

**QUESTION:** Is there anything in the Bible about when the Great Tribulation will begin and if there is, whether there will be a pre-trib rapture?

**ANSWER:** There are discussions aplenty about whether there is going to be a post, mid- or pre-trib rapture at the end of the Christian Era. They all miss one central issue: Those positions are built upon a very questionable foundation, the generally accepted dogma of a coming seven-year tribulation.

What! No seven-year tribulation? Why everybody knows there is going to be a seven-year tribulation, don't we? Not really. The seven-year tribulation hypothesis was only brought into the Church 200 years ago by John Darby after fell of his horse and landed on his head (for details, please read "An End Time Myth," downloadable from this site).

How bad does a Christian have to die to be in "great tribulation." The Roman Empire killed millions of Christians by every torture method imaginable. of in fact, the persecution by the Roman church was so severe during Middle Ages that many Christians recognized that they were in the tribulation right then.