

STUDIES IN BIBLICAL ESCHATOLOGY

THE RAPTURE (Part 2)

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Introduction

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Some Other Considerations

- I. **Lexical Considerations**

- II. **Argument from 2 Thess. 1:3-8**

- III. **Argument from 2 Thess. 2:1-5**

Conclusions

Pre-tribulationism leaves men in an unprepared state. Whether it is the Late, Great Planet Earth, the Thief in the Night movies, or the Left Behind Series, they all depart from a historic orthodoxy that saw suffering and tribulation as the church's lot, her calling, what she must endure. It has introduced a carnal escapism into the church. On earth we are called to be the church militant, being prepared to become the church triumphant. Instead we are entertained into being the church lazy and unprepared.