

throughout the book evinces an attitude toward the Scripture that accepts its statements as final. And it is manifestly unfair to select fifteen from a list of over three hundred "authors quoted or referred to", and to designate these fifteen as his "allies". One of the fifteen is not in his list at all. Others of them he quotes only to attack. It is hard to believe that the English reviewer read the book at all!

Reese claims that the premillennial interpreters all through the ages have taken the position he takes, and that the idea of a pre-tribulation rapture is a new view, contrary to that previously held. This he assumes without proof. It would be fairer to say that many of these writers did not investigate the question of the relation of the Rapture to the Great Tribulation. On details it would be hard to prove whether they would agree with Reese or with his opponents. In any case, it would be not at all strange if we should find that God allows details to be more clearly understood as the days approach.

In his preface Reese describes his hope for the tone of his book as "animated moderation". Actually he has gone far beyond this. He heaps scorn upon those with whom he differs. At times his attitude approaches bitterness. This is extremely regrettable. It would be unfortunate in any case. It is especially so when the issues involved are not major in character.