

THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH
 PART 3: EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE PRE-TRIBULATION VIEW
 (John 14:2-3)

- I. Only View Consistent with a LITERAL Method of Interpretation
- II. Reasons Related to the “SEVENTIETH WEEK” (Dan. 9:26-27; cf. 1 Thess. 1:9-10; 5:9)
 - A. NECESSARY given the NATURE of the Week
 - B. Scope and purpose involve ISRAEL, not the CHURCH (Rev. 3:10)
 - 1. “To TEST those who DWELL upon the EARTH”
 - 2. To prepare ISRAEL to receive her KING
 - C. Essentially a UNIT even though divided into HALVES
- III. Reasons Related to the Nature of the CHURCH
 - A. The PROFESSING Church is not NATIONAL Israel
 - B. The TRUE Church is distinct from the PROFESSING Church
 - C. The true CHURCH is distinct from true (spiritual) ISRAEL

	<i>Israel</i>	<i>Church</i>
<i>Divine purpose</i>	Earthly promises in the covenants	Heavenly promises in the gospel
<i>Headship</i>	ABRAHAM	CHRIST
<i>Covenants</i>	Abrahamic and all following	Indirect beneficiaries of Abrahamic and New Covenants
<i>Nationality</i>	One UNIQUE nation	From ALL nations
<i>Dispensations</i>	Seen in ALL ages from Abraham	Seen only in the PRESENT age

<i>Ministries</i>	No GOSPEL and no missions	Commissioned to EVANGELIZE
<i>God the Father</i>	Peculiar relation as Israel's Father	PERSONAL relationship to individuals
<i>Relation with Christ</i>	Messiah and Immanuel	Savior, Lord, Bridegroom, Head
<i>Relation with Spirit</i>	Came upon SOME temporarily	Indwells ALL BELIEVERS
<i>Divine enablement</i>	NONE	Indwelling HOLY SPIRIT
<i>Christ's return</i>	In power and glory for judgment	To RECEIVE to Himself
<i>Position</i>	A SERVANT	Members of the FAMILY
<i>Christ's earthly reign</i>	SUBJECTS of the King	CO-RULERS with the King
<i>Priesthood</i>	HAD a priesthood	IS a priesthood
<i>"Marriage"</i>	Unfaithful wife of YAHWEH	The BRIDE of CHRIST
<i>Judgments</i>	To be faced for unfaithfulness	DELIVERED from all

D. In the OT era it was a MYSTERY not yet REVEALED

E. The true Church is a UNIT united with CHRIST

1. It must be spared the JUDGMENT of GOD

2. It must be spared SUBJECTION to SATAN in the Antichrist

IV. Required by the Doctrine of Imminence—Christ could return ANYTIME (John 14:2-3; Acts 1:11; 1 Cor. 15:51-52; Phil. 3:20; Col. 3:4; 1 Thess. 1:10; 5:6; 1 Tim. 6:14; Titus 2:13; Jas. 5:8; 2 Pet. 3:3-4; Rev. 3:3)

V. Indicated by the Present Work of the RESTRAINER (2 Thess. 2:6-7)