

# Our Authority for Faith and Practice

Let me be frank.

Christians **must** understand that to be *Christian* is to honor the Word of God – the Bible – as our standard or plumb line for life. Human opinion does not hold the degree of authority the Bible has. Pastors, theologians or any other Christian entity do NOT outrank Scripture. The Word of God is also not trumped by today's contemporary *Christian Community's opinion* no matter how many the numbers. **What matters and what speaks authoritatively is the explicit Word of God.**

I had a friend say to me years ago, "I believe what Dr. Ryrie believes." This person was basically saying Dr. Ryrie was his standard for faith and practice. No my friends. We err when we place any human authority voice over the revelation of Almighty God. Another vocal opponent spoke out during one of our seminars appealing to the authority of Dr. J. Vernon McGee, almost as if McGee was this man's [Truth Foundation](#). Even strength in numbers needs to be discerned. One end-time ministry recently appealed to the vast numbers of theologians who believe the position they hold. We place ourselves in harm's way when we elevate any human group – communities of any type, including theologians – as being above the Holy Bible. Just to be sure we've been clear: **The Bible is our authority for faith and practice!**

So we ask:

How do you respond when Dr. David Jeremiah errs in his book, *The Book of Signs* (2019) ?

One example of error:

On page 164 he writes,

"While raptures are extremely rare, they have happened before, and they will happen again. There are six raptures recorded and described in the Bible. Four of those raptures have already taken place, and two are yet to come.

The four raptures that have already occurred were experienced by Enoch (Heb. 11:5), Elijah (2 Kings 2:11), Paul (2 Cor. 12:2-4), and Jesus Christ (Acts 1:10-11). The two raptures that are yet to happen are the rapture of the church, which is the discussion of this chapter, and the rapture of the two witnesses as prophesied in Revelation 11:12."

**Dr. Jeremiah is incorrect.**

There's another HUGE *rapture gathering* that's yet ahead – a **third** future rapture (in view of Pre-Tribulational understanding of the end of days). Our Lord Jesus describes it in Mt. 24:29-31.

Oops

If a trusted evangelical Bible scholar is incorrect on one key eschatological matter, couldn't he be incorrect on other crucial end-time matters? If a pastoral opinion is wrong on one matter,

couldn't other opinions possibly also be wrong about other matters? We are simply highlighting a *given* today, or at least it should be a given. It should be automatic that we weigh all things in light of God's measuring stick – His Word. Isn't it possible human opinion is just that – mere opinion – and that it also potentially holds great consequence on crucial, eternal matters?

Of course this is a possibility. Please read on as this is important.

FACT: The PRE-Tribulation rapture of the Church is NOT taught in the Word of God. Not one single explicit Bible passage teaches this dangerous tradition.

Even the so-called inferences (non-explicit claims) in support of this false-hope promise (by some) are **not** well evidenced.

[Click here](#)\* for Bible facts – Truths in support of our plea:

“Please don't be **dogmatic** about PRE-Trib *opinion*.”

As David Jeremiah asks in his book, so too have we been asking:

“What shall we do?”

“How shall we now live?”

Let's go to God's Word for Truthful information about these *end of days*.

Yes, it's clear we are called to be watchful and ready. BUT please note: One prepares differently depending upon the eschatological view one holds.

Is YOUR end-time view **Bible** based?

It needs to be if you want to be **rightly** prepared.

\* <http://truthfoundations.org/1cid2.pdf> (Bible reasons to question Pre Trib)

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