



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC	Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the Church & the Second Coming	SPEAKER	SP Daniel Foo
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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

This is the second of an 8-part series on the end times. This message focuses on the differences between the Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the Church and the Second Coming, which are two separate events. We, the saints, look forward to and must ready ourselves for the imminent Rapture.

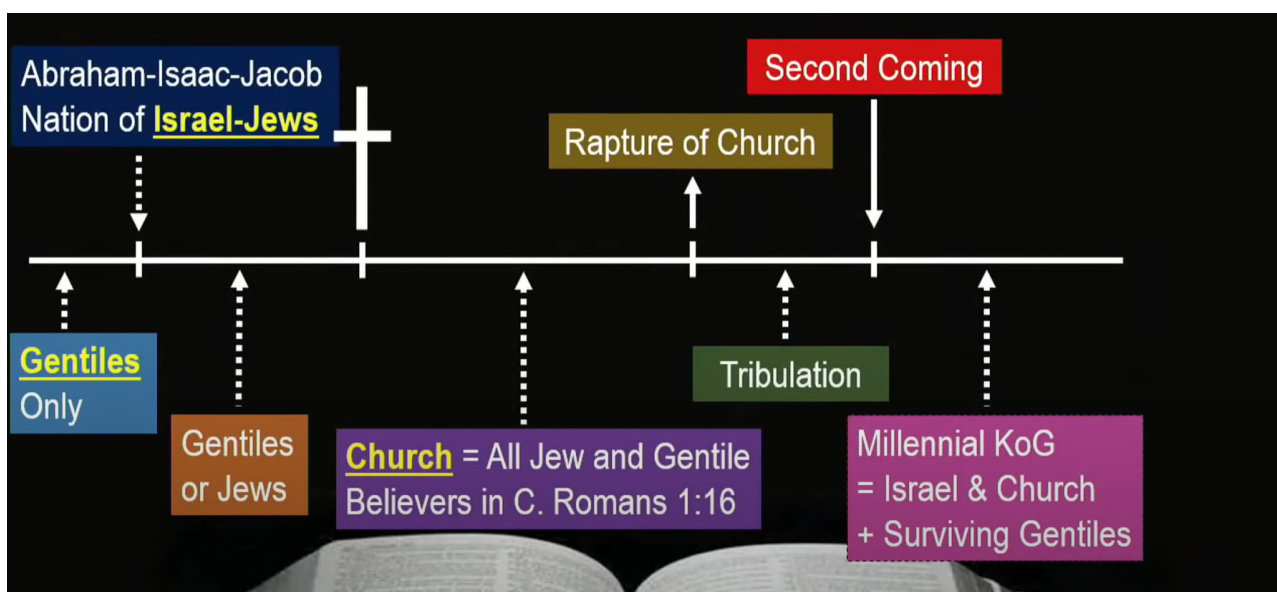
CLARIFYING TERMS

A) GOD DEALS WITH 3 GROUPS OF PEOPLE SEPARATELY

1 Cor 10:32 (NLT) “Don’t give offence to Jews or Gentiles or the church of God.”

The whole of mankind is divided into 3 groups:

1. Gentiles. From Adam to Abraham.
2. Israel/Jews. From Abraham, Isaac, Jacob onwards.
God made a specific covenant with the Jews.
3. The Church. Created after Jesus died and ascended to heaven.
From that point, everyone, Jew or Gentile, who believes and receives the Lord Jesus in the window of grace is part of the Church (Gal 3:26-28)



All scripture is profitable for us, but not every scripture/covenant is written for the Church. Applying a scripture to the Church when meant for Israel or vice versa leads to confusion and misunderstanding of the prophetic word.

B) THE DAY OF CHRIST VS THE DAY OF THE LORD

The Day of Christ = Pre-Tribulation Rapture (Phil 1:10)

The Day of the LORD (Yahweh/Jehovah/I AM) is a series of events encompassing:

- Rapture
- Tribulation
- Christ's Second Coming
- Millennial Kingdom
- Great White Throne Judgement
- New Heavens & Earth

KEY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE RAPTURE VS THE SECOND COMING

Pre-Tribulation Rapture	Second Coming
<p>1. <u>Blessed Hope for the Church</u>. We comfort and encourage each other with this. We will not suffer the wrath of God.</p> <p><i>Titus 2:13</i></p>	<p>To be <u>greatly feared by the unbelieving world & Israel</u> which rejected Jesus as Messiah</p> <p><i>Amos 5:18, Isa 13:9</i></p> <p><i>Distinguish <u>wrath of God</u> (Tribulation) which the church is spared from vs <u>general persecution</u></i></p>
<p>2. Jesus comes <u>for His Church</u> to bring us for the wedding with Him</p> <p><i>1 Thess 4:16-17</i></p>	<p>Jesus comes back <u>with His Church</u>, after the marriage supper of the Lamb</p> <p><i>1 Thess 3:13, Rev 19:14</i></p>
<p>3. Jesus meets His church <u>in the air</u></p> <p><i>1 Thess 4:16-17</i></p> <p><i>Note: At Rapture, Mt Olives is unchanged</i></p>	<p>Jesus <u>comes to the earth</u></p> <p><i>Zech 14:4</i></p> <p><i>Note: At Second Coming, Mt Olives is divided forming a valley</i></p>
<p>4. Church is taken to <u>Heaven</u></p> <p><i>John 14:2-3</i></p>	<p>Jesus sets up <u>earthly rule</u></p> <p><i>Rev 20:4 – Reign with Christ for 1000 years (Millennial Kingdom), reward for all overcomers</i></p>
<p>5. <u>Before the Antichrist</u> (Man of sin/Son of perdition) appears & <u>before Tribulation</u></p> <p><i>2 Thess 2:3 – Beware that we do not fall away</i></p>	<p><u>After Antichrist & Tribulation</u></p> <p><i>1 Thess 5:9 – God did not appoint us to wrath, Rev 3:10</i></p>

6. <u>Only the born again Church</u> see the Lord coming for us <i>1 Thess 4:17</i>	<u>The whole world will see</u> <i>Rev 1:7</i>
7. <u>No angels are sent</u> , happens suddenly <i>1 Cor 15:52</i>	<u>Angels gather the alive remnant</u> elect of Israel for the Millennial Kingdom <i>Matt 24:30-31</i>
8. <u>Followed by the Judgment seat of Christ</u> <i>2 Cor 5:10</i>	<u>Followed by the Judgment of Nations</u> <i>Matt 25:31-33</i>
9. <u>Followed by Tribulation</u> /time of Jacob's troubles (Jer 30:7)/God's wrath poured out in the trumpets/bowls/seals judgements	<u>Followed by 1000 years of world peace</u> (Millennial Kingdom) <i>Isaiah 11:6-10 – almost like heaven on earth, men will live for hundreds of years</i>
10. <u>Unknown until revealed to Apostle Paul</u> , later to John <i>1 Cor 15:51 – Rapture is a 'mystery'</i>	<u>Predicted in both OT & NT</u> <i>Daniel 12:1, Zech 12:10, Zech 14:4, Matt 24-25 – even before Church was formed</i>
11. Believers are <u>given glorified bodies</u> , resurrection of dead saints <i>1 Cor 15:52, Phil 3:20-21</i>	Those alive <u>remain in earthly bodies</u> , no resurrection as Jesus returns with the saints <i>Isaiah 65:20</i>
12. <u>Imminent, no signs</u> <i>Rev 3:3</i>	<u>Known, many signs</u> precede it, comes after the abomination of desolation <i>Daniel 12:11-12</i>

CONCLUSION

Luke 21:34-36 Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man

We are coming to the end of the Church age. Are we ready for the Rapture?

QUESTIONS

1. In his sermon, SP listed 12 key differences between the pre-tribulation rapture and the second coming. Which point stands out to you? Why?

2. How ready are you for the rapture? Do you look forward to it? Would there be things that you miss? Are there things that you want to do that you have yet to do?

3. Reflect and share 1 thing that you want to prioritise in 2021 to prepare your own readiness for the coming of Christ.