

THE POST-TRIBULATIONAL RAPTURE: ITS STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

TODAY WE EXAMINE A FEW OF THE PRIMARY STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF THE POST-TRIBULATIONAL RAPTURE.

I. STRENGTHS OF POST-TRIB

- A. Post-trib is fairly simple to understand.
- B. It says the Antichrist will be given authority to persecute the saints for 3 ½ years.
 - 1) [Daniel 7:25](#)
- C. It says the resurrection and the rapture happen at “the last day.”
 - 1) [John 6:39-40, 54](#)
- D. It says we are called to endure until the full 1,335 days.
 - 1) [Daniel 12:11-12](#)
- E. It places the rapture at the last trumpet, as Paul consistently states.
 - 1) the last trumpet is the 7th trumpet ([Revelation 11:15-19](#))

II. PROBLEMS WITH POST-TRIB

- A. The sixth seal describes the rapture/return - and the trumpets and bowls seem to follow consecutively.
 - 1) *“The Trumpets CANNOT begin until the seventh seal is opened according to [Revelation 8:1-4](#). No post-tribber has ever been able to explain this passage in any meaningful fashion.”* - Alan Kurschner
 - a) the book of Revelation is a hard book to understand; I tend to lean on the book of Daniel for timeline and on Revelation to bring further clarity