

“And he [the beast—the Roman Emperor—the Antichrist] opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and (*even*) them that dwell in heaven.” Revelation, 13:6.

The tabernacle of God is here said, according to the true reading, to be those who at this time are dwelling in heaven. The tabernacle of God is the church. It is the declaration, therefore, that at the time when this man, the Antichrist, is running his blasphemous course on earth, **THE CHURCH WILL BE DWELLING IN HEAVEN.**

This is an illuminating and comforting assurance.

It is a clear demonstration that the church does not go through the Tribulation, and is a confirmative testimony to the faithfulness of the Lord's promise to the church at Philadelphia:

“I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation [the Tribulation] which shall come upon all the world, to try them that *dwell upon the earth.*”—Revelation, 3:10.

But it is the announcement of a great and imminent fact—the fact that before the church can dwell in heaven, it must be removed as a body from earth to heaven. The church is to be removed from earth to heaven as the bride of Christ. The bride can go only when the bridegroom comes for her. Christ is coming as the Bridegroom for his church. He will