

## The Rapture of the Saints By Rev. Duncan McDougall M.A.



A discussion of the Rapture Theory with the full explanation of a Jesuit plot that made a Protestant Doctrine out of false Romanist Teaching.

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## The Antichrist: His Portrait and History – Chapter VIII. Absurdity of Modern Theories

According to the Bible, which of the below is the Antichrist likely to look like?



Outside the Church there is no Antichrist, in the Biblical sense of the term; inside the Church that evil power has sat for nearly 2,000 years as 'God in the temple of God.'

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## Independence Day



On this 4th of July let us be thankful for the brave Christian Founders of America who stood against papal tyranny and stood for liberty. Intelligent men who knew both their God and their enemy.

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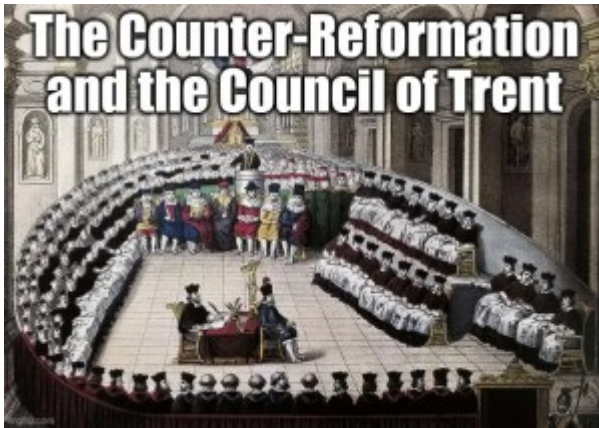
## Bible Verse Comparisons

BIBLE TRANSLATION COMPARISON		
John 3:16 (NASB)	John 3:16 (NLT)	John 3:16 (MSG)
"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.	"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.	This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life

Modern Bible translations diminish the divinity of Christ & undermine the Atonement. They are also markedly ecumenical, lending support to Roman Catholic dogma.

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## The Counter-Reformation – The Source of the Futurist View of Prophecy



Pursuing and punishing “heretics” (true believers) was counter-productive. It was clear that the Counter-Reformation needed to take on the very Word of God itself.

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## The Historical View of Prophecy and Antichrist

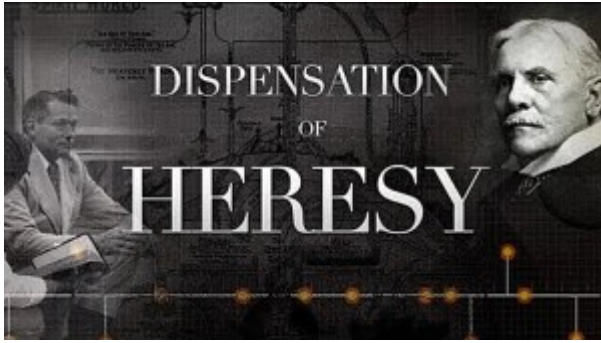
*“It is the bounden duty of every Christian to pray against Antichrist and as to what Antichrist is no sane man ought to raise a question. If it be not the Popery in the Church of Rome, there is nothing in the world that can be called by that name.”*  
-- Charles Spurgeon



Two great truths that stand out in the preaching that brought about the Protestant Reformation—the “just shall live by faith” and the Papacy is the Antichrist.

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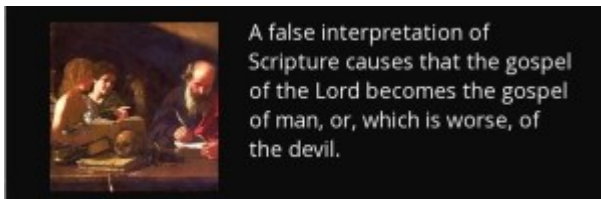
## The Origin Of Dispensational Futurism And Its Entry Into Protestant Christianity



Many Protestants have departed from the Protestant Christian interpretation of the prophecies in the Book of Revelation. Church history has not left us in ignorance concerning the dispensational interpretation of the Book of Revelation. Every Protestant should know and spread the following startling facts.

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## [The Scholars Behind the Promotion of the False Interpretations of the Books of Daniel and Revelation](#)



Five leading scholars turned the finger-posts of Divine Prophecy round, so that ever since they have pointed the wrong way, and turned multitudes of ministers, scholars and students off the King's highway down into two side lanes, whither they have led nearly the whole Christian Church.

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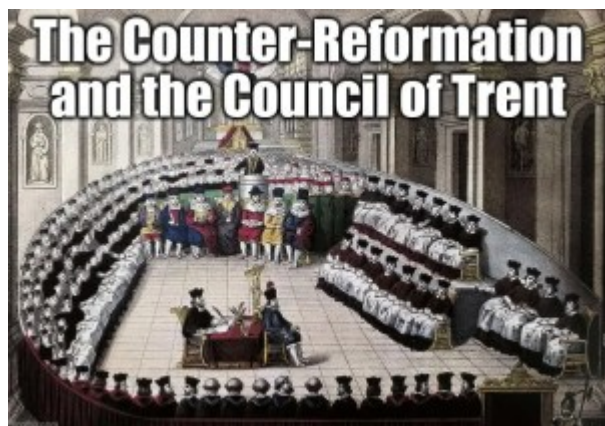
## [The Third Temple Deception](#)



A third temple would be an abomination. It would be blasphemous to build a temple. Why? Are you saying that the blood of Jesus isn't good enough anymore?

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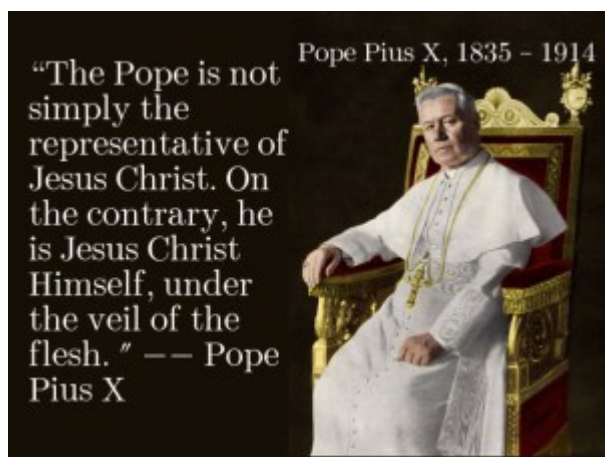
## [The History of the Counter-Reformation in a Nutshell](#)



True Protestantism is Bible based Christianity. The Jesuit Counter-Reformation is the effort to eliminate Protestantism and Bible based doctrines entirely.

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## [Seven Events Evangelicals Incorrectly Believe Will be Fulfilled in the Endtime](#)



Pope Pius X, 1835 - 1914

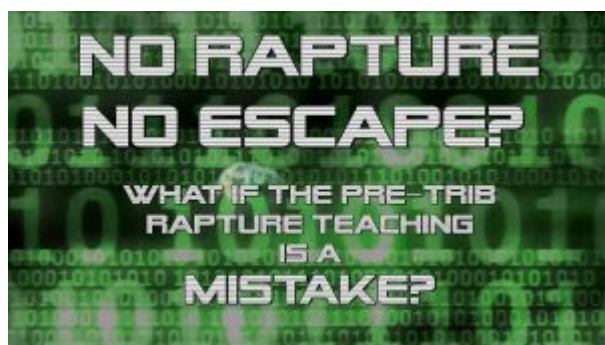
“The Pope is not simply the representative of Jesus Christ. On the contrary, he is Jesus Christ Himself, under the veil of the flesh.” — Pope Pius X



Most evangelicals today are teaching false Endtime doctrines based on a false interpretation of Daniel 9:27. Futurism originated with a Jesuit priest Francesco Rivera in the 16th century.

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## [Is the Rapture a Rescue from Persecution? The History Behind the Rapture Doctrine](#)



It seems to me the first thing that pops up into a Christian's mind today when he or she hears the word "rapture," is a rescue from persecution and tribulation from the Antichrist. I see no such promise in the entire Bible. The scriptures tell me otherwise.

*2 Timothy 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall **suffer persecution.***

*Daniel 7:21 I beheld, and the same horn made **war with the saints,** and prevailed against them;*

*Revelation 13:7 And it was given unto him to make **war with the saints,** and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.*

I don't know any evangelical today who calls himself a futurist who would disagree that Daniel 7:21 and Revelation 13:7 are talking about the Antichrist. This baffles me because nearly all futurists claim the saints will be taken to Heaven just *before* the rise of the Antichrist!

A view that is very widespread in the church today holds that Jesus will come back to rapture the church out of the world, after which the great tribulation will then occur, and after that, Jesus will return again. There is no scripture in the Bible that says that. An honest Bible student who holds such a view must admit it is something they heard as a little child in Sunday school, and not from the Bible.

Not only that, but many have the mistaken belief it will be a *secret* rapture!

“There are many Christians who believe that the second coming of Jesus Christ will be in two phases. First, He will come for believers, both living and dead, in the “rapture” (read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17). In this view, the rapture—which is the transformation and catching up of all Christians, dead or alive, to meet Christ in the air—**will be secret, for it will be unknown to the world of unbelievers** at the time of its happening.”

The above quote is from <https://billygraham.org/answer/what-is-the-rapture/>. It's no surprise Billy Graham and his associates would teach that. He got it from the Scofield reference Bible and Scofield got it from John Nelson Darby's false doctrines known as Dispensationalism. Notice there are no Scriptures given to back up the idea that the rapture will be in secret and unknown to the world of unbelievers.

## **The history behind the current popular but false Rapture doctrine**

The following are quotes from <https://www.demonbuster.com/rapture.html>.

Three Jesuit Priests reinterpreted Daniel's 70 weeks of prophecy; the Book of Revelation; and Ezekiel for the purpose of taking the heat of the Protestant Reformation away from the papacy. At the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, all the reformers looked at the Pope as the Antichrist prophesied in the Bible! The three Jesuits were:

1. Francisco Ribera (1537-1591) of Salamanca – futurism/rapturists
2. Luis de Alcazar (1554-1621) of Seville – praeterism
3. Cardinal Roberto Bellarmine (1542-1621) – followed Ribera's school of thought.

The futurists rapture doctrine originated and was submitted by Francisco Ribera in 1585. His Apocalyptic Commentary was on the grand points of Babylon and Anti-Christ which we now call the futurists or rapture doctrine. Ribera's published work was called “In Sacram Beati Ionnis Apostoli ” Evangelistate Apocoalypsin Commentari (Lugduni 1593). You can still find these writings in the Bodleian Library in Oxford England.

Ribera's futurist interpretation rocked not only the Protestant church but also the Catholic church, so the Pope ordered it buried in the archives out of sight. Unfortunately, over 200 years later a librarian to the Archbishop of Canterbury by the name of S. R. Maitland (1792-1866) was appointed to be the Keeper of the Manuscripts at Lambeth Palace, in London, England. In his duties, Dr. Maitland came across Francisco Ribera's futurist/rapture teaching and he had it republished for the sake of interest in early 1826 with follow-ups in 1829 and 1830. This was spurred along with the Oxford Tracts that were published in 1833 to try and de-protestantize the Church of England.

John Nelson Darby (1800-1882) (A Leader of the Plymouth Brethren) became a follower of S.R. Maitland's prophetic endeavors and was persuaded. Darby's influence in the seminaries of Europe combined with 7 tours of the United States **changed the eschatological view of the ministers which had a trickle-**

**down effect into the churches.** Darby's/Ribera's teachings were embraced radically by **Cyrus Ingerson Scofield** (1843-1921). Scofield adopted Darby's/Ribera's school of prophetic thought into the Scofield Reference Bible of 1909 which was heralded as the "book of books".

Another contributor to the rapturist's chaotic prophetic line of thought came through Emmanuel Lacunza (1731-1801), a **Jesuit priest** from Chile. Lacunza wrote the "Coming of Messiah in Glory and Majesty" around 1791. It was later published in London in 1827. The book was attributed to a fictitious author named Rabbi Juan Josafat BenEzra. Reverend Edward Irving (1792-1834) contended that it was the work of a converted Jew and proved that even the Jewish scholars embraced a pre-tribulation rapture line of thought. It wasn't long until he had persuaded others to follow his line of thought which gave birth to the Irvingites (per your reference to Margaret McDonald).

In March 1830, in Port Glasgow, Scotland, 15-year-old Margaret McDonald made claim of her visions. Robert Norton published Margaret's visions and prophecies in a book entitled, "The Restoration of Apostles and Prophets in the Catholic Apostolic Church" (London, 1861). Although the modern-day view of every believer being taken away in a rapture is different from all of the thoughts that came before it, there is little doubt about its error.

Lacunza asserted that only those believers who partake of the sacrament of the Eucharist would be raptured; while Margaret McDonald said the rapture would only take those who were filled with the Holy Spirit; and Norton claimed that only those who had been sealed with the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands would be raptured. Definitely, confusion ensued. John Darby, an ordained deacon in the Church of England, was acquainted with Edward Irving and had visited Margaret McDonald during the time of her visions. Combined with the knowledge he had gained from S.R. Maitland/Ribera's teachings and the new push from Irving/McDonald/Lacunza's teachings, Darby used the rapture theory to bring a clean break from the lethargic Church of England.

Ribera and Lucunza's teachings find a meeting point in John Nelson Darby. The effects of this purported lie against the truth are **still dominant today in Christian churches worldwide** .

(End of quotes from <https://www.demonbuster.com/rapture.html>)

There were no chapter divisions in the original text of the Bible. The first Bible to have chapter divisions was the Wycliffe Bible.

The chapter divisions commonly used today were developed by Stephen Langton, an Archbishop of Canterbury. Langton put the modern chapter divisions into place around A.D. 1227. The Wycliffe English Bible of 1382 was the first Bible to use this chapter pattern. Since the Wycliffe Bible, nearly all Bible translations have followed Langton's chapter divisions. (Ref: <https://www.gotquestions.org/divided-Bible-chapters-verses.html>)

With that in mind, let's ignore the chapter division of 1 Thessalonians



chapters 4 and 5 and read it through from 1 Thessalonians 4:14 to 5:3.

*For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.*

*For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

*Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

*Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

*But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.*

*For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.*

*For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.*

You see, if you read it through like this you can take it as events that *all happen on the same day!* Those who belong to Jesus Christ will be gathered to Him, and the wicked will be dealt with.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus said the wicked will be gathered *before* the righteous!

*Matthew 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, **Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.***

This sure indicates to me there is no significant gap of time between the gathering of the saints and the elimination of the wicked.

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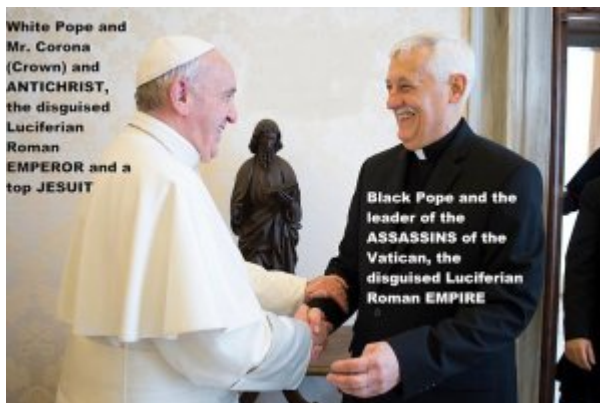
## [The History of Persecutions by the Horn of Daniel Chapter 7](#)



A history of persecutions by the Horn of Daniel chapter 7, the Antichrist, the Popes of Rome who killed Bible believing Christians over the centuries till today!

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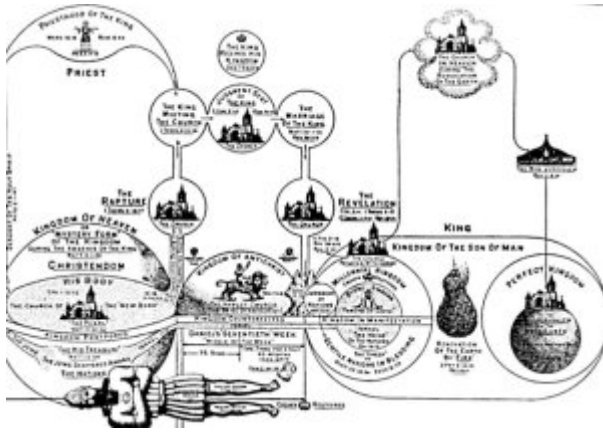
## [The Jesuits and the Covid Pandemic](#)



Jesuits have infiltrated government agencies such as the CDC, educational institutions, and Protestant churches and seminaries to mislead the public. It was the Pope, the Vatican and the Jesuits who promoted Covid vaccinations which have undetermined the health of the public.

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## [Fallacies Of Futurism – by Henry Grattan Guinness](#)



The doctrine of Futurism exposed as pure speculation and a false interpretation of the 70th Week of Daniel.

## The “Taken” of Matthew 24:40 is NOT Talking about the Rapture of the Saints!



The “left” of Matthew 24:40 is talking about those who were not killed by the Romans, those who survived the Great Persecution.