

way that if he should on that day come and take us to Himself He would find us active in serving Him.

Recently I had a birthday. And my wife looked about for a book to give me. She bought this book which is called, The Rapture-- Pre-Mid or Post-tribulation? I have not read anywhere near all the passages dealing with the Rapture in the NT, but here is a book 200 pages in which we have many details of prophecy discussed and verses trying to work out a plan for the future. We have three men writing in it. Is it a Pre-trib rapture? Is it a Mid-trib rapture? Is it a Post-trib rapture? I personally do not like anyone of those three terms at all (Laughter).

When I turned to the first page of the book I find that the cover has misrepresented what is in the book because it is true that the second chapter and the fourth chapter are the case for the pre-tribulation rapture position, and the case for the post-tribulation rapture position. But the ~~fourth~~ third chapter is the Case for the Mid-70th Week Rapture position. Now the cover says Mid-tribulation. But here he says Mid-70th Week Rapture Position. Now I ~~submit~~ submit to you that is quite different than what is said on the cover is therefore a misrepresentation.

Now the 70th week of Daniel--there are some who tried to say past years ago, or perhaps even in effect today but I personally cannot see any reasonable way of interpreting it that way. The 70th week of Daniel seems to me, has to be something that is still future. But to lay out the details of it, I do not think we have the knowledge to do it with any careful clear way.

Is that 70th week a period of tribulation? If it is the term mid-tribulation applies. But I think most people who would take the position Dr. Archer does here would say, "No. The Tribulation is the last half of the 70th week." So when you get into these matters of trying to figure the exact details of the future, I don't think God ever intended for us to be able to work them out, until the time is ~~were~~ when we may find certain vital things if we are here at that time that God will illumine to our minds.

But He did tell us we should be watching, we should be waiting, we should be longing for His return. We should be ready for His return whenever He comes. That is stressed in many of the NT books. As I say, I don't like these terms. Take the term post-tribulation. You read every one of these vv. I read to you and the stress is this: You don't know when he is coming; be ready. I am talking to you folks. Be ready. Be on the job." Well, maybe those folks could know he wasn't coming immediately because He predicted certain things that must come about before he would come. The Gospel must be widely preached. Nation shall rise against nation. Kingdom against kingdom. There is not a single thing that He predicted that must come before he came back that did not happen within the first century A.D.! From that time on, well, is it a post-tribulation rapture? Of course! During the ~~first~~ century first century