RAPTURE – (END-TIME CHRONOLOGY)

- There are no prophetic events that have to precede the rapture; it can happen at any moment. (I Thess.5:2).
- 2. The rapture is the next major event which happens prior to a terrible 7 year period of time (Tribulation).
- 3. Jesus calls the second half of these 7 years the *Great Tribulation* (Matt. 24:21), directly preceding His second coming.
- 4. The rapture occurs before the 7 year Tribulation, because the Antichrist cannot appear until that which "restrains" him is "taken out of the way" (II Thess. 2:7).
- 5. The restrainer in the world today is the power of the Holy Spirit who indwells the Church.
- 6. When the Church is removed, the Holy Spirit is taken out of the way, and the Antichrist is revealed.