

THREE VIEWS ON THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

PRE-TRIBULATIONAL (LITERAL VIEW)	MID-TRIBULATIONAL (PRE-WRATH)	POST-TRIBULATIONAL
Distinguishes between Israel and the Church	Church and Israel are mixed during the Tribulation	The Church and Israel are identical; go through the Tribulation together
Imminent – prior to the beginning of the Tribulation	Rapture follows 3 ½ + years of Tribulation – not imminent	Rapture follows 7 years of Tribulation – not imminent
Last Trumpet for Believers (1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thes. 4:16); gathered to be with the Lord	Last Trumpet in series of seven Israel; announces Jesus' future reign (Rev. 10:7)	Trumpets at Second Coming (Isa. 27:13; Zech. 9:14; Matt. 24:31) to gather believers on earth
Believers rescued from wrath (1 Thes. 1:10; 5:9; Rom. 5:9; Rev. 3:10)	Believers only rescued from Great Wrath	Believers rescued from last wrath upon unbelievers
Day of the Lord comes "like a thief in the night" (1 Thes. 5:4)		