The Rapture

Don't Be Deceived

Study Guide

Part I
The Introduction to the Rapture

Chapter One

The Importance of the Rapture



"Imagine the following scenario. You wake up one morning only to realize that your family has totally disappeared. You scramble, you look around, you run into the living room and turn on your TV to see what in the world is going on. And there you watch a special worldwide global news report declaring that millions of people all over the planet are missing, not just your family, but literally millions of people. And as this slowly begins to sink in, you look down and spy your loved ones Bible sitting right there on the coffee table and suddenly it dawns on you that your Christian family was right after all when they kept telling you over and over again about this Rapture thing. And so to your horror, you realize, oh no, you have been left behind and you will now be catapulted into the 7-year Tribulation that's coming upon the whole world." Pastor Billy Crone, *The Rapture Don't Be Deceived*.

Study

1.	Why is it	important to	learn abo	ut the event	called	the Rapture?
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2. Pastor Billy says that the 7-year Tribulation is characterized by three sets of Judgments, each divided into seven horrendous events. Name the three sets of Judgments.

3. Can you name at least seven of the specific Judgments that will befall the world and those that are left behind?

4.	In what way can you be assured that you won't have to go through the horrible time known as the 7-year Tribulation?
5.	So that we won't be deceived, what is the nature of the confusion and division surrounding the event known as the Rapture?

Chapter Two

The Basis of the Rapture

"The **first thing** we're going to look to avoid being deceived about the Rapture is the **Word Rapture Itself.** What does it mean?" Pastor Billy Crone, *The Rapture Don't Be Deceived*.

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	Where does the word "Rapture" come from?
2.	What does the Greek word "harpazo" mean?
3.	What two passages of Scripture by the Apostle Paul describe in detail the Rapture event?
4.	Does Jesus refer to the Rapture, and if so, where in Scripture is it found?
5.	When comparing Paul's Rapture passages to Jesus' mention of the Rapture, are they in complete agreement?

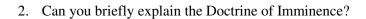
a. What conclusion can you make of this?

Chapter Three

The Purpose of the Rapture

"Which brings us to the **third thing** we're going to look to avoid being deceived about the Rapture and that is **What is the Purpose of the Rapture**? Why is it that Paul, Jesus and the Bible in general talk about this event? Why bring it up? What's the purpose of it in the first place?" Pastor Billy Crone, *The Rapture Don't Be Deceived*.

Study



3. What is the importance of the Doctrine of Imminence for our Christian Witness?

4. Can you name four benefits for the Christian at the Rapture?

5.	What is the Millennial Reign and where is Satan during that time?
6.	Can you briefly describe some of the characteristics of the Millennial Kingdom?
7.	Who will occupy the Millennial Kingdom and what will be the role of the resurrected believers of the church?

Part II The Timing of the Rapture

Chapter Four

The Jewish Wedding Ceremony



"And so naturally, that all leads us to the next question concerning the Rapture. WHEN? To answer that, we're now going to look at the **fourth thing** to avoid being deceived and that is **What is the Timing of the Rapture**? And this is unfortunately, where a lot of the confusion and division seems to come in over the Rapture. The timing, when it is going to happen." Pastor Billy Crone, *The Rapture Don't Be Deceived*.

Study

1. If Christ can return at any moment, how should the Christian respond

2. Pastor Billy describes the seven parts of a Jewish marriage as the "Match", the "Bride Price", the "Love Gifts", the "Dowry", the "Marriage Contract", the "Betrothal", and the "Taking". After the "Taking" the couple would go to the bridal chamber for seven days. What does this imply in regards to the 7-year Tribulation?

3. There is a part of the Jewish wedding called "the taking". In regards to the Rapture, what is its significance?

4.	What is the significance of the Marriage Supper and the presenting of the bride and groom to the world in relation to the Second Coming.

Chapter Five

The Unknown Hour

"The **second evidence** the Rapture takes place PRIOR to the 7-year Tribulation is in **The Unknown Hour**. As we've already seen, the Pre-Trib Rapture is imminent, it can happen at any time, there's no prophetic event that needs to occur before it can take place. We also saw Paul comforting and reassuring the Thessalonica Church to not worry about being in the 7-year Tribulation or missing the Rapture because it occurs BEFORE the "Day of the Lord" which occurs DURING the 7-year Tribulation." Pastor Billy Crone, *The Rapture Don't Be Deceived*.

Study

1.	We have already looked at Imminency.	Can you	describe	what is	meant by	"the	imminent	return
	of Christ."							

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3. Can you name any signs to watch for preceding the Rapture?

4. Pastor Billy explains that the approximate time of the Second Coming of Christ can be calculated once the beginning or mid-point of the 7-year Tribulation is known—what reason is given for the Rapture to remain an uncalculated event?

5.	Why does Pastor Billy say that the Rapture "HAS to occur BEFORE the 7-year Tribulation and its seven years' worth of signs to calculate the event"?

Chapter Six

The Absence of the Church

"The **third evidence** the Rapture takes place PRIOR to the 7-year Tribulation is in **The Absence of the Church**. You see, you'd think if the Church of Jesus Christ really was going to be thrust into the worst time in the history of mankind, the 7-year Tribulation, as stated by Jesus, then you'd find the Church all over the place during that time frame. However, a study of the Scripture reveals there's a complete absence of the Church, supporting the Pre-Trib position." Pastor Billy Crone, *The Rapture Don't Be Deceived*.

Study

1.	Pastor Billy points out that the Book of Revelation is naturally laid out in a way that promotes the
	Pre-Trib position—how is this so?

2. The word church is specifically mentioned in chapters 1 through 3 of Revelation, but is absent until seen returning with Christ at the Second Coming—what conclusion can be made of this fact?

3. Likewise, the church is not specifically mentioned in Matthew 24, while the early parts of Matthew 24 are shown to parallel the Seal Judgments in Revelation chapter 26. Also, the wording of Matthew 24 demonstrates that Matthew 24 is referring to Israel and the Jewish people, not the church. How does this imply that the church is absent during the 7-year Tribulation?

4.	Matthew 24:31 and Matthew 24:40-41 are often cited as proof of the Rapture of the church—can you explain why this is not so?
5.	Who are the "elect" of Matthew 24:31?

Chapter Seven

The Location of the Church

"Many people who disagree with the Pre-tribulation Rapture of the Church say in regards to the location of the Church, 'Well, that's easy to answer. The location of the Church is IN the 7-year Tribulation,' and for supposed proof they cite the word 'saint' and attribute it to the 'Church.' Now the word 'saint' does appear during the events mentioned in the Book of Revelation concerning the 7-year Tribulation, however, a quick look at the facts reveals that it cannot be referring to the Church." Pastor Billy Crone, *The Rapture Don't Be Deceived*.

Study

1. In the context of the 7-year Tribulation described in Revelation chapter 3 through 18, who are the "saints" and how do you know?

2. Describe what will happen to most of the people that get saved during the 7-year Tribulation.



3. What is the significance of the phrase "come up here" of Revelation 4:1 in light of the same phrase used of the two witnesses of Revelation 11:12?

4.	In light of the phrases "come up here" and "a door standing open in heaven" of Revelation 4:1, together with "heaven standing open" of Revelation 19:11, 14, where can we surmise the church to have been during the 7-year Tribulation?
5.	What can be said about the identity of the "24 Elders" of Revelation 4:4, 10, 11 in respect to their white linen clothing, golden crowns, and sitting on thrones?
6.	Since crowns are rewards for faithfulness, why could the "24 Elders" not be Old Testament believers? (Hint: Daniel 12:1-2)
7.	Of what significance does the title "Elders" have in determining the identity of the these "Elders"?
8.	Many have tried to identify the "Elders" as angels. Using Revelation 5:11, describe how this is not possible.
9.	Describe how Revelation 5:9 identifies the "Elders" as the church.

the martyred saints of the Tribulation.	what is that difference?

10. Pastor Billy points out a difference between the white robes worn by raptured church saints and

Chapter Eight

The Promises to the Church

"As if what we've seen so far it isn't abundantly clear enough that the Church is absent from earth during the 7-year Tribulation, we even have clear evidence from the Bible and Jesus Himself that the Church, His Bride, would be nowhere around during that horrible time frame. In fact, God has made bold blanketed promises to that fact." Pastor Billy Crone, *The Rapture Don't Be Deceived*.

Study

1.	Pastor Billy speaks of the church being '	"kept from that hour" of trial that is to come on the whole
	world to test those that live on the earth.	What is meant by the word "hour" in Revelation 3:10?

2. Does Jesus promise that the church will never face trials?

3. What kind of Trial is referred to in Revelation 3:10?

4. Pastor Billy demonstrates that the Greek words "tereo ek" translated "from" in Revelation 3:10 clearly means "an evacuation from". What does this mean for the church in regards to the 7-year Tribulation?

	a. Does it simply mean that the church will be "preserved" rather than "removed from"?
5.	Who are the martyrs described in Revelation 7:9, 13-15?
	a. How can they be the church, if as non-pre-Tribulationists postulate if they have not beer "preserved" rather than removed from the hour of trial?
6.	Explain how the "7-year Tribulation" differs from "general tribulation" experienced by all believers.
7.	How can it be said that ALL 19 judgments, including the Seal Judgments, mentioned in Revelation chapter 6-18 are God's wrath?

Chapter Nine

The Removal of the Church

"The **first evidence** of the Removal of the Church prior to the 7-year Tribulation is with the **Thessalonian Believers**. It just so happens that the Apostle Paul clearly mentions that another event must take place before the Antichrist can be revealed during the 7-year Tribulation. And that event is the "removal of the restrainer." Pastor Billy Crone, *The Rapture Don't Be Deceived*.

Study

1.	What is the issue	that	Paul	addresses	in	his	second	letter	to	the	Thessalonians	that	had	grea	tly
	troubled them?														

2. In 2 Thessalonians chapter 2 Paul refers to a restraining influence that is now "holding back" or restraining the full force of evil in the world—who or what is restraining this evil? Explain.

a. How does this support the pre-Tribulation Rapture?

b. What will the world be like after the Rapture?

3.	3. How is the Holy Spirit working today to restrain evil?	
4.	4. Explain how 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3 and Daniel 9:27 support a pre-	Гribulation Rapture.
	a. Explain who are the ones that will go through the 7-year 9:27.	Γribulation in regards to Danie
	b. Does Daniel 9:27 support the church being in the 7-year T	ribulation? Explain.

5. Give examples of how God spared some people from a time of His judgments.



	a.	Explain why some critics believe that this "sparing" is unfair since historically others had to experience Tribulation in their lives.
6.	Explai	n the significance of Enoch's "removal" from the earth in regards to the Flood event that ed.
	a.	How does this support a pre-Tribulation Rapture?
	b.	Are there other similar events found in Scripture? Explain.

Chapter Ten

The Purpose of the Tribulation

"It is amazing to me how many different ways and means and attempts people who are against the Pre-Tribulational Rapture position, will try to "squeeze" the Church "into" the 7-year Tribulation. Even after all the evidence we've seen so far to the contrary, they will still blindly persist. Even though I disagree, I can understand why because their whole position for the timing of the Rapture is completely "dependent" upon the Church being in that horrible time frame." Pastor Billy Crone, *The Rapture Don't Be Deceived*.

Study

	1.	What is the	purpose of t	he 7-year	Tribulation?
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2. Where in Scripture is the evidence that the Tribulation is seven years?

a. What is the evidence that this prophecy has nothing to do with the church?

3. In what way is the church considered a "mystery" according to the Apostle Paul (Romans 16:25; Eph 3:2-5; Eph 5:32; Col 1:25-27)?

4.	Where in Scripture did Jesus refer to this prophecy of the 7-year Tribulation?
	a. Why can we say that this prophecy is yet for a future time?
5.	What is the significance of a "gap" between Daniel's 69 th and 70 th weeks found in Daniel 9:24-27?
6.	What is the significance of Jeremiah 30:4-7 when Jeremiah states that the Tribulation will be like no other day and says that "it will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it"?
	a. Who is "Jacob" and does this prophecy have anything to do with the church?

7.	Ezekiel 20:30, 34, and 38 speaks of a future gathering and purging of Israel from among the nations. For what purpose is the gathering and purging? Explain.
8.	According to Daniel 12:1, who are the "people" that are in great distress and are delivered?
	a. In light of this, what is the significance of Revelation 12:1-9?
	b. Who is the "woman" that is protected in Revelation 12?
9.	According to Pastor Billy, "all these passages" concerning the 7-year Tribulation are speaking about who?
	a. What significance does this have for the church?

	b.	So, where is the church during this time?
10.	In light	of Romans 11:25-27, how can it be claimed that God is finished with Israel?
	a.	The purpose of the Tribulation is for the redemption of who?
11.		s the audience throughout Scripture that is receiving the message and warnings of the 7-ribulation?
12.	Who ar	re "the inhabitants of the earth"? Explain.
	a.	Why is the church not considered to be "the inhabitants of the earth" as described in the Book of Revelation?

13. So, acco	ording to Pastor Billy,	what is the "prim	ary purpose" of the	e Tribulation Period?
a.	Who are the "multitu	des" that are also	saved?	

Part III The Objections to the Pre-Trib Rapture

Chapter Eleven

The Red Herring Objections

"The **fifth thing** we're going to look to avoid being deceived and that is **What about the Objections of the Pre-Trib Rapture**? Believe it or not, even with the massive amount of Biblical evidence we've already seen that clearly supports a Pretribulational Rapture of the Church, some will still object to this teaching and instead throw up various accusations against it." Pastor Billy Crone, *The Rapture Don't Be Deceived*.

Study

1. What can be said of the argument that the word "rapture" is not found in the Bible?

2. What conclusion can you make from the fact that the Oxford English Dictionary defines the Biblical "Rapture" and states that the first English use of the word in that context in secular English literature is cited as 1605, 1607, and 1608?



3. Do Pre-Tribulationists advocate a "secret Rapture"? Explain.

4.	If, as the Scriptures say, the church is "saved from", "rescued from", and "not appointed to" God's wrath, then how can the church be present during the 7-year Tribulation (Rom 5:9-11; 1 Th 1:10; 1 Th 5:9; Rev 3:10)?
5.	Is there a single verse in the Bible that does support the Pre-Trib Rapture despite objections that there are none? Explain.
	a. Does it matter?

Chapter Twelve

The Unfair Objections

"The **fourth accusation** against the Pre-Trib position is that **The Pre-Trib Rapture is Not Fair**. Even though the Rapture is called the "Blessed Hope" and for good reason (we the Church are rescued from God's wrath that is poured out in the 7-year Tribulation) some people would still object and say that the Pre-Trib Rapture, that "version" of the "Blessed Hope," is unfair. They say it's "not right" that some people get to be "spared" from this time frame of God's judgment while others "have" to be "in" it, as the Pre-Trib Rapture position states." Pastor Billy Crone, *The Rapture Don't Be Deceived*.

Study

1.	What is the difference	between the 7-year	r Tribulation	and "general	tribulation"	found i	n such
	Scriptures as Romans 8:	:35; Romans 12:12	; 2 Co 1:4, and	1 2 Th 1:4?			

a. What is meant by God's "wrath"?

b. Is the church subject to all types of tribulation, including God's wrath? Explain.

2. If, according to 1 Th 5:9 and Rev 3:10, the church is not to be subject to God's wrath in the 7-year Tribulation, then who are the "Tribulation Saints"?

	a. Why can't Daniel 9:27 include the church?
3.	Explain the "mystery" of the Church Age "gap" in light of Daniel 9:27.
4.	In light of God's plans, how can it be said that there are distinct plans for Israel and the church?
5.	Who has God destined for His judgment in the 7-year Tribulation?
	a. Why can it be said that this judgment is not also to include the church?
6.	How does Hosea's portrayal of the adulterous wife of Jehovah compare with the church as a virgin bride of Christ?

	a.	When does Isra	el repent of her ha	arlotry according	g to Scripture?		
7.			s that the Pre-Trib , that the Pre-Trib			lain why, in light of iness.	the
8.	Discuss	why the Pre-Tr	ib Rapture positio	n allows for Jes	us' imminent, any	/ moment, return.	

Chapter Thirteen

The Spurious Objections



"The sixth accusation against the Pre-Trib position is that The Pre-Trib Rapture is a Recent Spurious Teaching. I don't know if it's just a last ditch effort because the other attacks against the Pre-Trib position just don't hold up under scrutiny as we've been seeing, but believe it or not, there are actually many people out there who say that they disagree with the Pretribulational Rapture because it's a "spurious" and "recent" teaching, therefore it can't be true. They basically state and accuse the Pre-Trib Rapture teaching as having started with a man named John Darby who then is supposed to have received this "demonic" idea from a Charismatic girl named Margaret McDonald from an utterance she made in 1830. However, when you investigate the facts of this "recent" popular accusation, the only thing you'll see that is "spurious" about it is the accusation itself. Like all the other false accusations against the Pre-Trib position, this too does not hold up under scrutiny." Pastor Billy Crone, *The Rapture Don't Be Deceived*.

Study

1.	. Explain why the accusation that the Pre-Trib Ra	ture is of recent teaching	and cannot be true is a
	spurious argument.		

2. John Nelson Darby has been accused of developing his Pre-Trib Rapture from a Scottish Lassie's (Margaret McDonald) vision. What sort of Rapture position did she advocate as seen in this vision?

3. Margaret McDonald and Edward Irving, Darby's supposed sources for the Pre-Trib Rapture were historicists. What do historicists believe about the Tribulation and the Church Age?

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a.	Explain why this	s historicist belief d	loes not support a F	re-Trib Rabfiire.

4. What evidence exists that John Darby did not simply start (invent) the Pre-Trib Rapture position?



5. What is the "central argument" for the Pre-Trib Rapture view?

a. Is there any historical evidence for this argument?

6. What was the millennial view of Origen and Augustine?

a. How did it affect the interpretation of Scriptures after the fourth century AD?

7.	Why is it extremely unlikely for the Middle Ages to produce advocates for a Pre-Trib Rapture?
	 a. Discuss how it can be said that Premillennialism was "rediscovered" after the Reformation.
8.	Is there historical evidence that the Pre-Trib Rapture was taught before 1830?
9.	What method of Bible interpretation leads to a Pre-Trib Premillennial view of Scripture every time?

Part IV The Problematic Positions on the Rapture

Chapter Fourteen

The Problems with Post-Trib

"The sixth thing we're going to look to avoid being deceived and that is What about the Other Positions of the Rapture? If we are truly on a journey to not be deceived on the truth concerning the Rapture, then I think it's only fair that we not just take a look at one position, the Pre-Trib position, but all the positions. How well do they line up with the Scripture? Are they as accurate as the Pre-Trib? Do they too hold up under scrutiny? How well do they do with the accusations thrown their way? Well, I think as yo SO

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ou'll see shortly, not only do the other positions NOT do as well as the Pre-Trib position, but they have ome serious problems." Pastor Billy Crone, <i>The Rapture Don't Be Deceived</i> .
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1. Describe what is the Post-Trib Rapture belief.
2. Explain the problem that the Post-Trib Rapture has in regards to clear evidence of Scripture that the church is not appointed unto God's wrath?
3. Who are the "Tribulation Saints"?

a. What is the meaning of "saint"?

	b. Does the word "saint" in the Book of Revelation automatically refer to the church? Why?
	c. What determines who the word "saint" refers to?
4.	In contrast with the Post-Trib, explain how the martyring of the Tribulation Saints seen in Revelation 7:9, 13-15 supports the Pre-Trib Rapture?
5.	Explain why the "elect" mentioned in Matthew 24:22 refers to Israel and not to the church.
6.	In light of the fact that the church did not exist until Acts chapter 2, does it make sense that Jesus would be referring to the church in answer to Jewish questions in Matthew 24? Explain.

	a.	If the Jewish listeners had no prior knowledge concerning Christ coming for His church in a Rapture, what was Matthew 24 all about?
	b.	What were the Jewish listeners most concerned about?
	c.	What does Pastor Billy refer to as the "classic mistake in interpretation"?
7.	Explai	n what is meant by Replacement Theology.
	a.	Why is it that Post-Tribs subscribe to Replacement Theology?

8.	Explain why Matthew 24:29-31, 40-41 cannot refer to the Rapture.
	a. What is the "Angel Harvest" and why can it not refer to the Rapture?
	b. In Matthew 24:40-41 explain where those that are "taken" are taken to—and what happens to those that remain?
9.	Why does it matter who is taken first in relation to the Rapture (wicked or righteous) when comparing the Rapture (1 Th 4:16-17) with the "Angel Harvest" (Matt 13:30, 49)?
	a. Why does this show that Matthew 24:29-31 does not refer to the Rapture?
10.	What is the significance in the chronological order of the Rapture to the Tribulation in 1 Thessalonians chapters 4 and 5?

a.	How can Post-Tribs possibly maintain that the Rapture and the Second Coming are the same event? Explain why they are separate events.

11. In light of the Rapture, why were the Thessalonians so "freaked out" after receiving a false word that they were already in the Tribulation?

a. Explain how this reaction supports the Pre-Trib Rapture position.

12. Name some of the differences that show that the Rapture and the Second Coming are two different and separate events.



13. If the Rapture happens at the end of the Tribulation as Post-Tribs believe, then who is left to populate the Millennial Kingdom? Explain.
a. Why does Pastor Billy say that Post-Tribs have no satisfactory answer to this problem?
14. In Matthew 25:31-34, 41, 46 who do the sheep and goats represent and where do each go?
a. Why is this an argument against a Post-Trib Rapture and how does this fit a Pre-Tril Rapture?
15. What kind of bodies do those who come to believe during the Tribulation enter the Millennia Kingdom with?

What is	s the "Bema Judgment" and what is its purpose for the church?
a.	What are the rewards depicted by in the Scripture and what is their purpose for the Christian—can you name some of the rewards?
b.	Why does Pastor Billy say that the "Bema Judgment" shows that the Post-Trib Rapture cannot be true?
Explair	n the "first resurrection" mentioned in Revelation 20:4-6 and who are included?
a.	Why is it called the "first resurrection" and is it a single event?
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18.	What is the "second death"?
19.	In 2 Th 2:7-8 what is the order of events in relation to Rapture and the revealing of the Antichrist?
20.	In 2 Th 2:7-8 who is "the one who now holds back" and what is the implication of "the one who now holds back" being "taken out of the way" in relation to the Rapture?
21.	Explain the Holy Spirit's influence on the church and why it is the church that is removed?
	a. Explain why this invalidates the Post-Trib Rapture.

22.	. Explain how	he Post-Trib Rap	oture destroys th	ne meaning of	Jesus' wedding	?	
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		in the Jewish tra as it relates to a			e and groom to t	the world as "man	and
24.	. How do we k	now that the arm	ies of heaven re	turning with (Christ represent	the church?	
	a. How	does this conflict	with the Post-T	Trib Rapture p	position?		

25.	What is the purpose of the Rapture and how does the Post-Trib Rapture render the purpose of the "Blessed Hope" meaningless?
26.	How does imminency benefit the readiness of the church?
	a. How does the Post-Trib position destroy the "cleansing effects" of imminency?
	b. Which Rapture position supports the Doctrine of Imminency?
27.	1 Th 4:18 and 1 Th 5:11 speak of encouraging each other. How can it be encouraging to think that you will be in the 7-year Tribulation as Post-Tribs believe?

28. If knowledge of the Rapture is to be comforting (1 Th 4:15-18) to believers, what does this say about each of the Rapture positions? Pre-Trib? Post-Trib? Mid-Trib? Pre-Wrath?

Chapter Fifteen

The Problems with Pre-Wrath



"The **second position** on the Rapture that has some serious problems with it is **The Pre-Wrath Position**. Or should I say more accurately, the Three-Quarters Rapture Position. The title is a little deceptive because it doesn't tell you the timing of when they think the Rapture will take place." Pastor Billy Crone, *The Rapture Don't Be Deceived*.

Study

1. Briefly describe what the Pre-Wrath Rapture view teaches.

a. Why does Pastor Billy call it the "three-quarters" Rapture position?

2. What does Pastor Billy say is the "basic core difference" between the Pre-Wrath and Pre-Trib Rapture positions?

	a. How would you describe the Pre-Wrath position in one word?
	b. Do you believe God would make something as important as the Rapture confusing?
3.	How can it be said that the Seal Judgments are included in what is known as the Wrath of God?
	a. When does the 7-year Tribulation begin in relation to the Seal Judgments?
	b. Who releases the Seal Judgments, God, man, or Satan, and what does that say about whose Wrath they represent?
4.	In Revelation 12:12 Satan is filled with fury (Satan's wrath). What is Satan's wrath in reaction?

	a.	According to the Pre-Wrath teaching, what series of judgments are considered God's wrath?
	b.	According to the Pre-Trib teaching, what series of judgments are considered God's wrath?
5.		re seen that Jesus (God) releases the Seal Judgments. Under whose authority do the angels the Trumpet Judgments?
6.		oes Revelation 15:1 state in regards to the Bowl Judgments that implies that the preceding nts were also the wrath of God?
7.	Discuss	s how Revelation 6:16-17 shows that all of the Seal Judgments are the wrath of God.
	a.	If the church is not to experience the wrath of God as Scripture says, then what does this say about the timing of the Rapture?

8.	1 Thessalonians 5:2-3 speaks of a time of "peace and safety" before the Day of the Lord begins. Explain how this is a problem for the Pre-Wrath Rapture.
9.	Why does the Pre-Wrath Rapture position say that the Seal Judgments are the wrath of man?
10.	Jesus likens the Seal Judgments as the beginning of sorrows (birth pangs) in Matthew 24:8. In what way does the Pre-Wrath Rapture as proposed by Rosenthal confuse the childbirth analogy?
11.	Why might Marvin Rosenthal have omitted mention of John 14:3 in his 300-page book?
12.	Explain how the Rapture and the Second Coming are not two separate comings.

13.	After accusing the Pre-Trib position of advocating two separate returns of Christ, how many returns does Marvin Rosenthal propose for his Pre-Wrath Rapture theory?
14.	In Marvin Rosenthal's Pre-Wrath Rapture view, when does the earth dissolve by fire and a new earth created?
	a. What is the Biblical chronology of this event, before or after the Millennium? Explain.
15.	The Great White Throne Judgment is clearly after the Millennium. Explain why this fact proves that the earth will be dissolved by fire and a new heaven and earth will be created after the Millennium.

16. In Daniel 9:20-27 who is being addressed, the church or Israel?
a. Since Daniel 9:27 is the basis for the 7-year Tribulation, what does this imply is the purpose for the Tribulation?
b. Can it be said that the church has any part in the prophecy of Daniel's 70-weeks (Dan 9:24-27)?
17. Historically, when the 69 th week of Daniel ended, it ended abruptly (Dan 9:24-26) and the church began abruptly. What might we expect of the church just before the beginning of Daniel's 70 th week (Dan 9:27)?
18. Who are the "Tribulation Saints"?
a. What do they have to do with the church? Explain.

b. Why is it better to get saved now?	
19. If the martyred great multitude of Revelation 7:9 represent the raptured church as the Preview supposes, then where are those that simply died in Christ?	:-Wrath
a. What can be said of the Pre-Wrath contention that while the martyred group is in another group is waiting on earth for the Rapture in light of 1 Th 4:17?	heaven
20. Discuss why Matthew chapter 24 is not dealing with the church, but rather with Israel a Jewish people.	and the
21. Explain what event Matthew 24:29-31 refers to and why.	

22.	In 2 Th 2:7-8 "the one who now holds back" (the restrainer) is taken "out" of the way before the Antichrist is revealed. Explain who this "restrainer" is and what has this to do with the timing of the Rapture.
23.	Why does Marvin Rosenthal insist that the "restrainer" is the angel Michael?
24.	How does the Pre-Wrath Rapture destroy the purpose and encouraging hope (1 Th 4:18; 1 Th 5:11) of the promise of the Rapture?
25.	If the Rapture of the church is an imminent event, then what should our focus be as a Christian?
	a. What is the hope of those that subscribe to the Pre-Wrath view?

b.	What are the	hose that be	lieve the Pro	e-Wrath vi	ew looking	g for?		
			ieves, the e does that say					
a.	Explain wl	ny this idea	is similar to	the Catho	lic Doctrin	e of Purgato	ory.	

Chapter Sixteen

The Problems with Mid-Trib

The **third position** on the Rapture that has some serious problems with it is **The Mid-Trib Position**. Now, even though this position is also relatively new and more in the minority position, I would still nonetheless like to at least cover the highlights of it. Pastor Billy Crone, *The Rapture Don't Be Deceived*.

Study

1.	In regards to	the	Pre-	and	Post-Trib	Raptures,	what	word	best	describes	the	Mid-Trib	Rapture
	view?												

2. What does the Mid-Trib Rapture view believe?

a. What does it believe about the church?

3. How can it be said that the Seal Judgments of the first half of the 7-year Tribulation are the wrath of God and not the wrath of man?

4.	What can be said of the statement of Revelation 6:17 "For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand" in relation to the previously released Seal Judgments?
	a. How does this negate the Mid-Trib Rapture?
5.	In the Trumpet Judgments, who directs the angels?
	a. How can it be said that the Trumpet Judgments are a continuation of the wrath of God that began with the Seal Judgments?
6.	What does the Mid-Trib Rapture view say in regards to the ending of the church age in relation to the 7-year Tribulation?

a. Why is this a false assumption?	
Explain why the Mid-Trib belief that the two witnesses of Revelation 11 cannot represent a Mid-Trib Rapture.	id
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a. Does the 7th Trumpet of Revelation have anything to do with the Rapture? Explain.



9. Explain how the Mid-Trib Rapture destroys imminency.

a. How is the church to live in light of imminency?

- 10. Regarding the Pre-Trib Rapture, are there any signs to look for before the Rapture?
 - a. How then should we respond in our life and witness?

Part V The Point of the Rapture

Chapter Seventeen

The Proper Attitude Towards the Rapture

"Which brings us to the **seventh thing** we're going to look to avoid being deceived and that is **What is Our Attitude Towards the Rapture**? And I say that because, as we just saw, the whole point of the Biblical teaching of the Rapture is to "encourage" the individual believer to ALWAYS be ready for the Lord's return. How will He find you when He comes...." Pastor Billy Crone, *The Rapture Don't Be Deceived*.

Study

1.	Why does	Pastor Bil	lly say th	at we shou	ld always	be ready 1	for the l	Lord's return?)
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a. Why does Pastor Billy say that the Rapture is a motivator for the church?

2. Does your belief in the Rapture determine your salvation? Discuss.

3. Since the Rapture is a secondary issue is there any point in causing division over it?

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4.	Why is	it more important	for all Christians t	to come togethe	er and witness	to the realit	y of hell?
5.	Why is	the purpose of the	e Rapture more imp	portant than the	e timing of the	Rapture?	
6.	What a	are some of the obj	ections to a literal	eternal hell and	l explain why	they are not	valid?

How to Receive Jesus Christ:

- 1. Admit your need (I am a sinner).
- 2. Be willing to turn from your sins (repent).
- 3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the Cross and rose from the grave.
- 4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit. (Receive Him as Lord and Savior.)

What to pray:

Dear Lord Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins. I want to turn from my sins. I now invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as Lord and Savior.

In Jesus' name. Amen.