

There is not a single verse in the entire Bible that by itself teaches a Pretribulational rapture. Even leading pretribulational scholars admit this.

**Jesus places the rapture after
the tribulation:**

“But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

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Compare Passages:

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Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

(1 Cor 15:51-53)

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

(1 Thes 4:14–18)

Paul tells us that Christians should expect relief from the trials and tribulations of this age to come specifically *when*? When Jesus is visibly revealed in flaming fire with His angels:

“...we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure. This is a plain indication of God’s righteous judgment so that you will be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering. For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.”

(2 Thessalonians 1:4–8)

**We get our new bodies when Jesus comes,
not seven years earlier:**

The Resurrection:

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming.

(1 Corinthians 15:20–23)

Paul specifically tells us that the resurrection / rapture will happen after the apostasy and the Antichrist:

Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

(2 Thessalonians 2:1–4)

**The Bible says Jesus will remain in heaven
until He returns and does two things:**

(1) Restore all things.

(2) Crush His enemies.

**“Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the restoration of all things about which God spoke through the mouth of His holy prophets long ago”
(Acts 3:21)**

**“...this man after offering one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God. He is now waiting until his enemies are made his footstool”
(Hebrews 10:12–13)**

The pre-trib rapture says Jesus leaves heaven to rapture the Church 7 years before these things. This violates the Word of God.

The pre-tribulational rapture also specifically violates the high priestly prayer of Jesus, who prayed for all believers NOT to be removed from the world, but instead to be kept from the evil one.

“I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one... I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word”

(John 17:15–20)

Jesus said that the righteous and the wicked would remain together until the final harvest. There is no premature separation:

“Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away.... Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, ‘First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

(Matthew 13:24-25, 30)

The pre-tribulational rapture teaches that the first resurrection happens seven years before when the Bible says it takes place:

Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years ... This is the first resurrection.

(Revelation 20:4–5)

The pre-tribulational rapture teaches that there are actually two more comings of Jesus; Scripture says there is only one.

“And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation... to those who eagerly await Him.”

(Hebrews 9:27-28)