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break of personal, intimate fellowship between them. It doesn't mean there is always a geographical putting in the same spot, always, of course, but it means there is a feeling of personal, bodily fellowship with the Lord which in some way surpasses anything we have had before. Now the question of the pre-tribulation or post-tribulation of the rapture, the word "tribulation" isn't mentioned in this passage at all. There is nothing said here about there being tribulation before the dead arise or, ^{are} raised or after they are raised, but it is the interpretation of most students of the Bible that there is a period, I imagine all, that there is a period just before Christ's coming actually to this earth when there is a great tribulation on this earth, and that during that period of tribulation there is terrific misery and torture and persecution all over the earth and that that terrific time of turmoil is brought to an end by the visible, bodily return of Christ when He slays the wicked one with the breath of His mouth and puts an end to all unrighteousness upon this earth, and puts down everything that is wicked. That is, I think, all interpreters believe that that occurs at the end of the age, so far as I know, regardless of view whatever. The question here is, "Is it after the tribulation is over or is nearing its end or well along toward it that the Church is raised from the dead and the living joined with them and they go up to heaven and they come back very, very soon with the Lord to put a complete end to that tribulation, or is it something which happens quite a little time before the end of the age, that is, long enough that a substantial portion of the period known as the tribulation would happen after the Church was actually removed from the earth, for that is the question of the time which has now been agitated in various . That is the question. Which time is it? And as far as this passage is concerned we are just not told. It could have been very, very simple for him to have said, "We go--caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and to remain with Him there during a period of tribulation after which we come to the earth with Him.