

# JESUITS and the PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE – Pt 4: THE ANTICHRIST, THE PAPACY

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**Heb.9:28** - So Christ was once offered (sacrificed) to bear the sins of many (to take away the sins of many); and unto them that look for Him (who are eagerly waiting for Him) shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation (not to deal with our sins but to bring salvation).

**2 Tim.4:8** - Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, shall give me at that day (will give me on the day of His return): and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing (to all who have longed for His appearing).

**Titus 2:11-13** - For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts (teaching us to turn away from godless living and sinful pleasures), we should live soberly (with wisdom in a sound mind), righteously, and godly (with devotion to God), in this present world (in this evil world); Looking for (waiting for) that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

When He appears to us, those that have been looking for Him and longing for Him, at that time will be the rapture of all those that truly loved, served and obeyed Him. Those who were faithful to Him, the dead in Christ which includes the Old Testament saints and those who are alive and remain. This guy didn't really seem to know about the pre-trib rapture. He seemed to be straightening out the fact that Jesus' Second Coming and the judgement appeared to be separated by a great deal of time. That's right, by a thousand years. And the only judgement he seemed to be dealing with was the Great White Throne judgement and not the judgement of the nations.

On page 19 of his book he makes reference to Christmas so he is not truly awake. Or he was used to perpetuate the lie that Christ is in Christmas when He never was.

On page 21 He says that the anti-christ comes first, before Christ. That is not correct in regards to the timing of the rapture. Christ comes first before the anti-christ, to remove His bride. And this sends the world into chaos and kicks off the tribulation. Remember the antichrist comes on a peace platform to bring in peace, there must be great chaos going on at that time. Now in regards to the second coming, yes, the anti-christ comes first then. That's really all Lacunza dealt with was the second coming to actually put down the idea that we are in the millennial reign right now.

Let's talk about the main point of why many believe the Jesuits made up the pre-trib rapture.

### **ANTICHRIST – ONE MAN OR AN INSTITUTION**

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See how this does not match up with what was actually in the book. We just read that on page 21 he says that the anti-christ comes first before Christ. So not sure how that was supposed to shut down the war against the Papacy.

There is this idea that the Roman Catholic Church, through the Jesuits, used the pre-trib rapture and the idea of a one man anti-christ to take the heat off of themselves because many were already viewing them as the anti-christ. In the

marginal notes in the Geneva Bible they straight out call the pope and the papacy the antichrist. The Roman Catholic Church was inflicting much persecution and murdering of the saints. ((It is interesting to me that I did not know about any of that as a baby christian and really didn't know much about the Roman Catholic Church when God first called me. He personally taught me and revealed all of that to me and it is interesting that under His hand I have arrived right back to what they were saying, the pope always looks like a good candidate for the false prophet to me because they have him acting like he is godly.)) Rome used to rule in Biblical times as a political power and a religious power. When you look at Revelation 17 and 18 you see that there will be a political power, the antichrist and his beast system government, and you see there is a religious power that works with the antichrist, that is the false prophet. Will the Vatican rise up and rule openly? They could. And even if the antichrist appears to be from another country and not necessarily from Rome or the Vatican per say, remember the Jesuits are in all walks of life all over this world. The pope is as crooked and as shady as they get. The false prophet is not going to be a real Christian. He serves lucifer just like the pope does.

Wikipedia states that Lacunza proposed that the anti-christ would be an anti-christian body proposed of many people. Supposedly no one thought the anti-christ would be one man until the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Protestants rejected that idea.

Wikipedia on Manuel Lacunza – says Jesuits went to work to break the connection between the anti-christ and the papacy. They got rid of a 1000 year literal reign.

In 2 Thess. Paul writes of the antichrist with the following terms: son of perdition, man of sin, the lawless one and remember “he” is going to sit in the temple and call himself God. (2 Thess.2:4)

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There are many antichrists in the world and have been here since the days of Jesus on the earth. The people knew the Roman Catholic Church was so wicked, and to them, not having Bibles and not able to study for themselves, and all the murdering at the hands of the Roman Catholic Church, the people naturally assumed them to be the antichrist.

Looking at what the Roman Catholic Church believes today, I can't see where they ever taught or believed in a pre-tribulation rapture. Pushing the antichrist into the future was right because if he had already come back then, if it was the papacy or popes of that time, then we've already been in the tribulation for over 500 years. That doesn't line up with a 7 year tribulation spoken of in Scripture.

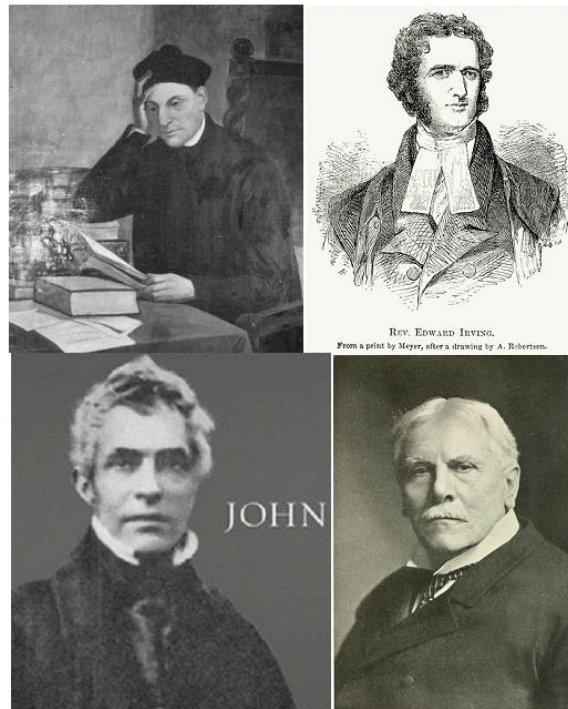
And to me they did not do a good job of diverting people's thoughts that they are the antichrist. Except for all those that are deceived in that religion. Seems like if people actually believed the way that the Roman Catholic Church believes, then they could believe that they are the antichrist again. I don't believe like they do, and I still believe they will play a major role as either the false prophet, the antichrist or both. They have a black pope and a white pope and a whole slew of militant Jesuits spread out all over the world. They are against God's true church and they want to tear it down.

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Do you see the wickedness and manipulation. This type of stuff has gone on all through time.

Looks like he also assumed a Jewish pen name so as to appeal to those that have been mesmerized by what the Jews have taught. Today the only thing I see the Jews teaching is Kabala, the Talmud, the Mishna, the Zohar etc. All are witchcraft teachings and writings and are against God Himself and Jesus Christ.



Here again are some of the key players in this idea that the pre-trib rapture was a lie brought to us by the Jesuits. Top L: Lacunza, R: Irving, Bottom L: Darby, R: Scofield

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Now we see that the Jesuit book wasn't published until 1812 and not in English until 1827, well after the 1611 King James and the 1560 Geneva Bible, both of which have the pre-trib rapture teachings in them as well as the 1000 year millennial reign. The Scriptures that teach the rapture are there.

I had a Catholic aunt who fought with me and told me they are taught by the Roman Catholic Church not to read the Bible for themselves and not to question anything they are told. The Roman Catholic Church has done a number on Christian beliefs, and still today many of their wrong teachings are alive and well.

They plainly state that Irving added the pre-trib rapture idea to Lacunza's book. Interesting that Lacunza was the Jesuit and they openly admit that he did not even write about the pre-trib rapture in his book. I thought the whole premise was that it was cooked up by the Jesuits in the first place. They are insinuating that in 1827 when Irving translated Lacunza's book into English is when the pre-trib rapture idea took off in England and the United States.

And while we are on Irving, let me address a couple of things about him too. The teaching that I listened to in my research on this subject, to see what this whole mess was all about, was trying to throw Irving under the bus because he taught that Jesus had a sinful nature. If he was referring to the flesh as a sinful nature, then to me that is a true statement. Jesus always has been God, and He left heaven and came here through the virgin birth. So He was then fully God and fully Human. He took on flesh, that is how we relate to Him better. He faced what we face. He had the opportunity to sin and He fought the flesh just like we do only He never sinned.

**Hebrews 4:15** - For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities (This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses); but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin.

**1 Pet.2:22** – Who (Christ) did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth (He never deceived anyone):

**1 Pet.1:18-19** – Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things (things that perish), *as* silver and gold, from your vain

conversation (God paid a ransom and redeemed you from your empty way of life) *received* by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

If there was no way Jesus could have sinned then He really wasn't tempted was He? The Bible says that Satan tempted Jesus for 40 days and 40 nights. It seems that the churches back then did not like Irving because he allowed the gifts of the Holy Spirit to operate in his church. He was kicked out of the Presbyterian church that he ministered in and from there he formed a Catholic Apostolic Church which spoke in tongues and prophesied. Interesting that it was a Catholic church but he was allowing the move of the gifts of the Holy Spirit there.

The research teaching said that Irving was also a Calvinist. It seems to me that a lot of the early theologians were forming their beliefs after breaking away from the Roman Catholic Church, and through the time of the Reformation. The common people were just beginning to get Bibles for themselves from about 1560 and onward. Many of the theologians that are highly revered by the world have been used, to promote false teachings, whether on purpose or unknowingly, we might not know this side of heaven.

**1 Cor.3:4-7** - For while one saith, I am of Paul (I follow Paul); and another, I *am* of Apollos (I follow Apollos); are ye not carnal (aren't you acting just like the people of the world)? Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man (each of us did the work the Lord gave us)? I have planted (the seed), Apollos watered (it); but God gave the increase (God made it grow). So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth (anything) ; but God that giveth the increase (the important thing is that God makes the seed grow).

We see here the Scriptures tell us not to follow a man but follow Christ. There were and maybe still are Calvinists, Lutherans, Millerites, Darbyism etc. People following the teachings of men instead of following God's Word. We are to be Christ followers and to know how to follow Him we read and study God's Word. Any particular theology should be checked against God's Word. That's how you determine if a teaching that you hear is right or not, you read God's Word – all of



it, you study it, pray about it and listen to those that you bear witness are speaking by the power of the Holy Spirit. The more I continue to read God's Word the more I recognize the false teachings of the tv witches and all these so called theologians. God continues to break down the lies.

The Bible tells us that knowledge will increase (Daniel 12:4) and I think we are in that time. Most of us have copies of God's Word and can study in the convenience of our own homes any time day or night. That helps us to cross reference and plug Scripture passages together and get a clearer picture of many things that used to be clouded or not understood clearly.

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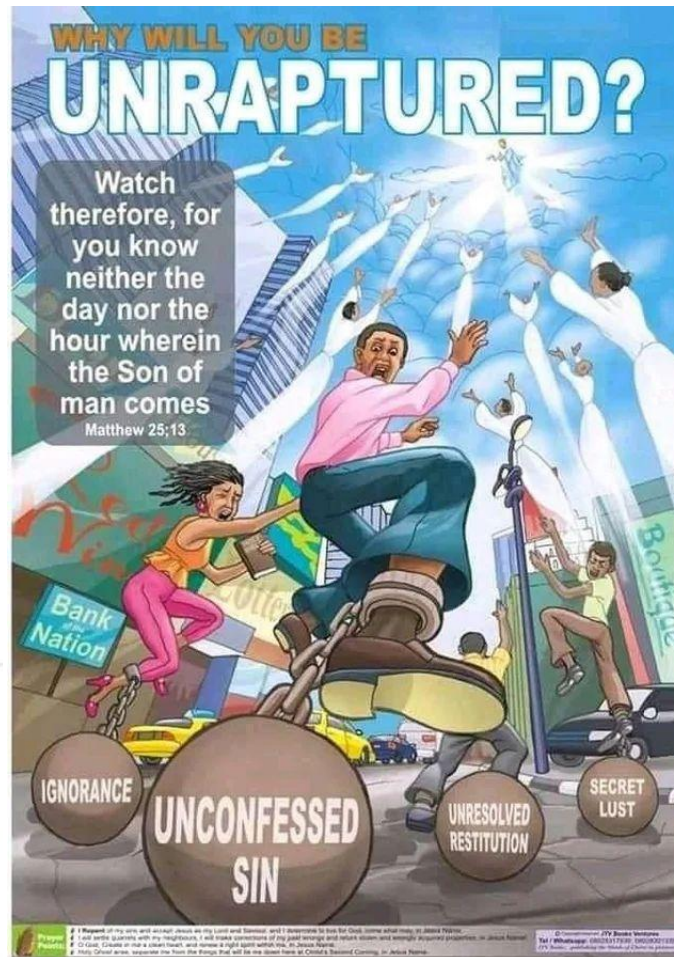
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This is dealing with the timing of the millennial reign and Christ's Second Coming. That seems to be the big thing that I found in Lacunza's book. Because the Catholic church believes that the millennial reign is already happening and that at Jesus' Second Coming will be the judgement and no millennial reign. And believing that way, they only talk of one judgment, they completely leave out the judgment of the nations which will happen in the valley of Jehoshaphat. They get rid of the 1<sup>st</sup> resurrection of tribulation saints, they get rid of the judgment of the nations, get rid of the physical millennial reign, they get rid of satan being bound for 1000 years, they lump everything into the Great White Throne Judgment.

So because they were teaching that lie to everyone, that would put the rapture at the complete end of everything. LaCunza actually wrote against that false

teaching. However, he only moved the rapture up to the time of the Second Coming. It was a big move but he did not place it in the right place. His teaching is that the rapture is after the whole tribulation, so I'm not sure how that was supposed to take the heat off of Rome because the antichrist was still to come first in that scenario.

## CLOSING



Why will you be UNRAPTURED? – ignorance, unconfessed sin, unresolved restitution, secret lust. Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man comes Matt.25:13.

No matter how scary things get in this world, it doesn't make God's Word untrue. Live your life in such a way that if Jesus came back for you right now you'd be

ready. The days are getting darker, prepare your hearts and lives, repent, stop the sin and live for Jesus now while you still can.

## **PRAYER**

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