

## **Rapture Facts From The Book Of Revelation—2** ***“Where Is The Church During The Tribulation?”***

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**A Look Into The Past**—Some examples of God’s Character Through the Ages:  
What are the Characteristics of our God? Let’s look at some:

- “Come...into the Ark.” (Genesis 7:1)
  
- “God delivers His own people from all Egypt’s Plagues (Exodus 7-12)
  
- “Enoch walked with God, and was not, for God took him.” (Genesis 5:24; also Jude)
  
- “Elijah went up by a whirlwind”, while Elisha watched. (2 Kings 2:11)
  
- “Come (hither)...enter thou into thy chambers.” (Isaiah 26: 20)
  
- “They shall be mine....when I make up My jewels.” (Malachi 3:17)
  
- “...shall be caught up.” (1 Thessalonians 4:17)
  
- “I will come again, and receive you unto Myself.” (John 14:3)3

### **Is The Church Numbered Along With Ministries On Earth During The Tribulation?**

Above are a few examples of God’s preservation of those who belong to Him. He has never before, and will never in the future, forsake those who are truly washed in His blood. We need only to study the prophetic books concerning the tribulation period to realize that this period—still in the future—was designed to complete God’s dealings with Israel—in bringing them into His Kingdom; for between every *set of seven* plagues mentioned in the book of Revelation, our Lord will continue to bring souls into His Kingdom. I did not find a single Church ministry on earth during the tribulation, but what I did find I will relay to you now:

### **The True Ministries Dedicated to Souls During The Tribulation:**

- Those saved during the Tribulation:** (6:9-11 & 7:9-17). The antichrist will attempt to destroy these brave saints by beheading them, but the Lord will see that they have ample time to minister their testimonies first. (see 12:11).
  
- The two witnesses**—minister in Jerusalem for 3½ years, at which time the antichrist succeeds in their destruction. However, the world sees them revived to life on the streets of Jerusalem after laying dead for 3½ days in Jerusalem. With all eyes on satellite television, men hear God’s command, “Come up here”, and the two witnesses disappear into heaven. (Revelation 11:1-13).
  
- The seventh Trumpet**—angels preaching God’s victory over the earth (Revelation 11:15-19).
  
- The 144,000 Israelites**—preach the Good News over the entire earth. (Revelation 14: 1-5).
  
- Angels**—soaring through the air preaching the Gospel (Revelation 14:6-13, etal.).
  
- The final angelic message**—to the fowl of the air (Revelation 19:17).

“I Found No Church On Earth During The Tribulation. Funny, because I am finding some pastors today who believe they will remain on earth and continue in their present ministries—seeing mighty signs and wonders following them.”

*“The only Signs and wonders I found on earth were commanded by God Himself—  
except for a few “lying” signs and wonders authored by the antichrist system.”*

There are no ministries present on earth as were during the Church Age. The only saints I found on the earth during that seven years were those who had previously delayed their submission to Christ in the time of Grace. Many of these were saved during the Great Tribulation, not because they chose to live the remainder of their lives for Jesus, but because they finally realized the great value of The Christ—when measured against the anti-christ system. Though they were forced to make a choice, they used the time they had left in witnessing to others of their own salvation (Rev 12:11)! Their reward was eternal life first; then they would rule with Christ over the nations during the thousand year Millennial Reign.

### **The Tribulation Saints**

*“A great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying SALVATION TO OUR GOD WHICH SITTETH UPON THE THRONE, AND UNTO THE LAMB....”* (Revelation 7:9, 10).

*Search and see if you can find*, in this same chapter, the proof that these are not the church—but an uncountable number of those who came out of the tribulation period as newly saved martyrs—because they refused to accept the mark of the beast. If you cannot see the difference, I will explain more about this in a later chapter. These are the only believers on earth during the tribulation because God’s judgment is activated against all evil, while at the same time He is bringing in multitudes into the Kingdom, to include “all Israel”.

<sup>3</sup> In the study of this scripture (John 14:1-3), it is plain to see this incident as a picture of the rapture, as Christ says, “I will receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.” Here, He receives us; but in the 2d coming, His feet land on the mountains of Israel.

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