

RAPTURE – (END-TIME CHRONOLOGY)

1. There are no prophetic events that have to precede the rapture, it can happen at any moment ([I Thess.5:2](#)).
2. The rapture is the next major event which happens prior to a terrible 7 year period of time (Tribulation).
3. Jesus calls the second half of these 7 years the *Great Tribulation* ([Matt. 24:21](#)), directly preceding His second coming.
4. The rapture occurs before the 7 year Tribulation, because the Antichrist cannot appear until that which “*restrains*” him is “*taken out of the way*” ([II Thess. 2:7](#)).
5. The restrainer in the world today is the power of the Holy Spirit who indwells the Church.
6. When the Church is removed, the Holy Spirit is taken out of the way, and the Antichrist is revealed.