

Sometimes pretribulation rapture has been ~~xxx~~ called "rocking-chair ~~theology~~." This accusation ~~xxxxx~~ rests upon a complete misunderstanding of what the term really means. The ~~xxxxx~~ is not saying Christians are not going to have to suffer. They suffer; they will not have to endure ~~tribulation~~ tribulation. What is meant by ~~xxxxx~~ the term, though the term ~~xxxxx~~ itself ~~xx~~ is not as clear as we might wish, is that no one knows whether the return of Christ ~~xxxxx~~ will be in time of tribulation, in time of peace, in time when progress seems (nc) to be being made, or in time when things are turning into extreme difficulty. You don't know when He's coming.

You ~~He~~ ~~xxxx~~ should always be ready. The objection to posttribulation Thus ~~xxxxxx~~ pretribulation ~~xxxxxx~~ rapture idea is not an idea that rocking-chair theology that Chns^o don't need to worry about tribulation. Surely the terrible persecutions of the Roman empire, the terrible persecutions of the time of the Inquisition, the terrible persecutions in Communist communist countries ~~kn~~ today are extremely severe. tribulation. The return of ~~xxxxx~~ Christ will be after these various tribulations, and in this sense is a posttribulation rapture. By pretribulations rapture what is meant is that no one ~~xxxxxxx~~ can say we know that Christ is not yet coming back because the tribulation has not yet occurred. (a rather involved sentence) There is no evidence in Scripture anywhere that people will be able to recognize a particular tribulation as one that has to come before the Lord will return and one whose presence means that He may return soon.

Occasionally, though rarely the Scriptural teaching of ~~imminent~~ ^{watching for the} return of Christ is ~~interpreted~~ taken as meaning watch for tribulation that will precede the return of Christ. This twisting the Scriptural passages around. There is no suggestion in any of these exhortations that they mean that Chns^o are to be preparing for tribulation because of knowledge that Christ will come after it. ~~Christ~~ Chns^o are to prepare for tribulation. Jesus