

When the Rapture?

I was rather irritated the other day when I was presented with a book called The Rapture, PreMid or Posttribulational? There is a book of over 200 pages written by four men discussing, trying to prove whether the rapture is pre-tribulational, midtribulational or posttribulational. Can we go into the Scripture and by comparing statements here and there and fitting them together know exactly the order of events in the future and what is going to happen at one time and what at another? Suppose that in 10 B.C. some men had taken the OT^o and said, Perhaps the Messiah will come soon. Let us see when He will be born and how He will be born and what He will do. Let us construct the order of His life. I am sure they would have found where He would be born. They would have found about the wonderful supernatural nature of His birth. But when they got into trying to figure out the details of His life, I do not believe that anyone would have made a plan of details that would have fit very closely with the actual events that occurred. At the end of His life when Jesus appeared to the men on the road to ^mEmas and they were upset because they had thought He was the one who would have redeemed Israel, and here He had been crucified and kill^{ed}, He said "O Fools and slow of heart to believe all the prophets have spoken. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things and entered into His glory?" It is very important that we believe all that is clearly taught in the Scripture and the fact that our sins must be redeemd before we can possibly have a time of great glory and happiness is clearly taught in the OT^o. But it is also taught that Jesus Christ is going to put down all that is wicked and He is going to establish a kingdom of fright-ousness, joy and peace throughout the whole earth. And he did not do this at his first coming.

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Suppose someone had constructed a system ~~in~~ which would take the OT^o passages that were fulfilled at Christ's first coming and arranged them in some sort of a logical [of chronological] order, and then he would take the passages that were not fulfilled in His first coming and would make an order for His second coming, and