

The Rise of Amillennialism (Cont.):

- Roman Imperial Church: Priesthood Includes Converted Pagans Without a Theological Background
 - o Forfeited Prophetic Mission to the Aristocracy
 - o Refusal to Acknowledge the Fallenness of the State
 - o Revelation is Allegorical
 - o Roman Catholic Church Maintains this View
- Early Reformers Focused on Salvation by Faith While Largely Ignoring Eschatology

Amillennialism Fails To Address:

- Political Reign Elements of OT Messianic Prophecy
- God’s Covenants with Israel
- Destiny of Israel in Dan. 9 & Rev. 4
- The Promise of God to Mary (Lk. 1:30-33)

The Harpazo (Rapture):

Please See *Journey Through the Bible: Revelation* Sessions 15 (Parts A, B, &C)

- ἄρπάζω: Harpazo (Greek)
 - o Raptus: (Latin)
- Outline of Biblical Usage:
 - o To seize, carry off by force
 - o To claim for oneself eagerly
 - o To snatch out or away
- In the Bible (Eschatological Use)
 - o 1Thess. 4:17
- Cf. John 14:1-4
 - o Ancient Jewish Wedding Ceremony
 - o Preparation of an Addition to the Father’s House
 - o Ritual Kidnapping of the Bride
- Note: The Rapture & The Judgement are 2 Events

The Tribulation:

Note: The Rapture Has No Qualifiers in the Form of Temporal Signs. The Great Tribulation Does.

- Daniel’s 70th Week (Last 3½ Years)
- Cf. 1 Thess. 5:1-9
 - o “God has not appointed us to wrath but salvation” v.9

The Tribulation (Cont.)

- Cf. 2 Thess. 2:1-6
 - o The Great Falling Away
 - o The Revealing of the “Man of Sin”
 - Exalts Himself Above All Deities
 - The Abomination of Desolation Defined
 - o The Restrainer Holds Back the “Man of Sin”
 - Person (Singular) “He”: Holy Spirit
 - Change in Role (Restrainer)
 - Remember: Omnipresent
 - Church Called Out But Others Will Still Be Saved (Ref. Rev. 7:13-17)
 - Unless They Have Previously Rejected Christ (Taken the Mark)
 - “And then...”

Order of Events:

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| The Great Apostasy/Laodicean Age | (2 Thess. 2:2-9) |
| The Fullness of the Gentiles is Gathered | (Rom. 11:25) |
| The Restraining Ends (Harpazo) | (2 Thess. 2:6-8) |
| Daniel’s 70 th Week Begins | (Dan. 9:26-27) |
| The Man of Sin is Unveiled | (2 Thess. 2:3-5) |
| The Abomination of Desolation is Placed | (Dan. 9:27) |
| The Day of the Lord | |
| The Proclamation of the Lamb | (Rev. 5:8-13) |
| The Great Tribulation | (Mt. 24:22) |
| The 7 Seals | (Rev. 6:1-8:5) |
| The 7 Trumpets | (Rev. 8:6-11:19) |
| The 7 Bowles | (Rev. 16:1-21) |
| The Millennial Reign | (Rev. 20:1-6) |
| The Final Battle | (Rev. 20:7-15) |
| (The Great White Throne Judgement) | |
| The Banishment of Satan | (Rev. 20:10) |
| The New Jerusalem | (Rev. 21) |

Rapture

Jesus Comes for His Bride
 Transposition of Believers
 Saints Go to Heaven
 Nations Remain
 Unqualified (Imminent)
 Hinted in the OT (Is. 26:16-21)
 Believers Only
 Before the Time of Wrath
 No Reference to Satan
 Comes in the Air
 Only the Believers See Him

Day of the Lord

Jesus Comes for His Throne
 (Resurrection of the Lost)
 Saints Return to Earth
 Nations Judged
 Follows Detailed Signs
 Foretold in the OT & NT
 Entire Earth
 Concludes the Time of Wrath
 Binding of Satan
 Descends to the Earth
 Whole Earth Sees Him

