

# *God Will Rapture His Church to allow Escape from Tribulation*

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What does the Rapture allow us to escape? The Tribulation to come. Walk with me through the pages of Revelation chapters six, eight, nine, and 16, and let me briefly describe the living hell you will escape by being part of the rapture:

These are but a few of the things that will happen during the Tribulation:

One-fourth of mankind will die (see Rev. 6:8), some because of war, some because of famine, and still others by the wild beasts of the earth. Whether by death that is swift and instant or death that is lingering and excruciating—25 percent of all people will die. Now the world's population in 1995 is 5,733,687,096, so a quarter of this is 1,433,421,774 or almost five and a half times the current population of the United States—can you imagine that? And remember that the population of the world is doubling every 39.5 years. So every day the number of people who will die becomes larger and larger.

One third of all vegetation will be burned up. All grass, every tree, everything green will be destroyed (Rev. 8:7).

The Sun and the Moon will be darkened as nature goes into revolt (Rev. 9:12).

The gates of hell will open and hordes of locusts, the size of horses, will come upon the earth. Those locusts will be allowed to sting men like scorpions and the pain will last for five months. The Bible says men will beg God to let them die but they will not die (Rev. 9:3-6).

There will be worldwide famine unlike anything the world has ever seen. (Rev. 18: 8).

There will be a world war so bloody that the blood of those killed in battle will flow for two hundred miles up to the bridle of a horse in the valley of Jezreel. This will be the Battle of Armageddon. During the Great Tribulation, one third of all the people on the earth will be killed (Rev. 14:20).

Every person on earth will be covered with great running, festering boils. Have you ever had one boil? Imagine being covered in them, not being able to walk, lie down, or sit without great pain (Rev. 16:2-11).

The seven seas of the earth will be turned into blood. Every river, every stream will become as blood. Every basin in your home will run with hot and cold blood. This plague will produce mind-numbing thirst from which there will be no relief (Rev. 8:8, 11:6).

The Sun will scorch the earth and men with fire. Major uncontrollable fires will break out all over the world spontaneously destroying homes, vegetation, and livestock (Rev 16:8).

Mighty men, kings, and men of power will gnaw their tongues in pain and crawl into caves and beg God to kill them (Rev. 6:15).

The earth will quake so severely that the islands of the sea will disappear. Puerto Rico and Hawaii will be covered with water. Every building, every wall will crumble. Millions will be trapped beneath the rubble with no one to come to their aid (Rev. 16:18).

Now, do you still want to escape the coming Tribulation? I do! And I am going to escape. When the archangel blows the trumpet and the dead in Christ rise immediately, those of us who are still alive when Jesus the Messiah returns will rise into the air in the twinkling of an eye to trade the coming hell on earth for the wonder and majesty of heaven. We will meet the real Jesus. He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. He is the Lord of glory. He is the light of the world, the Lamb of God, and the lover of my soul. The Literal, physical appearance of Jesus Christ will come soon. And as soon as the Church is gone, the Antichrist, the son of Satan, will appear upon the stage of the world.