

FAQ 14

Differing End-Time Positions

Q #14 What are the major end-time positions today AND how do they differ?

Please see <http://www.finaltrumpet.org/perspectives.htm> for information about the general positions and their basic chronological layouts of the final days of the human era. If you were to do a **biblical study** on the passages relating to this period, you would find these end-time positions promote huge existential (or life-style) differences concerning the way in which God's people in Jesus Christ live during this time. Click the "First Things First" link at the top of the home page of www.enduranceministries1.047c5f0.netsolhost.com for pertinent passages.

Concerning how these different positions go about addressing these final days ...

Some (e.g., Pre-Tribulationists) actually say followers of Jesus Christ—specifically, the Church—will not be present during the time of this tribulation against God's people by the world and the world leaders (see Matthew 24 for a partial description of this period). Other positions acknowledge disciples of Jesus Christ will be present during this time. There's a wee bit of difference here ... "ya think!"

Obviously, the life scenarios of these different positions are radically different. Given the biblical emphasis on this period, it's important God's people go to their Authoritative Source in order to glean important instruction as to how to live during this time. (Due to the lack of evidence for the Pre-Tribulation Rapture position, we strongly encourage God's people to be studying His Word whereby they are prepared as He desires them to be, for if the position is incorrect, some of God's saints in Jesus Christ will indeed go through this period of time known as the Tribulation. Matthew 25:1-13 is insightful in light of this sincere possibility—that the Pre-Trib. Rapture position is incorrect. How so?)

See http://www.enduranceministries.org/future-stories/wrong-assumptions_I and <http://www.enduranceministries.org/future-stories/is-it-possible?K> for possible scenarios.) Is the following quote familiar to you? "If we neglect the passages God has graciously given for the very purpose of equipping us to better discern the many false teachings which will be propagated in the days of the end, will we not be making a conscious choice toward contributing to **our very own** deception as a result of casting aside the very means (His accurate revelation concerning the days of the end) which He has provided to help us avoid becoming deceived?"

Our major emphasis here, if you have not caught it already, is this: The major end-time positions (constructed by mankind) are just that—theological interpretations of biblical material. If you read the end-time study Bibles which favor a particular position, you will find an interesting thing. Each position confesses interpretive steps—some huge; others not so huge. Instead of studying what the religious leaders of our day are saying about the Authoritative text, why not go to the **PRIMARY SOURCE** and read and study it for yourself? God calls His people to Bible reading and study, not to the study of the

traditions of contemporary Christian theologians (see Matthew 15:1-11 for an example our Lord Jesus addressed in His day). Please note: We also affirm gleaning from those who have studied the topic of address. We only ask these commentaries be evaluated in light of biblical Truth. Let's do the Berean thing!

May each of us limit our intake of the theological *helps* and simply spend some time in God's divine provision to us, His Word.

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