

**Lesson 51 Darby on Trail: Debunking
Attacks on the Pre-Trib. Rapture,
Part 1**

Introduction

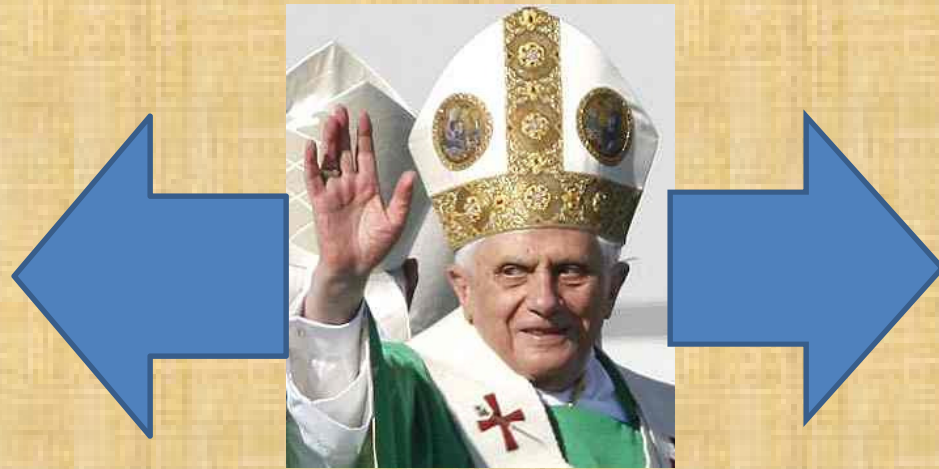
- “The true origin of the truth of the pretribulation rapture (the pre-Daniel’s 70th week rapture) is the New Testament and this truth was recovered to the saints through the instrumentality of J.N. Darby in 1827.” (Huebner, 107)
- “Those who directly, or by inference, say that he lied about finding this in the Word of God fall into two classes:
 - Those who say he was influenced by the Jesuits Ribera and/or Lacunza
 - Those who say it came from a (demon-inspired) woman in E. Irving’s church (1832), or visionary/occult, tongue-speaking, Scots girl (1830).” (Huebner, 107)
- Dave MacPherson, author of *The Rapture Plot*, has done much to try to discredit the chronology and testimony we have presented in this class. James Lloyd, author of *The Rapture Cult: Dishonesty In Dispensationalism*, stated the following:
 - “To put it bluntly, John Darby and certain key lieutenants blatantly lied concerning the source of their teaching. This set the tone for the dozens of “thieves and robbers” that would follow in Darby’s footsteps. This completely dishonest practice of historical revisionism has been thoroughly documented in a series of books by several rapture experts—most notably a man named Dave MacPherson.” (quoted in Huebner, 34)

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- As a posttribulationist, MacPherson has invested 30+ years seeking to credit a Miss Margaret Macdonald of Port Glasgow with having spoken of the pretribulation rapture in a “revelation” that she received. This lesson will be devoted to an examination of the major attacks upon the pretribulation rapture of the Body of Christ.

The Supposed Influence of the Jesuits

Alcazar a Jesuit Monk invented the Preterist position that everything was fulfilled in 70 A.D. in order to escape the Protestant teaching that the Pope was the AC



In the 16th Century the Protestant Reformers viewed the Pope/Papacy as the Anti-Christ. Modern writes state that the Futurist interpretation of Revelation was invented by Jesuit Monks to relieve the Papacy of this Protestant stigma.

Jesuits Monks Ribera and/or Lacunza are said to have invented the Futurist position to escape the Protestant teaching that the Pope was the AC. This argument is used as a means of discrediting Dispensationalism and JND

Two-Stage Pre-conflagration Rapture

Stage One: “Rapture of the Saints to meet the Lord in the Clouds. . . That they may be preserved from the Conflagration of the Earth.”

Stage Two: The Lord Returns with his saints to a New Earth to set up his Kingdom

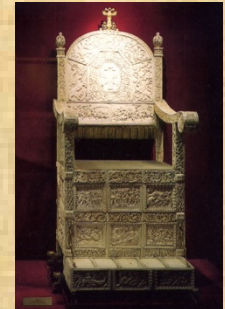
Saints on earth and Persecuted by the Anti-Christ Tribulation



**2 Peter 3:10
Conflagration
Earth
Destroyed by
Fire**



**New
Earth**



Millennium

Joseph Mede—*The Complete Works of Joseph Mede*, 1677.

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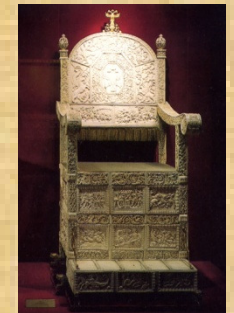
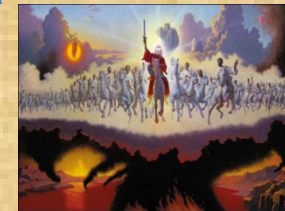
Two Stage Pre-1260 Days Rapture

Stage One: Saints taken to heaven before the 1260 days i.e., Mid-Trib. Rapture

Stage Two: Christ return to earth in judgment to make war on the AC

“... and the living changed at Christ’s appearing in the air” (1 Thes. iv, 17); and this will be about three years and a half before the millennium. . .”

1260 Days/42 Months
“The struggling of Antichrist towards the mastery of the world and his assumption of Godhead will also precede the millennium. . .
Destroyed at Christ’s coming to reign”



Millennium

Morgan Edwards—*Two Academical Exercises on Subject Bearing the Following Titles: Millennium, Last-novelties*, 1788.

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