

A SIMPLE PROOF OF THE POST-TRIBULATION RAPTURE

1. The resurrection of the *dead* is one-and-only. It is called "the [definite determiner] resurrection [singular] of the dead" (Mat 22:31, Acts 17:32, 24:21, 1Co 15:21,42, Php 3:11). Likewise, the resurrection of the *just* is one-and-only. Jesus calls it "the [definite determiner] resurrection [singular] of the just" (Luke 14:14). Likewise, the *last day* is one-and-only. Jesus calls it "the [definite determiner] last day [singular]" (John 6:39,40,44,54).
2. Rev 20:4-6 teaches that the one-and-only resurrection of the *dead* occurs in two phases (the first of the *just*, the second of the *unjust*), separated by an interval of 1000 years.
3. Jesus taught that all believers (*i.e.*, the *just*, whether living or dead) shall be raised "at the [one-and-only] last day" (John 6:39,40,44,54).
4. Regardless of how one interprets the word "first", Rev 20:4-6 describes the one-and-only resurrection of the *just* as including saints who persevere over the beast, his image, and his mark. Therefore, it is a post-tribulation event.
5. At this post-trib one-and-only resurrection of the *just*, "the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up [raptured] together with them in the clouds" (1 Thes 4:16-17). So, the *rapture* is post-tribulation.
6. Thus, the resurrection of the *just* is in two phases (the first of the *dead in Christ*, the second of the *living raptured*). Both phases are completed within the one-and-only "last day". So, the maximum interval between the two phases is 24 hours. Any interval greater than 24 hours (*e.g.*, 7 years) violates Scripture. Phase reversal (*i.e.*, placing the rapture *before* the raising of the dead) also violates Scripture.