



RAPTURED:

A Case For Escape.

A Summary of
“The Rapture Question”
by John F Walvoord

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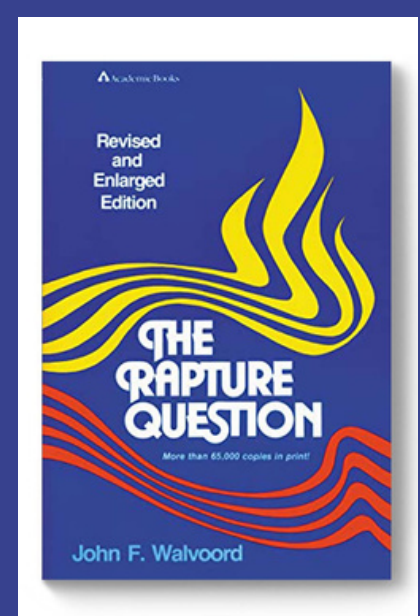
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The Distinction Between the Church & Israel




Key Point 1:

Walvoord emphasises that the Church and Israel are two distinct entities in God's redemptive plan. The Church is not appointed to endure God's wrath, which is intended for Israel and unbelieving nations during the Tribulation.

Supporting Scripture:

- **1 Corinthians 10:32** — “Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God.”
- **Romans 11:25** — “... blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.”



*“A literal interpretation of
Scripture leads to the
conclusion that God has
distinct plans for Israel and
the Church.”*

The Imminency of Christ's Return

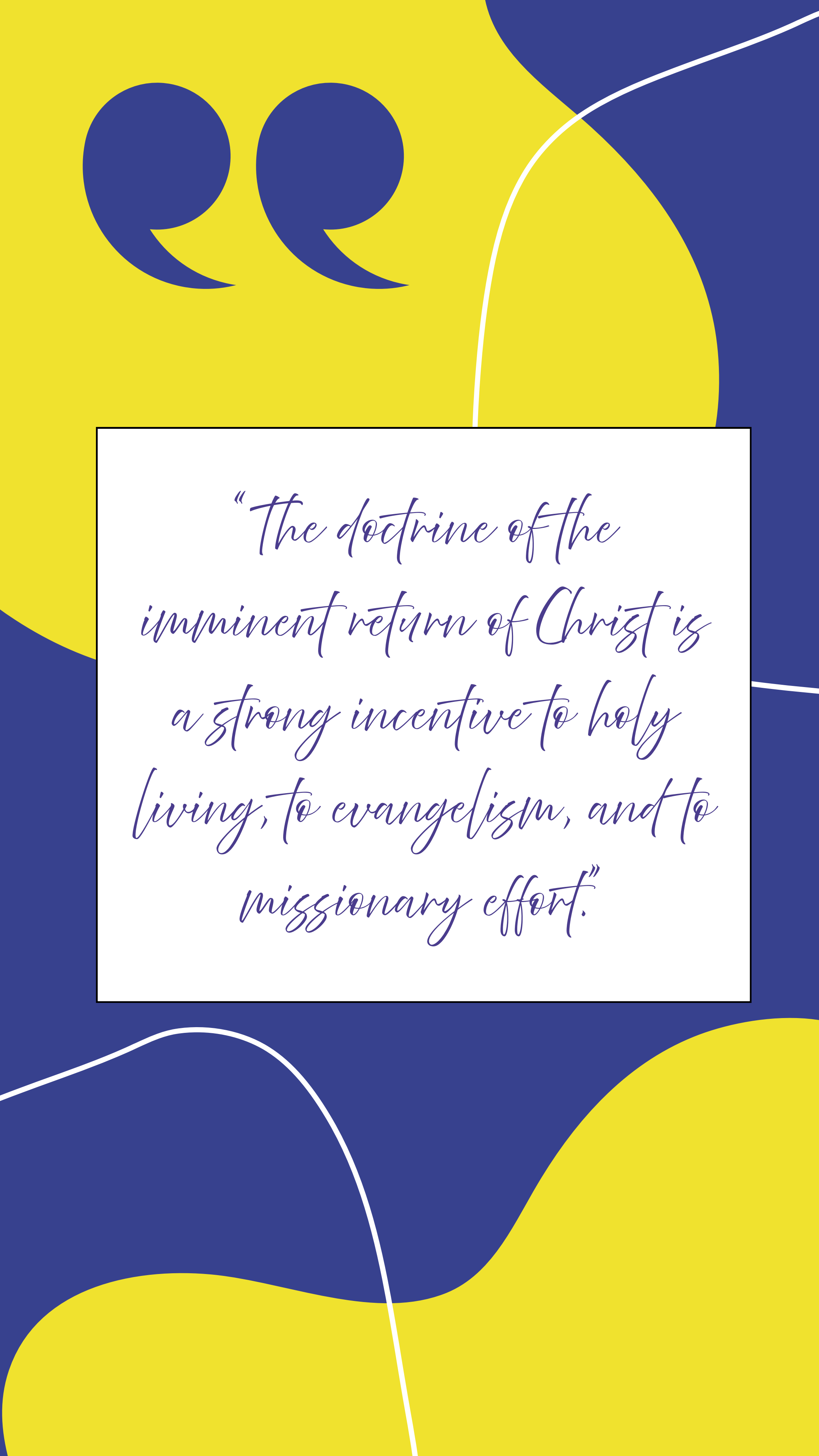


Key Point 2:

The doctrine of imminency — that Christ could return at any moment — is only consistent with a pre-tribulation rapture. If the Church were to go through the Tribulation, certain events would need to occur first, nullifying imminency.

Supporting Scripture:

- **Titus 2:13** — “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.”
- **James 5:8–9** — “... for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.”



*“The doctrine of the
imminent return of Christ is
a strong incentive to holy
living, to evangelism, and to
missionary effort.”*

The Church is Delivered from Wrath

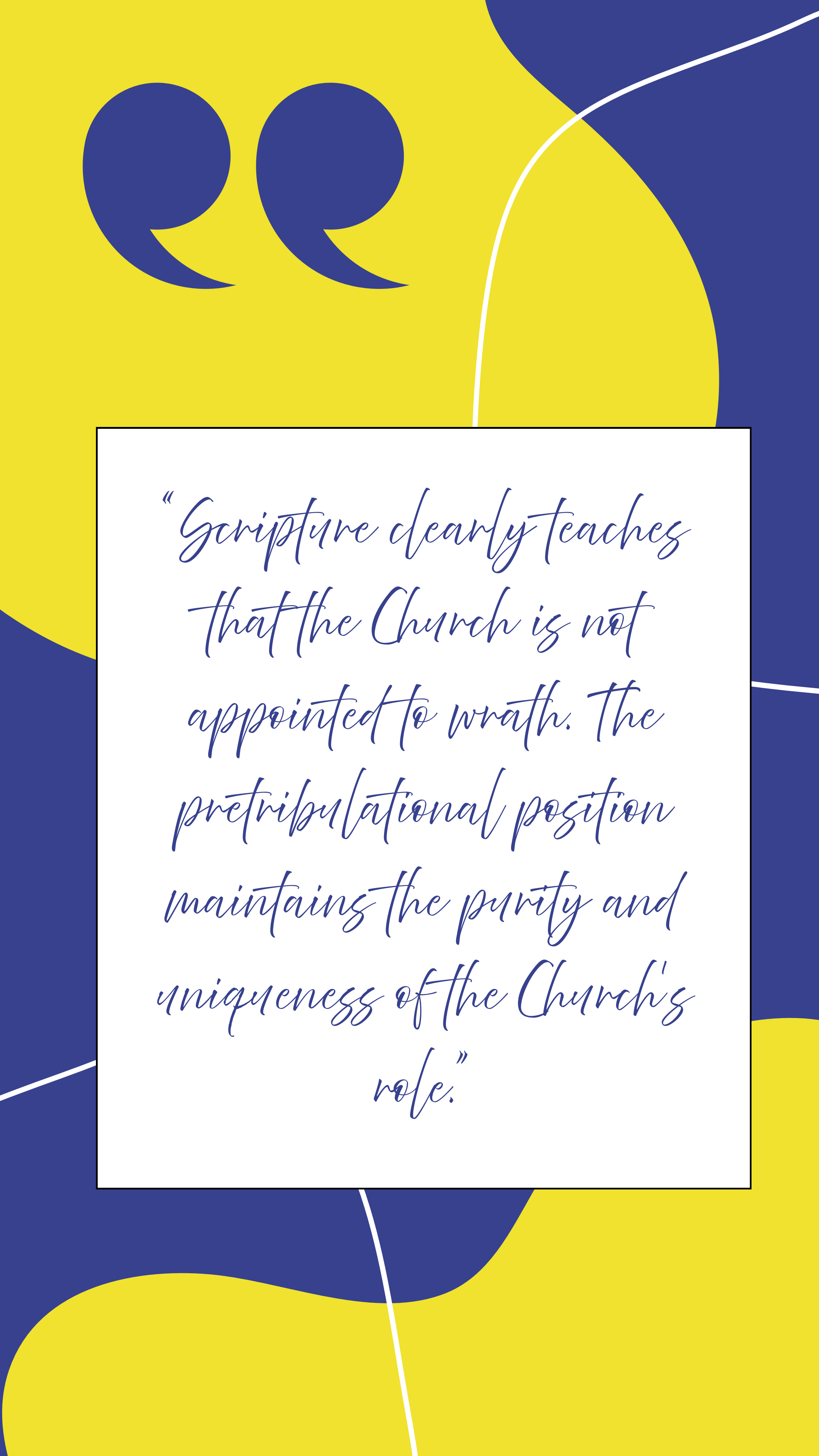


Key Point 3:

Walvoord argues that God has promised to deliver the Church from the coming wrath, which describes the entire Tribulation period — not just the latter part.

Supporting Scripture:

- **1 Thessalonians 1:10** — “... even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.”
- **Revelation 3:10** — “... I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world.”



*“Scripture clearly teaches
that the Church is not
appointed to wrath. The
pretribulational position
maintains the purity and
uniqueness of the Church's
role.”*

The Rapture & the Second Coming are Distinct Events

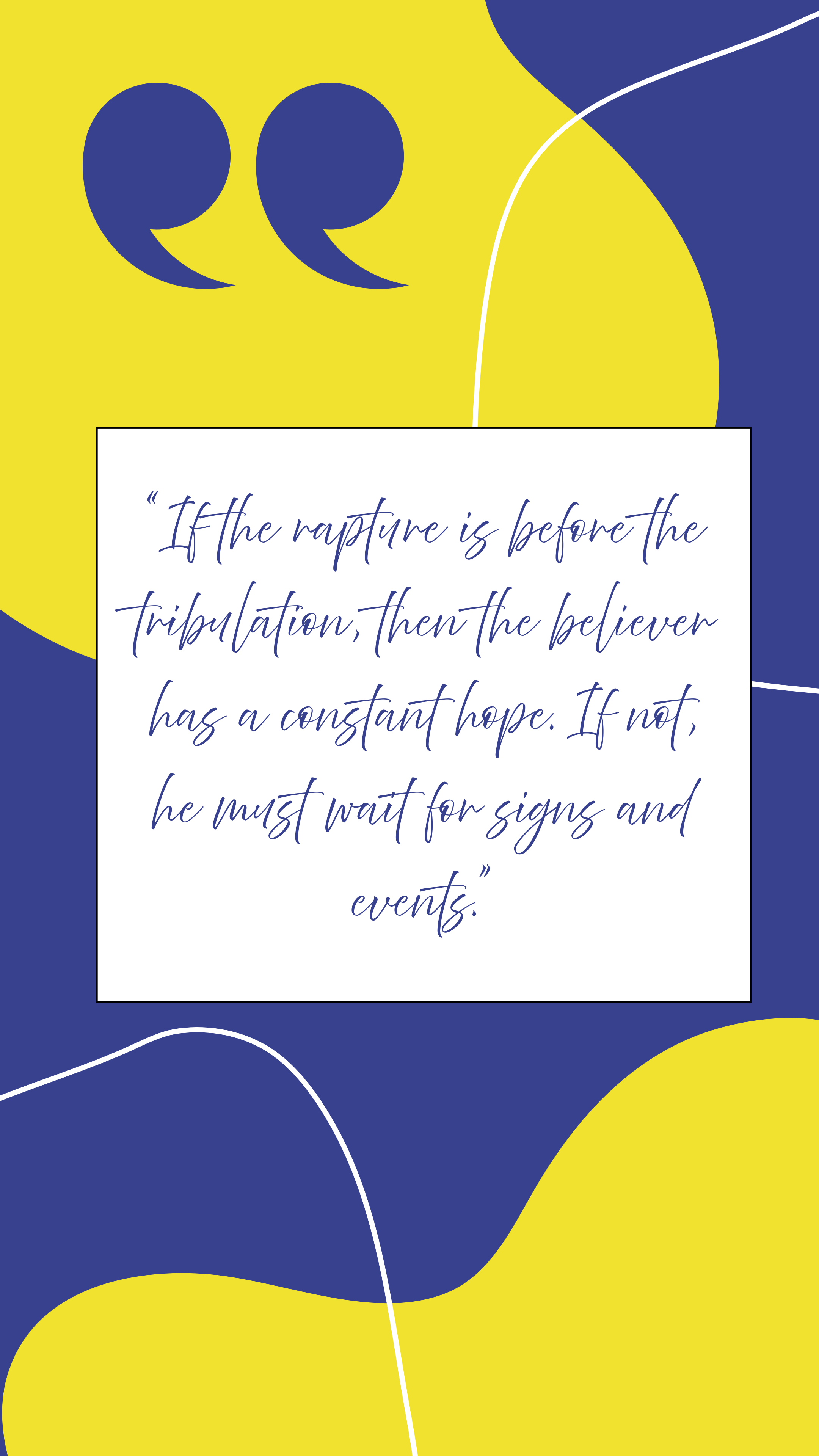


Key Point 4:

The book clarifies that the rapture and the second coming are not the same event. The rapture is for the Church (caught up in the air), while the second coming is Christ returning to earth in judgment (with His saints).

Supporting Scripture:

- **1 Thessalonians 4:16–17** — “... caught up together with them in the clouds...”
- **Zechariah 14:4** — “And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives...”



“If the rapture is before the tribulation, then the believer has a constant hope. If not, he must wait for signs and events.”

The Holy Spirit's Restrainer Role

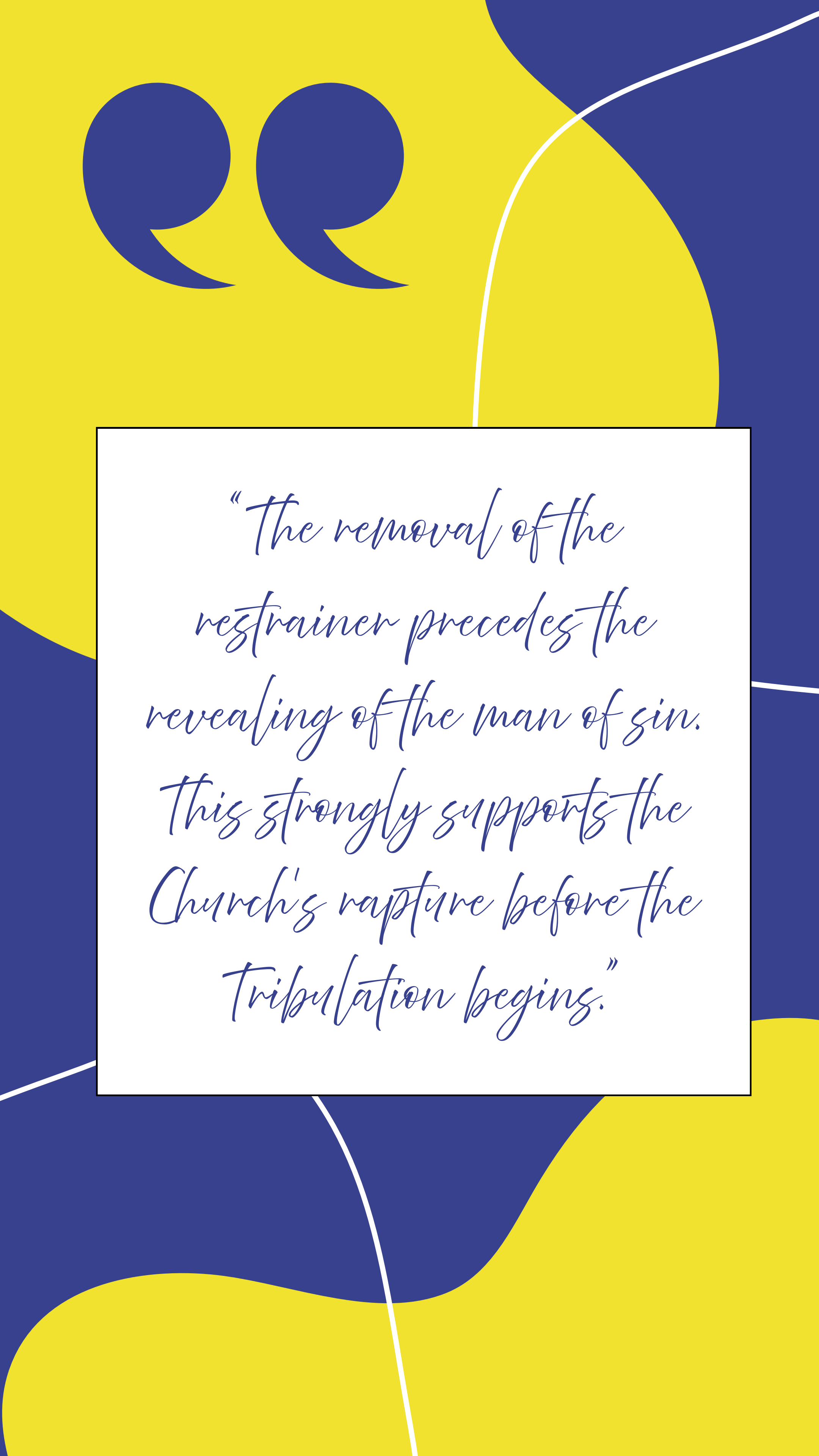


Key Point 5:

The “restrainer” who holds back the Antichrist is understood by Walvoord to be the Holy Spirit working through the Church. When the Church is raptured, the restraint is removed.

Supporting Scripture:

- **2 Thessalonians 2:6–7** — “... he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.”



*"The removal of the
restrainer precedes the
revealing of the man of sin.
This strongly supports the
Church's rapture before the
tribulation begins."*

The Tribulation is Primarily for Israel

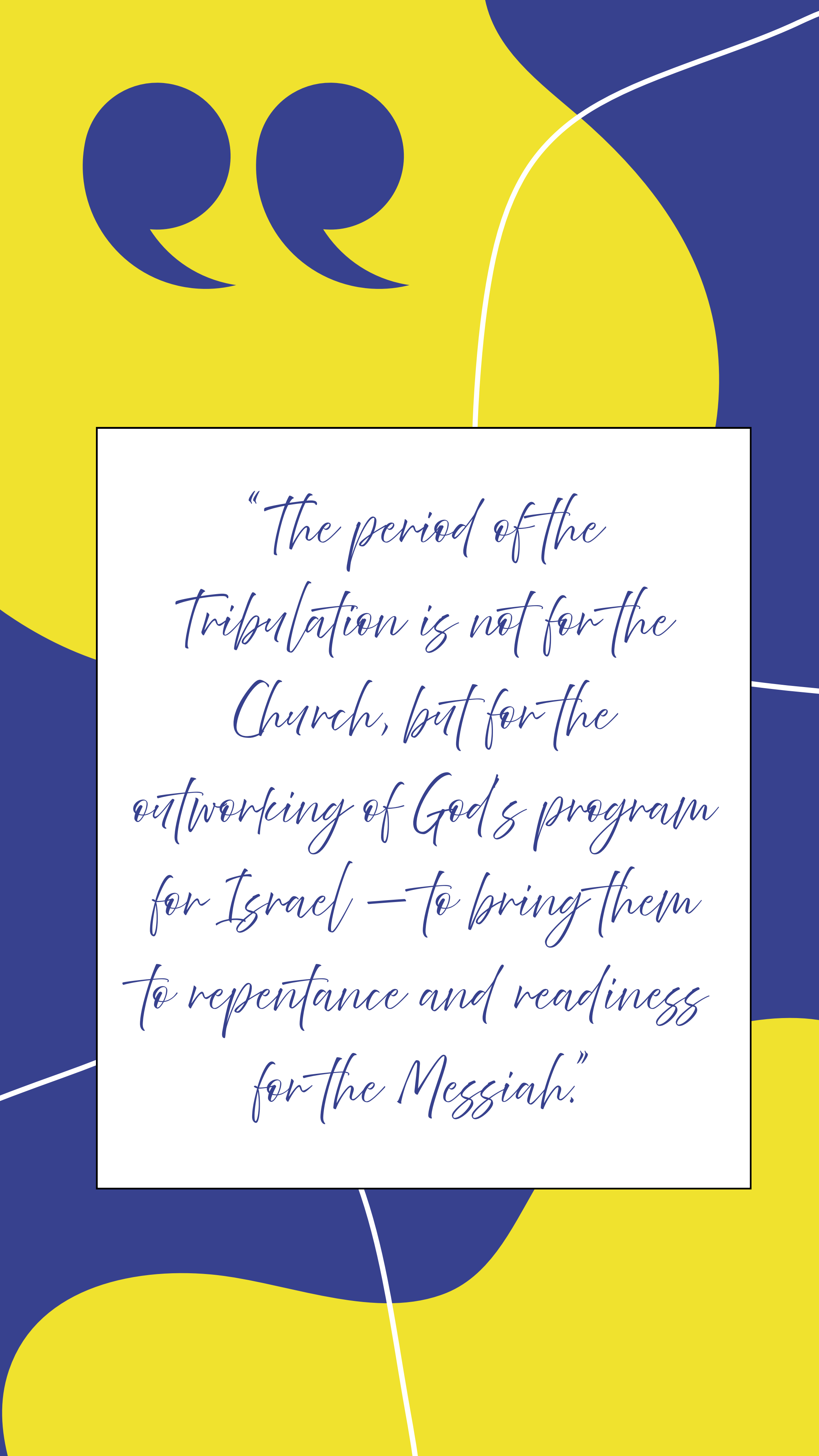


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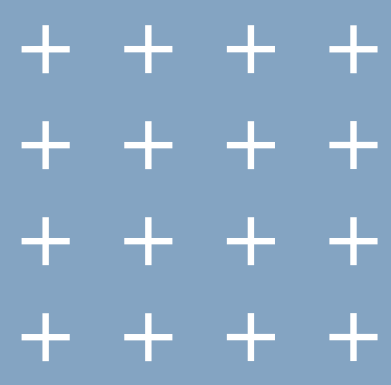
The Tribulation (Daniel's 70th Week) is God's specific dealing with Israel, not the Church. It is designed to prepare Israel for the Messiah and to bring judgment on unbelieving nations.

Supporting Scripture:

- **Jeremiah 30:7** — “... it is even the time of Jacob’s trouble...”
- **Daniel 9:24** — “Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city...”



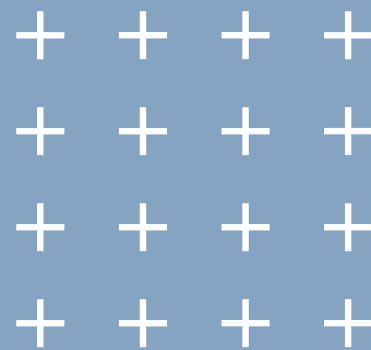
*“The period of the
Tribulation is not for the
Church, but for the
outworking of God’s program
for Israel — to bring them
to repentance and readiness
for the Messiah.”*



How to Apply the Lessons Daily

	PRACTICE	TIED TO LESSON
MORNING	Pray for watchfulness and readiness for Christ’s return.	Lesson 5
MIDDAY	Share a hopeful word with someone, reminding them of Christ’s promise to return.	Lesson 2
EVENING	Reflect on the differences between tribulation and rapture—thank God for His mercy on the Church.	Lessons 1, 4, 6
WEEKLY	Study a chapter from 1 Thessalonians or Revelation, journaling signs and promises.	Lesson 4
MONTHLY	Host or join a discussion about the end times to encourage and clarify hope in the gospel.	Lessons 1-6

Closing Remarks



The Rapture Question offers a compelling, biblically grounded case for the pre-tribulational rapture of the Church. Far from being a fringe theory or escapist hope, Walvoord's position rests on sound exegesis, a consistent literal hermeneutic, and a deep reverence for God's redemptive plan through time. His clarity, logic, and unwavering commitment to Scripture provide a solid foundation for those seeking assurance and understanding in uncertain times.

For modern readers, this book is more than prophecy—it is preparation. It calls us not merely to chart the future, but to live holy, expectant lives in the present. “Raptured: A Case for Escape” is a summary of John F Walvoord's great work, “***The Rapture Question***” and reminds us that the hope of Christ's return is not fearsome, but comforting. The King is coming. And for His Church, that moment may be nearer than we think.

