3 Dangerous End Time Teachings In The Church Today

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~ Reviewing The DANGERS Of The "Preterit" Perspective

This viewpoint continues to grow in spite of the many clear reasons to reject it. Holding this position and its teaching that end-time revelation in the Word of God has already been fulfilled in the early church era (either in full or in part) is a most dangerous perspective indeed.

It promotes the rejection of crucial advice which has been given to the final generation before the return of Jesus Christ. An "It's simply not for today" mentality makes one extremely susceptible to ill-preparedness due to the rejection of biblical end-time Counsel. It denies God's revelation concerning the days before His Son's return, revelation through which one (to cite one of many examples) is able to discern the many cultural characteristics of the one-world system.

QUESTION for you the reader: To what degree are you obeying God's protective mandates to be discerning and watching - given, in part, to guard you from the eternally consequential lies so prevalent in our culture today?

Yes, 1) many have been saying "it is the time of the end" for thousands of years, but this should not lead us to reject God's Counsel to be watching today. (Do you recall the "Wolf, Wolf" Syndrome?) As the early Church was instructed to be watching and waiting for the return of Christ, so too is each subsequent generation to be ready and watching for these events to take place – events, our Lord says, will unfold before His return. Our generation is obviously included in this mandate to be ready.

And yes, 2) some of these end-time signs have been expressed through history - but Jesus Christ has not yet returned AND never before in human history have these signs occurred to the degree they are taking place today. So embrace God's sweet, shepherding Counsel – read it and heed it – whereby you live under His protection from the deceptions and attacks which have eternal personal consequences.

For more on this faulty view, please visit our *Destructive Dogma* pages at www.currentmatters.org.

~ Reviewing The DANGERS Of The "Pre-Tribulation Rapture" Perspective

"We will already be in glory during this time of the Tribulation Period." So many continue to teach this view today. There's only one problem: This is untrue, biblically speaking. And if one holds this position dogmatically, one becomes anti-biblical and potentially faces eternal consequences.

Like the Preterit viewpoint above, the Pre-Trib view is also a most dangerous perspective when held as *Gospel Truth*. It mandates rejection of important signs of OUR times because "the Rapture event is sign-less and is the next event to take place on the prophetic calendar" ... so many say. Its foundation of appeal is extra-biblical content – the PRE-Trib Rapture event is NOT taught in Scripture. It feeds **ill-**

preparedness because one of its major tenets is that we will not be here for (what many advocates of this position outline to be) the "Tribulation Period" – another extra-biblical teaching.

QUESTION for you the reader: To what degree are you obeying God's Word concerning His people being ready and watching for the return of Jesus Christ? His Word says signs will precede His return and those signs potentially bear eternally binding consequences if the biblical Counsel in response to the signs goes unheeded by His people.

Yes, 1) we His obedient people in Jesus Christ will not incur the wrath of God, for we will be off the earth when the Bowls of Wrath are poured out. And yes, 2) it is the Word of God which serves as the light to our path, even during these closing days of human history. As a result, we encourage you to go back to His Word and discern for yourself the pertinent material in Daniel, Matthew 24, 25, and Revelation which God has so graced us with during these troubled days. If you do so, you will find the Bible does NOT teach the Pre-Trib Rapture myth.

For Bible reasons in support of our appeal above, view: www.enduranceministries.online/growth. (Open the handout titled *10 Bible Reasons to Question Pre-Tribulationalism* – Link #24.)

~ Reviewing The DANGERS Of The "Pan-Trib/Pan-Mil" Perspective

The attitude in majority today (among those who are interested in Christian things) is clearly Pan-Trib/Pan-Mil. "It will all pan out in the end therefore we need not concern ourselves with end-time matters" is a succinct sound-bite summarizing this general perspective. Even some pastors model this attitude when they insist on NOT speaking about end-time things – things taking place in culture TODAY. WOW! How can this be? (Under-shepherds, please read Ezek. 33 & 34.) This is one of the most dangerous end-time perspectives to hold.

It mandates rejection of God's Word. We have been properly and sufficiently warned against belittling end-time data. It promotes the fruit of ill-preparedness to the extent one's eternal state is in jeopardy. It fosters an attitude most vulnerable to the very end-time deceptions our Lord Jesus so clearly warned against.

QUESTION for you the reader: To what degree are you obeying a more biblical mindset, one contrary to the "it will all pan out in the end" mentality? God has graciously provided important Counsel which you can use to get out of harm's way, spiritually speaking.

Yes, 1) His foreordained plan for the ages will be realized exactly as the Word of God teaches. The Bible also teaches 2) many will fall away from the faith due to personal idolatry, deceptions and persecution. If you agree with the first statement, you must – if you are consistent – believe the second. Our life actions (that is, deeds or works!) demonstrate our real faith perspective. Consider yourself lovingly exhorted to go back to the Word of God for crucial instruction for today.

Please have us come and share some of our materials with you. We minister more personally through other means – through other *live* formats we do not post on the Internet. Email Dr. Jon Swanson at email@therapturegathering.org for specifics about this aspect of service Endurance Ministries offers.