An Early WARNING To God's Church In Jesus Christ

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We wish to go on record now so as to communicate years **before** the event whereby folks can be adequately prepared for a specific portion of the days of the end 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 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 *the Day of the Lord* begins – at 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. 11:15ff), 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 death (Home-going) or until our gathering 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.

RE: Discerning the seasonally late false teachings ...

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 Matthew 24:9-22.

The Pre Wrath folks' chronological time frame does not sufficiently allow for this period of false christs and false prophets. The Final Trumpet Rapture Gathering view, on the other hand, teaches these false christs and false prophets begin their false teachings shortly after the sign

of the Son of Man (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 (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 Introduction*) which more thoroughly outlines this Bible-affirming chronology.

RE: Preparedness for the trumpet season ...

3. Given the Pre Wrath position rejects the "final" trumpet of I Cor. 15 as being the last trumpet of the Revelation trumpets, the Pre Wrath view does not accept the teaching that the Church is present on the earth during the trumpet blasts. BUT if this unsubstantiated tenet of theirs – that is, 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 period of the trumpet blasts. Yes, this period of time is also included in the Mt. 24:23-26, 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 concerns TODAY which are just as pressing 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? **CLICK HERE** for helpful clarity on this crucial 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 (in progress);
- 2) the revealing of the man of sin/lawlessness (yet future to the posting of this blog).

As we have stated in many past blogs,* Bible-affirming **perspective** is so crucial today.

May we take full advantage of the Counsel our Lord has so graciously provided. Please use our quarterly end-time Bible read-through schedules for help second to none!

* To list only a small sampling: B9;15 ; B31;15 ; B36;15
B19;16 ; B26;16
B50;17

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