himself Rabbi Ben Ezra, a supposedly converted Jew. Since Christ never converted a Jew, and never instructed His followers to convert one, there can be no such thing as a converted Jew. The term Jew today is applied only to those that Jesus Christ referred to in St. John 8:44, Rev. 2:9, and 3:9, and as the tares in Matt. 13:38-40. God's chosen, the descendants of Jacob/Israel are to be found today among those known as Christian. This was prophesied in Isaiah 61:2 and Isaiah 65:15, and was fulfilled in Acts 11:26.

The above mentioned heretical book was published in London in 1816, written in Spanish, and was translated into English in 1833 by Edward Irving who began preaching it. Edward Irving's preaching was controversial in his own time -- see Encyclopedia Britannica, 11th Edition. Nevertheless, the "Rapture" caught on and spread like wildfire. People are always looking for an easy way out, but God never promised an easy way. Could it be that He doesn't want cowards in His Kingdom? Dr. Scofield incorporated it into the footnotes of the Scofield Reference Bible which millions of people swear by.

In Matthew, Chapter 24, and Mark 13 we are told what to do when the tribulation (abomination of desolation) is upon us but it says nothing about being "raptured" out of it. It also tells of the rise of false prophets who shall deceive many. These false prophets are deceiving many today into believing that they will not have to go through the tribulation, but will be "raptured" out and will "go up" so there is no necessity to seek refuge here. This is NOT Biblical and will not come to pass. Matt. 24:13 and Mark 13:13 says that those who ENDURE TO THE END shall be saved. Matt. 24:22 and Mark 13:20 tell us that the days of tribulation shall be shortened because of the elect. Mark 13:24-27 tells us that AFTER the tribulation the elect will be gathered from the uttermost parts of the EARTH to the uttermost part of heaven at the return of Christ. How do the Rapturists explain all of that? They don't, they just skip over it as though it is not in the Bible. Let us believe God and not man or, as Romans 3:4 puts it, "let God be true but every man a liar."

"The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth." -- Proverbs 10:30.

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