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SUBJECT: God's Church
and the Great Tribulation

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(Why Christian churches will not go through the tribulation.
Why raptured before)

I. The Structural Outline of the Apocalypse for his 30.

1:19; 4:1 note 7 & 3rd

No more churches at end of chapter 3. Chapter 4, after the things of 4 churches
Next seen in 19:6/6 coming with Christ as they ride. How get
up there? Raptured.

Fits the structure of all the rest of the Scriptures
The tribulation - judgment of God upon

sin
lawless system of Satan
most
revolting habits

But the church not then judged (only for reward of
judgment seat of Christ)
1 Cor. 3:10

Rom. 8:1

John 5:24

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Rev. 3:10

II. The Exposition of Paul in II Thess. 2:1-12 for his st.

The terrible persecution in Thessalonica made them think they were in the Tribulation. But Paul answers -
(1 Thess. 5:1-3)

The exposition of Paul here is really that of the Revelation.

The man, viz, the final anti-X, will appear at the beginning of the Tribulation!
But he not appear until the Holy Spirit in the believing church is taken away.

The mystery of iniquity at work these many centuries will finally lead us in a Satan-inspired world leader under the leadership of a super-man, Satan incarnate, the ultimate anti-X. He will appear on the scene, bring us a leader of peace and unity but he prove to be an impostor & deceiver, will finally plunge us into the most devastating war of all history, culminating in the Battle of Armageddon.

Satan-inspired anti-X will rule 7 years, but the last half: $3\frac{1}{2}$ years, 42 months, 1260 days.
This period - persecute,
the last half (the last 3 1/2 years) as the
tribulation,
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tribulation.

One third of the population, who destroyed, all destroyed was it not for the intervention of Christ who return in the next breath with his saints.

But now, the way come to pass until the A.S. in the church be taken away. Only they presently will give now, the presence of the A.S. in the church.

III. Scriptural Types Forbid It

R. 17: 26-30

"as in days of Noah" Ark taken before the flood - righteous
Noah passing through the flood - the
saved remnant is to
The wicked would perish in the flood

"as in days of Lot" Taken out first
Gen. 19: 22 "for I cannot do anything till
I have done with this."

Not only justly taken out but compromised Lot taken out
Ark & spiritual behems, saved in gold & silver
Lot, a compromise " " as by fire, of this, took

- 1. I Cor. 3: 12-15
- 2. I Cor. 5: 10

IV Scriptural Hope and Promise

The expectancy and comfort of the church is -- Titus 2:13
Some are looking for the coming of the anti-X, the man, his
- - - - - But he is the false prophet
- - - - - "Baths" as we call
- - - - - "twelve days" trial and tribulation

But not us. We are looking for the true Jesus --
The only thing we are told to look for, wait for, is the coming of the
king, not dependent upon any delay - any event, any
development, any year, any tribulation. In some, will
come, for us, at moment, at dawn, any day..

Before the awesome days of tribulation succeeding great
peace upon the world, for us, and let loose our restrictions
and our restrictions, & will come for his people, for us,
and of these terrible things.
Society disappears
as Christ, "caught up"
suddenly, invisibly, miraculously
silently.

The coming of the Lord on earth 3:20 ^{John, Philadelphia}
^{troubled us, the Lord}

The signal for the opening of the door in heaven 4:1

John, a symbol of, representative of, the secret, mystery,
then follows the tribulation. In Phil 3:20 II Cor. 5:20
when we are delivered, ambassadors ^{will come first.}

(1) John 1:2.

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You know John?

He was always talking, talking
of Christ's return.

Some frowned, others laughed and
went this way

Content no more to learn.

But John was sincere, pleading:
"Friend, what if the Lord should
come today?"

Men might frown or scoff or
his faith made light

But John never wavered, pointing
to the Truth and the way.

We were working in the field
that day

Bloufing - John and I - just near
a day or two. John said:

"The Lord will come and call
white men are going to his table,
call his own, the living and the
dead."

"John" said I, "enough of that,
it is absurd."

A fairy-tale, childish, fit for
children's pages."

Leaning on his plough, John
answered not, nor heard.

Hark! the trumpet of the Lord
and the ~~call~~^{voice} of the archangel.

I shrugged in unbelief. I heard
nothing, saw nothing
though John's face grew so glorified
I turned away.

When I looked again, there was
no trace of John
save his plough and the team
standing in the furrow of clay.

The sky unchanged, the earth
not left.

Two men working in the field
One praying
and I, O God, I was left.