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in others. The Bible doesn't say there won't be tribulation before Christ comes. It doesn't say He won't come in a time when there is tribulation, but it does say it is not for us to know times or seasons (dates) ~~which~~. We don't know what conditions will be like when He comes.

I must say that as we look at these passages that we have seen that ? ? tone Don't worry in the middle of tribulation, God will come and rescue you out of it. The tone of them seem to be people will be eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, and all the sudden it comes. I would feel quite ~~x~~ certain that in at least some parts of the world, it will be ~~xx~~ time when everything seems fine. As the Scripture says, When they are saying Peace and Safety, then sudden tribulation (destruction) comes upon them, and they shall not escape. So to say it will be after a particular tribulation that can be recognized is the same as saying that we are to know the times and seasons. To say it is to be in the middle of the tribulation, is certainly to say we are to know the times and seasons.

How about the other term--pretribulation? Personally I don't like that term at all. I don't like it because it puts the emphasis upon tribulation. I think the emphasis should be on the rapture. I think the emphasis should be on the relation of the Lord's coming, not on its relation to difficulties. However, in answer to these other ideas it seems to me that what it stands for is exactly right. I have heard of people who believe in a pretribulation rapture and I don't know whether this is true or not, but I was told that a woman in Russia was put into prison for her faith and she felt that there could not be trouble for her there because Christ was going to come before tribulation. Then when they tortured her and she had great tribulation, she had a nervous ~~xxxx~~ breakdown. I doubt if this is really true, but I've heard the story told and I can easily see how it could happen, that we could get the idea that pre-tribulation rapture means ~~wexxxxx~~ won't have tribulation. Jesus said, In the world you will have tribulation. We are going to have trouble, but whether == to say that there is one particular tribulation that