

## A Conversation Between God and a Dispensationalist

**GOD:** “I thought I told you to go preach the gospel (“good news”).

**DISPE:** “You mean that when the angel said to the shepherds, ‘I bring you good news of great joy that will be for *all* the people,’ he really meant it?”

**GOD:** “What else?”

**DISPE:** “They’ll never respond to that ‘good news’ stuff. I find they’re much easier to deal with after I scare the hell out of ‘em.”

**GOD:** “Like how?”

**DISPE:** “Well, first, I soften them up by telling them how much you love ‘em. Then I sock-it-to-‘em by telling them what it means to be ‘left behind.’”

**GOD:** “Say what?”

**DISPE:** “You know, ‘left behind,’ that’s the watchword in dispensational eschatological circles these days.”

**GOD:** “Escattle... what? Please explain yourself!”

**DISPE:** “Well, it’s simple. I tell ‘em the end is near; just around the corner, or any minute now. Sort of like Y2K, only it’s bigger than that.”

**GOD:** “What’s just around the corner?”

**DISPE:** “We like to use the word “*imminent*” because of its shock effect. It really gets their attention. It’s a very important word.”

**GOD:** “How important can the word “*imminent*” be? I can’t find that word in the

**Bible. I couldn't even find it in my handy Strong's Concordance when I looked it up."**

**DISPE: "I tell 'em the world's going to hell in a hand-basket and we need to get ready for the Rapture."**

**GOD: "The what?"**

**DISPE: "You know, the secret Rapture."**

**GOD: "I hate to tell you this, but that word, 'Rapture,' is not in the Bible either."**

**DISPE: "I know, but we're working hard to educate people on the concept. Our wall-mounted prophecy charts explain it all in *simple* terms."**

**GOD: "You call that simple? It would take a rocket scientist to figure out all that stuff."**

**DISPE: "Fortunately we have prophecy experts to interpret these things for us. This helps a lot because it's hard to *understand* all those zig-zagging lines and seven-headed beasts on those scary prophecy charts."**

**GOD: "Understand what?"**

**DISPE: "Stuff like: The Kings of the East are Chinese" (Rev 16:12).**

**GOD: "Did I say they are Chinese?"**

**DISPE: "No, but my favorite prophecy teacher said they're Chinese and that settles it for me."**

**GOD: "You just made that up. Better read what I said about making up things like this (see Rev 22:18-19)."**

**DISPE: "The end is near because the fig tree (Israel) is sprouting leaves."**

**GOD:** “You left something out: that verse reads, ‘the fig tree and all the trees’” (Luke 21:29).

**DISPE:** “I can hardly wait for the ‘Time of Jacob’s Trouble.’”

**GOD:** “Why?”

**DISPE:** “Because the Rapture must come first and take us Christians out of here.”

**GOD:** “What do you mean by ‘Jacob’s Trouble’?”

**DISPE:** “I can’t believe you said that! Every dispensationalist can tell you about ‘Jacob’s Trouble.’”

**GOD:** “So, tell me.”

**DISPE:** “Jacob’s Trouble is a *really* big thing with us dispes. It’s that 7-year period (or is it 3.5 years?) when the Jews are consigned to the horrors of the Great Tribulation.”

**GOD:** “Who consigns them? and why?”

**DISPE:** “Well, God, you do, because the Jews stubbornly refuse to accept Jesus as their Messiah.”

**GOD:** “You’re accusing me of designing such a terrible fate for my ‘chosen’ people?”

**DISPE:** “But, Lord, you only do these horrible things to the Jews because you love ‘em so much. Isn’t that right?”

**GOD:** “I’ve got news for you: The term ‘Jacob’s Trouble’ is only mentioned *once* in the entire Bible. From the emphases you dispes put upon it, one would think it’s in every chapter. Read it again in its context and you’ll

discover that it has nothing to do with a so-called *future* Great Tribulation.”

**DISPE:** “I really love the Jews; it’s too bad they’re going to be excluded from the ‘Marriage Supper of the Lamb.’”

**GOD:** “Who is going to exclude them?”

**DISPE:** “But, God, you know perfectly well that while we Christians are enjoying the ‘Marriage Supper’ up there in heaven, the unbelieving Jews are going to be sifted through the horrors of the Great Tribulation back down on earth. Hal Lindsey implies that two-thirds of the Jews will be killed during the Tribulation Period.” (*The Late Great Planet Earth*, pp. 166-167, Thirty-second printing, (1973).

**GOD:** “So you claim to love the Jews? Oy vey! With friends like you dispes, who needs enemies?”

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