

[Why I Believe in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture: Part 5](#)



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In [Part 1](#), I covered what I call the "bedrock" foundational tenets about the Bible and its interpretation that provide the foundation in which to analyze the reasons for why I believe the Bible teaches a Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the Church. The following are two further reasons.

8) The Church is busy elsewhere during the Tribulation.

While the 7-year Tribulation is occurring, the Bible records the Church will be busy with three events. None of the three have to do with suffering on a world being destroyed.

The first event the raptured Church will participate in is a judgment by God — the Judgment of the Just. This judgment on works is not to determine eternal destiny, but to determine degrees of reward ([2 Cor. 5:10](#); [Rev. 19:6-9](#)).

The second event is the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. This feast celebrates the spiritual marriage of Christ's Bride — the Church — to her Savior. [Revelation 19:7-9](#) shares this wonderful celebration, *"Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear. (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.) Then the angel said to me, 'Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!' And he added, 'These are the true words of God.'"*

The third event follows the Marriage Supper of the Lamb and is the Church's preparation to follow the King of Kings into the Battle of Armageddon at the conclusion of the Tribulation. This event is the Second Coming of Jesus Christ ([Zech. 14:1-21](#); [Matt. 24:29-31](#); [Mk. 13:24-27](#); [Lk. 21:25-27](#); [Rev. 19:11-21](#)). [Revelation 19:14](#) identifies the Church in their *"fine linen, white and clean,"* which was given to them during the first event — the Judgment of the Just. The Church and angelic forces follow the King of Kings into His Second Coming to the earth, but only Jesus Himself will engage in battle and with mere words defeats the nations in siege against Jerusalem.

9) There needs to be sheep to separate from the goats.

If the Church is raptured at the end of the Tribulation, receives their glorified bodies, and then immediately u-turns back with Christ for the Second Coming as the Post-Tribulation Rapture view holds, then what believer in Christ will be available for the Sheep and Goats Judgment of Matthew 25? The only people left on earth would be unbelievers, called goats. No believer — sheep — would be available for God to put into the sheep category.

Since those who are in glorified bodies will be like the angels in that they aren't given in marriage or reproduce ([Matt. 22:30](#); [Mk. 12:25](#)), then a believing, unglorified, human remnant must make it into the sheep category and go on to produce the nations during the Millennial reign of Christ ([Ezek. 43:13-27](#); [Isa. 19:21](#); [Isa. 65:20-22](#); [Rev. 20:7-10](#)). This would mean that people would need to come to Christ during the Tribulation yet after the Rapture to produce this Millennial population.

I will finish posting more reasons why I believe in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture in [Part 6](#) - the final installment of this article series.