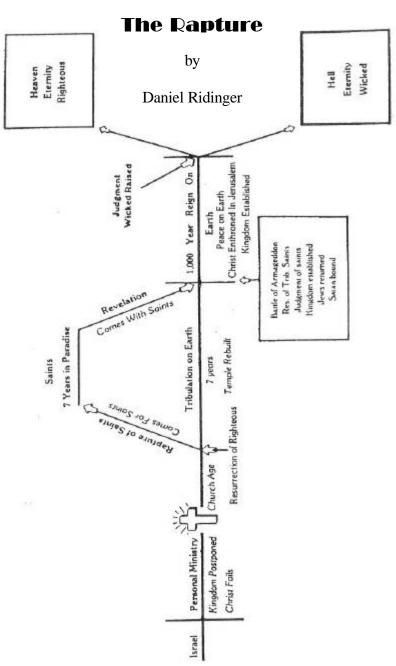
I. INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW:

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A. Lesson 1: Introduction To Dispensationalism	
Dispensationalists believe that Jesus, at His Coming, will set up an earthly kingdom in and reign a literal years.	3. The <i>rapture</i> will bring to an end the and will usher in the, a period when God's wrath will be poured out on earth like never before. Some refer to the last 3 1/2 years of the <i>tribulation</i> as the <i>great tribulation</i> .
2. There are many different aspects to the dispensational scheme of events. (See Chart)	4. Jesus will His saints 7 years after the <i>rapture</i> . They call this the
B. Lesson 2: Dispensationalism and The Church	
	B. Notice what some dispensationalists foresee when the <i>rapture</i> occurs.
Dispensationalists contend that the church and the kingdom are 2 unrelated entities. They assert that the kingdom's establishment was because the Jews rejected Jesus.	C. Passages dispensationalists use to corroborate the <i>rapture</i> .
2. They believe that the church was involved in God's <i>purpose</i> , but not His purpose. Hence, they view the church as an, an interlude, an, a parenthesis, a stop-gap measure until the kingdom is established.	1. 2. 3. 4.
3. They believe that the church was not mentioned by the Old Testament	III. WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES SAY ABOUT THE RAPTURE?
4. The church was involved in God purpose (Eph.3:8-11).	• The word <i>rapture</i> is found in the Bible.
5. Something I omitted last week was the dispensational view of God's relationship to the church and to Israel. They teach that God has separate	• The <i>rapture</i> theory is flawed in many ways. Notice what is wrong with the <i>rapture</i> from a Biblical perspective.
plans - one for the church and a different one for Israel. They also believe that God has distinct destinations for them. The church will spend eternity in	A. The Lord's Coming Will Be and
after the millennium while the Jews will spend eternity on following the millennium. HHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH	1. Dispensationalists contend that the Lord will <i>come for</i> His saints suddenly and secretly. They affirm that the unsaved will not see the Lord, but rather only the righteous dead and living. Thus, the Lord's <i>coming for</i> His saints will be an invisible coming to the lost.
A. Dispensationalists advocate that the is the 1 st stage of Jesus' coming. They believe the <i>rapture</i> is when the Lord will His saints,	2. Jesus' coming will be both an audible and a visible coming.
1. They also aver that the <i>first resurrection</i> mentioned in Rev.20 will occur at the same time.	 a. It will be attended by a (1 Cor.15:52). b. It will be a coming (). c. It will be accompanied by (2 Th.1:7). d. It will be to people.
2. When the <i>rapture</i> occurs, all the dead saints will be resurrected from the dead. All the living saints will be changed. Together they will be	aa. bb.

B. The Lord's Coming Will Be The Of The Material Creation.
1. Dispensationalists assert that the <i>rapture</i> occurs when the Lord <i>comes for</i> His saints. They will remain with Him for 7 years, after which time the Lord will <i>come with</i> His saints to set up an earthly kingdom and rule for years. According to dispensationalists the of the world comes years after the <i>rapture</i> !
2. The Bible instructs us that the created order will be when Christ comes again.
a.b. The Lord's coming will be the
C. The Lord's Coming Is A Time Event
1. Dispensationalists believe the <i>rapture</i> is the 1 st stage of Jesus' coming. The <i>revelation</i> is the 2 nd stage. The <i>rapture</i> is viewed as a component of Christ's 2 nd Coming. Also, they believe that the dead will be resurrected at the <i>rapture</i> .
2. The NT teaches only coming of the Lord ().
3. The general resurrection will take place when Jesus comes again.
a. b.
• The <i>rapture</i> theory should be rejected because there will be nothing secret about Jesus' Coming. When Jesus comes again it will be the last day, the end of the world and the beginning of eternity. All people will be assigned to their eternal destinies. The <i>rapture</i> is not taught in God's Word. +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
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