

RAPTURE THEN TRIBULATION

I. The Rapture or Wrath?

- A. **A promise of deliverance** 1 Thess. 1:9, 10
- B. **Two Events** - First the Rapture then the Day of the Lord (Tribulation)
1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Thess. 5:1-9
- C. **Two groups** – notice the change in pronouns, “you” & “them”
- D. **Two appointments** - Our appointment is salvation (Rapture); theirs is wrath 1 Thess. 5:9; Rom. 5:9; Rev. 3:10

II. Place of the Church in Revelation

- A. Church is “ekklesia, occurs twenty times in Revelation
- B. Occurs 19 times in chapters 1-3, and 1 time in Ch. 22
- C. One would expect that the most lengthy, in-depth, detailed presentation of the Tribulation would include an account of the Church’s role during that time period
- D. Church (in Heaven) referred to 12 times in Rev. 4-19 as the 24 elders
- E. Saints are described in 4-19 because people will be saved during it.