

The Pre-Seventieth Week Rapture of the Church

WHEREAS Marvin Rosenthal, who formerly served as the executive director of Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry, has published a book, *The Pre-Wrath Rapture of the Church*, which rejects the pretribulation rapture of the Church; and

WHEREAS his thesis declares instead that the Church will be removed from the earth by a rapture just before the fourth quarter of the seventieth week of Daniel, or just before the Day of the Lord (which he erroneously believes spans the second half of the last three and a half years of the Tribulation period); and

WHEREAS this false teaching ignores the doctrine of the imminency of Jesus' return (Titus 2:13; 1 John 3:2, 3; 1 Corinthians 1:7; 1 Thesalonians 5:6); and

WHEREAS Rosenthal is disseminating this view with hot zeal and through a periodical titled *Zion's Fire*;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 60th Annual Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana on June 24–28, 1991, reaffirm Article XIX of our Articles of Faith, which states, "We believe in the premillennial return of Christ, an event which can occur at any moment, and at that moment the dead in Christ shall be raised in glorified bodies, and the living in Christ shall be given glorified bodies without tasting death, and all shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air *before the seven years of the Tribulation*" (emphasis pinpoints the Regular Baptist position in view of the current consideration).

Indianapolis, Indiana
June 24-28, 1991