Bringing FOREwarning Before The Fact

[The following is an updated re-post of our 2018 commentary blog, CB10B;18.]

We wish to go on record now so as to communicate years **before** the event unfolds so that folks can be adequately prepared for a specific portion of the *end of days* before our glorious I Thes. 4 rapture gathering takes place. Because we genuinely care for God's special creation (mankind), here's our passionate warning:

There is a growing end-time view which teaches the Church will be rapture-taken immediately after the sixth seal and just before the seventh one – the final seal that comprises the trumpets of Revelation 8-11. Here are three major problems (among others) tied to this "Pre Wrath" teaching:

RE: Mental and Emotional PREPAREDNESS ...

The view fails to discern the teaching from I Thes. 5 that we, the Church, it seems, are still on the earth as <u>the Day of the Lord</u> begins – the beginning of which is the initial appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. While we, the Church, do not incur the wrath of God as it is poured out through the bowls due to our *Final Trumpet Rapture Gathering* (at the seventh trump of Rev. 11), we believe the Church will be present on the earth during the first part of the Day of the Lord – when the trumpets of Rev. 8-11 take place. Because our Lord Jesus calls us to be ready and watchful, it is crucial we maintain the mindset we have been assigned: We are to endure to the end – enduring either until our personal death (our Home-going) or until our <u>being gathered</u> together to Him.

MANY will be greatly discouraged (if they have held the Pre Wrath view in a *dogmatic* way) when the rapture **fails** to take place immediately after the sign of the Son of Man in the sky. Sincerely, some will even despair when the rapture **does not take place** at the time the Pre Wrath folks teach. PLEASE read I Thes. 5 for necessary insights once the Day of the Lord begins. As our Lord calls us, we are not to be ill-prepared for the days of the *thief's coming* - also see Rev. 3:1-6.

- RE: Discerning the seasonally late false teaching ...
- 2. Our Lord Jesus calls His people to disregard the false appeals of the false christs and false prophets who rise up after the tribulation and great tribulation come to a close. Recall Matthew 24:23-26 which forewarns about the degree of deception these miraculous sign workers perform as they say, "Look, he is in the desert!" or "Look, he is in the inner rooms!" Our Lord clearly states we are not to believe their lies. Please read Matthew 24 and especially note the explicit end-time chronology our Lord brings! This round of false christs and false prophets takes place AFTER ('then") the close of the tribulation of Mt. 24:9-22. Given the messages of these false teachers, they will bring their deception AFTER the initial appearing of Christ. See our "Bible Chronology" and "Mt. 24 Study handouts for additional chronological details here: www.enduranceministries.online/growth.

The Pre Wrath folks' chronological time frame does NOT sufficiently allow for this period of the false christs and false prophets. (<u>Click Here</u> * and scroll down to blog B31;17 - ¶ #3 for further details on this matter.) The Final Trumpet Rapture Gathering view, on the other hand, teaches these false christs and false prophets begin their false proclamations shortly after the sign of the Son of Man, just as our Lord teaches! (see Mt. 24:30 – an event which is also highlighted somewhat differently in Rev. 6:14-17) Note this initial appearing of our Lord takes place after the astronomical signs of Mt. 24:29 and Rev. 6:12, 13 – that which Joel 2 and Acts 2 also describe. Also note this fair

appeal: The initial appearing of our Lord Jesus (Mt. 24:30; Rev. 6:14-17) in the sky – an appearing only – is **a major reason why** the false christs and false prophets can make the appeals they do! Read through our book, *The Final Trumpet Rapture Gathering: An Into-duction*, which more thoroughly outlines this Bible-affirming chronology.

* Link URL: http://www.truthfoundations.org/home/archived2017blogs.html

RE: PREPAREDNESS for the trumpet season ...

3. Given the Pre Wrath position rejects the "final" (or "last") trumpet of I Corinthians 15 as being the final/last trumpet of the Revelation trumpets, the Pre Wrath view does NOT accept the teaching that the Church is present on earth during the trumpet blasts. BUT if this unsubstantiated tenet of theirs – that being the rapture takes place prior to the trumpet blasts – is incorrect, then absolutely: Mental, material and spiritual watchfulness / preparedness / readiness are also important during the trumpet period. Yes, this period of time is also included in the Mt. 24:23-26 and 32-51 Counsel from our Lord Jesus.

The Pre Wrath Rapture view, IF wrong concerning the timing of our rapture gathering, fosters **dangerous** ill-preparedness during a time when deception is HUGE – Mt. 24:24.

And yet, there are other pressing contemporary concerns unfolding as you read this. These end-time matters which are unfolding TODAY are just as important as the period of time between the initial appearing of our Lord and His gathering us together to Him. **Because we care**, we ask:

Are **you** prepared for the soon-coming *war against the Saints* – a three-and-a-half year war which the Bible teaches will take place **prior to** the period of time when the trumpets are sounding? See Handout #1 on our Current Matters' gift page for helpful clarity on this crucial and most pertinent topic.

Is **your** resolve such that you will not *fall away* as II Thes. 2 predicts many will? Recall, two things take place before the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him:

- 1. the apostasy (currently in progress!);
- 2. the revealing of the man of sin/lawlessness (yet future to the re-posting of this article).

As we have stated in past blogs,** Bible-affirming **perspective (see blog B34;17)** is so crucial today.

May we take full advantage of the Counsel our Lord has so graciously provided! Please use our **end-time read-through** posts at <u>www.currentmatters.org</u> for help second to none. The Word of God sheds great light in these dark days.

** To list only a small sampling: Blogs B9;15; B31;15; B36;15
Blogs B19;16; B26;16
Blog B50;17 (all posted at <u>www.truthfoundations.org</u>)

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