved*

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To put it as simply as possible we shall list the various orders of the resurrection of the saved like this:

1. Christ's resurrection is the first in order.
2. The resurrection of the saved when Christ comes just prior to the Tribulation is the second in order.
3. The resurrection of the Tribulation saints at the end of the Tribulation is third in order.

All the above is what John described by the term "the first resurrection" in Revelation 20:4-6.

Revelation 20:4-6

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

But, notice what John said in verse 5. He said "the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished". In other words, there is a space of nearly two thousand years between the resurrection of Christ, the first one in the three-fold order mentioned above, and the resurrection of the saved, the second in order mentioned above. In addition, there is another space of seven years between the second and third orders in the first resurrection and another space of a thousand years between the third of those three orders and the resurrection of the unsaved. Then, he describes the judgment of this final group, the unsaved, in Revelation 20:11-15.

Revelation 20:11-15

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11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

This judgment is the judgment we mentioned previously in John 12:48 that Jesus said would occur on the "last day". Obviously, these "last days" cannot be the same "last 24 hour" period of history. ***They cannot possibly be identical!*** They are separated in time according to the scriptures listed above. Consequently, what Jesus meant was simply this; the resurrection of the Saved Abrahamic Seed Group with Gentiles grafted in occurs on the "last day" of what we call "the church age" and the resurrection and judgment of the unsaved occurs on the "last day" of the millennium. In other words, these two "last days" are ***separated from each other by the space of 1007 years.***

### ***The Death of the Post-Tribulation Rapture Theory***

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We said previously, that the position of the Post-Tribulation Rapturists was so weak that it could be overthrown in just a few sentences. We shall do that now. Suppose, for a moment, that they are right and the church must go through all seven years of the 70th Week-Tribulation-12th Day of The Lord. Suppose they are right, then, in viewing the rapture, resurrection and judgment as occurring at the same time on the "last day" of the Tribulation. This would mean that we would all go up in the rapture at the end of the tribulation and come back down in a flash at the same time. Here is the logical conclusion of such a mistaken view: **there would be no one left to go into the millennium!**

**There would be no one left to go into the millennium!** Why? There are three reasons for this. First, in every scripture in the entire Bible that pertains to the millennium, the people who go into it are alive in **this mortal body and not their glorified body.** Even the conditions within the millennium demand that they have their mortal body and not their glorified body.

The second reason there would be no one left to enter the millennium is that even the unsaved will not be here. They are the "goats" in the "goats and sheep" passage that Jesus spoke of and the "tares" in the "tares and wheat" passage that he also spoke of. At any rate, they do not go into the millennium anyway

The third reason is Paul said that all the saved who are alive at the rapture would "all be changed". In other words, we will get our resurrected, glorified bodies without ever tasting death.

1 Corinthians 15:50-53

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53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Therefore, if the Post-Tribbers are right and the rapture and resurrection all occur on the "last day", then we would all go up, get changed into our resurrection body and come back down in a flash. Consequently, there would be no one around to re-populate the earth during the millennium. This cannot be the case since the scriptures are very plain that children would be born during the thousand years.

Jeremiah 30:20

20 Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them.

Jeremiah 31:29-30

29 In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge.

30 But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.

Ezekiel 47:22

22 And it shall come to pass, that ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you, and to the strangers that sojourn among you, which shall beget children among you: and they shall be unto you as born in the country among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.

Zechariah 10:8-9

8 I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase as they have increased.

9 And I will sow them among the people: and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and turn again.

But, Jesus said that there will be no marrying nor giving in marriage once we have our resurrected and glorified body, so how could anyone have children? He said that we would be like the angels who do not marry.

Matthew 22:30

30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

Mark 12:25

25 For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven.

The insistence of the Post-Tribbers that it all happens on the "last day" of the Tribulation is the very thing that destroys them. If they are right, **there is no one left to go into the millennium!** This is a fatal mistake for them that renders their system absolutely useless.

### *Who Are The Elect and The Remnant in The Tribulation?*

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If they are the saved of the "church age" who have entered and are going through part of the Tribulation, then Paul was wrong when he said "ye are not in darkness resulting in that day having even the potential of coming upon you" because obviously it did. It also means that the

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war, death, inflation and famine of the first half of the Week is not really God's wrath which we have proven that it is. If they are the saved of the "church age" that have entered and are going through all the Tribulation, then there will be no one left to go into the millennium. So we must look for their identity elsewhere.

There will be multitudes of people saved during this final seven years. John tells us this very plainly in Revelation 7:9-17. This group of people who is saved during the Tribulation are the *elect* and the *remnant*.

Revelation 7:9

9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

Revelation 7:13-14

13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

The Mid-Tribbers try to place the rapture of the church at this point. They maintain that this group does not represent those who are saved during the tribulation. They say this group is the church who has entered the Tribulation and are raptured at this point in it (which is the middle of it). Again, if they are right, then the war, famine, death and inflation of the first half of the Tribulation is not God's wrath and we have seen that it is. Second, Paul was wrong about the day overtaking them as a thief.

Furthermore, if this group is the church which is raptured out in the middle of the Tribulation, then they have experienced some things that did not happen until the last half of the week. Notice carefully the following scriptures.

Revelation 7:16-17

16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

The reference to "hunger" in verse 16 does not take place until Revelation chapter 13. It is only then that the Antichrist issues every one a number so that they cannot buy or sell food or anything else. Then, hunger occurs because those who are saved during this time will not accept his number and therefore, cannot buy or sell and get food.

Revelation 13:16-17

16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

The reference to "thirst" does not occur until Revelation 8:10 and 16:4-7. See these scriptures below.

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Revelation 8:10-11

10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;

11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

Revelation 16:4-7

4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.

6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.

The reference to the "scorching heat of the sun" does not occur until Revelation 16:8-9.

Revelation 16:8-9

8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

These all occur in the last half of the Tribulation. Yet, the Mid-Tribbers say the group that experienced them are not even here when they occur. They have supposedly been raptured at the end of the first 3 1/2 years of the Tribulation. But, here is another thought. These who were supposedly raptured in the above passage all had a bad "sunburn" and were hungry and thirsty. Would this mean that only those in the Tribulation who had a "sunburn" and were hungry and thirsty could be raptured?

What about those who stayed in the shade and did not get sunburned etc.. Could they be raptured too? Could we devise another Partial Rapture Theory based on this? I am being facetious of course. This group is the elect remnant who is saved during the 70th Week.

### *The Pre-Wrath Rapture of the Church*

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A new end time theory is making the rounds now. This theory is contained in a book called *The Pre-Wrath Rapture of the Church*. This theory says the church will go through most of the Tribulation and be raptured shortly before the end of it. There are so many contradictions and mistakes in this book, where do we begin in discussing it?

First, this author says on page 173 that Matthew 24:5-7 describes the first half of the 70th Week. Then, he says on page 203 that Matthew 24:9 describes the last half of the 70th Week. Then, he reverses himself on page 237 and says that Matthew 24:9 describes the first half of the Week. You cannot have it both ways. Which half, in his scheme, does it describe?

Second, he says that the first half of the Week is not a time of wrath because it is not inflicted by angels. We have shown already what a mistake this is.

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Third, he says it does not matter whether Elijah ministers during the first or the last half of the Week. But by the rules of his own system it does matter. On page 111 and 112 he is adamant that the book of Revelation is in chronological order. This being the case, Elijah cannot appear until the last half of the Week.

Furthermore, according to his chart on page 155, he shows Elijah appearing some 21 months before the end of the Week. If this is what he means, this would make Elijah have to minister for 21 months after he has been killed by the Antichrist. It would also require him to minister as a dead man for 21 months after the millennium had started.

Fourth, he is very emphatic that the 12th Day of The Lord does not contain the millennium within its borders. Look at the chart again on page 136 of this work. The millennium is always a part of the Days of The Lord. He is badly mistaken here.

Fifth, to have room for his scheme to work, he has to have an additional 30 days after the end of the 70th Week for the seven vials and the Second Coming of Christ to the earth. In other words, Christ comes to the earth 30 days after the Tribulation-70th Week-12th Day of The Lord is over. But, will scripture allow this? It will not. Daniel said in chapter 12 verses 6 and 7 that the Antichrist would come to his end after "time, times and an half".

Daniel 12:6-7

6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?

7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

We know from the Revelation that "time, times and an half" equals 42 months or 1260 days which is the last half of the 70th Week.

Revelation 12:14

14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

Revelation 12:6

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

Therefore, the Antichrist comes to his end 1260 days or 42 months or "time, times and an half" after the "abomination of desolation" has been set up. This occurs in the middle of the Week. In addition, Paul tells us plainly that the Antichrist is destroyed by Christ at His Second Coming to the earth. John tells us the same thing.

Revelation 19:11

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

Revelation 19:14-16

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14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Revelation 19:19-21

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

2 Thessalonians 2:8

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

Now, if the author of *The Pre-Rapture of the Church* is right in claiming that Christ comes back 30 days after the 70th Week is over, then He comes back 30 days after He has destroyed the Antichrist. This would mean that Jesus would have to come to the earth twice in 30 days. He would have to come and destroy the Antichrist and then come back again 30 days later for this author's end time scheme to fit. Who ever heard of such a thing? Nowhere in the entire Bible are we told that Jesus comes back to destroy the Antichrist and then goes back into heaven and comes back 30 days later.

Sixth, he maintains that the "new heavens and the new earth" spoken of by Peter occurs at the end of the 70th Week.

2 Peter 3:12-13

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

But, keep in mind that he is very emphatic that the Revelation is in strict chronological order. That being the case, John places the "new heavens and the new earth" at the end of the millennium and not at the end of the 70th Week. This is a difference of 1000 years between the time this author says the new heavens and earth appear and when John says they appear.

Revelation 21:1-4

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

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Now, is the author right about the Revelation being in chronological order or is he right about the "new heavens and the new earth" appearing at the end of the 70th Week? Both cannot be true. The above is only the tip of the iceberg.

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