

tortures of Christians in the days of Roman persecution before the time of Constantine. Surely we believe in a post tribulational rapture. We believe in a rapture after all 10 persecutions. You might say it is a ten-fold post-tribulation rapture, but ~~xx~~ that is not what these men mean by this. They mean the Scripture teaches there is going to be a very great tribulation which is to come near the end of the age, and they mean until that tribulation comes ~~ok~~ the rapture cannot occur. If that is the case, how wrong was Peter. How wrong was Paul. How wrong was Christ to say that we should watch and be ready. As Peter said to Jesus, Do you say this to us or to all. Is this something of vital importance to our lives? Jesus said, Yes (Lk. 12) He said this is the way you should live, like men who are waiting for their master, expecting Him to come back and wanting ~~them to find Him~~ Him to find them actively serving as He comes.

Will there be a great tribulation before Christ comes back? There have been many tribulations, and there may be many more. We cannot say that there will not be a great tribulation. In fact thousands of Christians gave their lives for their faith within the last century. There has been tribulation in country after country within our own time. Christians are suffering terrible persecution and tribulation in all the communist countries. There is a sense in which the rapture if it comes today will be posttribulation. But if we mean the great tribulation which seems to be prophesied very definitely in a number of ~~many places~~ places in Scripture, we don't even need to think of His coming until after this tribulation occurs. We are certainly throwing aside at least a dozen strong passages of Scripture presenting admonitions that are at least as [end of tape]

Now take the term mid-tribulation. Does this mean=== Is the rapture going to come in the middle of the tribulation? I would say perhaps. When there is great tribulation in China, Christians in America were having a very easy time. Christians in China are having a much easier time now than they did a few ~~years~~ years ago, but in Ethiopia in the last 5 years thousands of Christians have suffered terrible tribulations at the hands of the communists. There may be tribulation in some countries, not