

Why do we believe in a Pre-tribulation Rapture?

- **The Israel-Church Distinction**

- The Church is mentioned in chapters 1-3 of Revelation.
- When the Tribulation starts, the church isn't mentioned again until the 2nd Coming of Christ with the church. (**Revelation 19:11** *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.*
12 *His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.*
13 *And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.*
14 *And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.*)
- Since the Tribulation constitutes Israel's seventieth week ([Daniel 9:27](#)) and is specifically determined upon them, the church has no reason to experience it.
- The church represents a "mystery" unveiled only at Pentecost, while the Old Testament prophecies address Israel exclusively.
- Consequently, the major tribulation passages—[Daniel 9:24–27](#) and [Jeremiah 30:7](#)—are understood as distinctly Jewish in character.

- **Imminency of Christ's Return**

- Numerous scriptures indicate Christians should anticipate the Lord's arrival at any moment without knowing when it will occur.
- If the church must endure the Tribulation, believers cannot genuinely expect His imminent return, since He could not come for at least seven years.

- **Deliverance from God's Wrath**

- Noah and His family.
- Lot and his family.
- Rahab and her family.
- Caleb and Joshua escaped the generation that died in the wilderness.
- Nineveh was willing to repent and God spared them from judgement.