

WHY “The Final Trumpet Rapture Gathering” Title ?

We’ve been asked, “Why the long title?” It’s due to many reasons, actually, two of which are outlined immediately below.

1. We’ve departed from the use of an **unbiblical tradition** which many end-time positions use: The idea that Daniel’s 70th Week = the *Tribulation Period* (as assumed by many today). Instead, we build our end-time position from Bible data, which brings us to the second reason for our long title:
2. We wanted the title of our position to reflect a **crucial** aspect or quality of our end time ministry. We, by God’s gracious leading, enjoy an **explicitly biblical** position. This is even well evidenced in our title.
 - A. Our being changed takes place at the twinkling of an eye at the last or **final trumpet**. This is a Bible fact.
 - B. Our culture, especially here in America, has used a transliterated Latin word as a title to describe the *gathering together* of the Church. The English word is “**rapture**.” We use this word (rapture) to bring clarity as to the specific end-time event of which we are speaking, an event separate from the 2nd Advent.
 - C. Our “gathering together to Him” (see II Thes. 2:1) also touches upon one distinctive of our end-time position: This **gathering** is also seen highlighted in Mt. 24:31 where the same Greek word is used, only in verb form. [Click Here](#) for further details on this matter.
 - D. And finally, the article “**the**” speaks to a specific end-time position, one having multiple distinctives that are highlighted on our online literature pages which further define the view.

Our Bible-based end time view has unique elements. It is a most viable biblical eschatological perspective, substantively different from other popular end time views today. Here’s how, in part, our view differs from most:

1. The Final Trumpet Rapture Gathering teaches Daniel’s 70th Week \neq *The Tribulation Week* as so many presume it to be defined today. Our understanding of the “tribulation” is biblically defined: [Click Here](#) for Bible data.
2. The Final Trumpet Rapture Gathering teaches there are 1,290 days **between** the taking away of the daily offering and the setting up of the Abomination of Desolation as outlined in Daniel 12:11. This difference alone is HUGE, for many other end time views hold **these two events take place at the same time** – at the middle of Daniel’s 70th Week.
3. The eschatological wrath of God which the Church misses – the “hour of trial” of Rev. 3:10 – is the period of the Bowls of Wrath – Rev. 15, 16. We believe we are rapture-gathered at the final trumpet, that is, at the 7th trumpet of Rev. 11 and will miss the wrath of God as it is poured out on the earth dwellers. Unlike the Pre-Wrath view, our being present during the trumpets allows for the period of time of the Mt. 24:23-26 false heralds who arise after the great tribulation has concluded. (Note to whom it is the Lord is speaking here in these Mt. 24 & 25 chapters.)
4. Because the event of the taking away of the daily offerings occurs about three-and-a-half years prior to the setting up of the Abomination of Desolation, we believe the *daily offerings* are the prayers (and perhaps other offerings) of both Jews and New Covenant Saints in Jesus Christ. 1,290 days after the cessation of the regular prayers – which could be fulfilled in the closing of the Western Wall/the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem in order to begin the building of the temple – the antichrist will set up the Abomination of Desolation and bring with it, the great tribulation. For more detail on this aspect of our understanding of end time chronology, [Click Here](#).
5. We also believe the “Day of the Lord” is more than simply God’s wrath. As true of other (non-eschatological) expressions of the “Day of the Lord” in the Word of God, this *day* includes multiple elements. Eschatologically, the Day of the Lord begins **after** the heavenly signs of Joel 2. It begins when the awesome event of the sign of the Son of Man takes place. [Click Here](#) for details. As a result, as I Thes. 5 seems to indicate, the Church remains on the earth and ventures into the early part of the Day of Christ – see II Thes. 2 for the two things that come before this day of Christ/day of the Lord. It’s during the Revelation trumpets when the false christs and false prophets make their appeals with deceptive wonders. God’s people in Jesus Christ are not to believe (or follow) their lies. (Mt. 24:23-26) In this context, we believe **three** events especially comprise the 2nd Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. [Click Here](#) for specifics.

Even if you’re currently ill-prepared due to unbiblical definitions of key end-time terms/phrases (e.g., “tribulation,” “Day of Christ/Day of the Lord,” “Daniel’s 70th Week,” etc. – see links above), we can still help you “endure to the end” as our Lord so mandates. Have us come to share with/speak to your church family **before** the war against the Saints begins. (Dan. 7 ; Rev. 13) Have us come **before** the Man of Sin is revealed. Email Jon Swanson at email@therapturegathering.org for more information.

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