

Bible Extra Extra

**Believing in the Second Coming
without being a dispensationalist**

Part 2

If it is accepted that God has 2 separate peoples and different programmes for each, then the doctrine of the rapture of the church before the Great Tribulation follows logically. This is how the church “parenthesis” ends so that God can turn his attention back to Israel for the next dispensation. Dispensationalism teaches that after the rapture of the church, national Israel again takes centre stage during the tribulation and Jews finally begin accepting Jesus as their Messiah. Then follows the Millennium during which the offer of a literal messianic Kingdom rejected by Israel 2000 years ago finally becomes reality. To keep their strange doctrinal system from collapsing [they] must prove the doctrine of the pre-tribulational rapture – a doctrine wholly unknown to Christianity before the 19th century.

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Why I don't believe in a pre-trib rapture

- It's a 19th century doctrine
- It has no clear and explicit support in Scripture
- Splitting Daniel's weeks has no textual support
- Jesus says explicitly that the rapture comes AFTER not BEFORE the tribulation
- Revelation indicates Christians will be alive on earth during the tribulation
- All rapture verses are in the context of the final and decisive Day of the Lord / Last Trumpet

Why I don't believe in a literal millennium

- It is ONLY mentioned in a book that is notoriously difficult to interpret.
- Revelation is clearly cyclical with parallel sections, and such a structure lends itself to an amillennial interpretation.
- The main body of church Fathers were amillennial.
- Millennialism has mainly been confined to smaller Protestant groupings and sects.
- The whole idea seems completely odd and unnecessary.
(Lindsey quote.)

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