

# Commentary Blog A

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Do you recall the scene in the movie, *Sneakers*, where Liz (Mary McDonnell) tells her piano student, "Practice, PRACTICE, **Practice!**"? We'd like to tweak this quote just a tad to read, "Study, STUDY, **Study!**"

(What follows relates to the appeal - to avoid hasty conclusions – as outlined in [CB11C;18](#).)

We have been told the *Final Trumpet Rapture Gathering* end-time position is contradictory due to the data of Revelation 6:14-17. Here's the NKJV quote of the passage:

Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, 'Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, who is able to stand?'

Some persist in **incorrectly** charging us with this contradiction:

*You say the Church does not incur God's wrath but then go on to teach the Church incurs the wrath of God - due to it still being present on the earth until the 7th trumpet of Revelation 11:15. Given the data of Revelation 6:14-17, your end-time position is problematic at best.*

Once again, a response of restatement is appropriate at this juncture.

Actually, we do NOT embrace an inconsistency because we believe the Church is taken before the bowls of God's wrath. It's after the final (7th) trumpet rapture gathering when the bowls of wrath are poured out. PLEASE note and acknowledge the testimony of the 24 elders:

And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshipped God, saying, 'We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was and who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and reigned. The nations were angry, and **Your wrath has come**, and the time of the dead, that **they should be judged**, and that **You should reward Your servants** the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and

should destroy those who destroy the earth.'  
(Revelation 11:16-18 ; NKJV ; emphasis ours)

**THEY** (the elders) say, "Your wrath has come" and they say this in response to the 7th trumpet being blown - just after the final trumpet (of the Revelation trumpets) sounds.

According to *The Final Trumpet Rapture Gathering* viewpoint, the 7th and final trumpet blast includes (in this order):

1. the gathering together of the Church; and then, 2. the pouring out of the bowls of God's wrath.

Because we - those who "remain" (I Thes. 4:17) - will have endured great tribulation, we will MISS the "**hour of trial**" (what we believe to be the period of the bowls of God's wrath) of Revelation 3:10. We, the Church, therefore, do NOT incur the wrath of God in two crucial ways:

- A. We miss the bowls of God's wrath;
- B. We, also by **God's grace through Jesus Christ**, do not incur the eternal wrath of God.

Revelation 3:7-13 & I Thes. 5:9-11 provide helpful insight pertinent to this matter.

**SOME would passionately respond, "But what about the Revelation 6 passage where it states God's wrath has come - at the time of the opening of the 6th Seal ?"**

This is a fair question, one which does indeed relate to a *possible* contradiction!

Thus, a restatement of our past answers is warranted. In answer ...

Please see **THIS LINK** for quotes from our 2009 book, quotes which deny - through clear Bible evidence - the charge that we commit a contradiction as outlined above.

IF you would like to glean Truth tied to this concern of the timing of the rapture of God's Church in Jesus Christ our Lord, please read our book - a work which also includes, by God's precious grace, MANY helpful *Counsel-appeal* highlights, ones so pertinent to our walk with Jesus Christ today (e.g., end-time Bible **themes** currently being expressed by global culture). Please prayerfully consider ordering the 3rd printing of our book. You can secure a copy through this means: **CLICK HERE**

May God grant us humility of heart, one willing to consider Bible appeals in this day of great deception, persecution, unrighteousness and apostasy!