

## Faulty ASSUMPTIONS Can Kill Us ... Or ...

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Faulty assumptions can kill us, or, at the very least, they could move us toward a posture-of-perspective *lifestyle* which could very easily put one in harm's way.

~ Introduction

Most of us tend to think our dearly held beliefs ... our points of view ... and the convictions we hold, etc., are right – especially if these mindsets and attitudes have been in place for some time. But what IF we're wrong? Or, what IF our understandings need refinement? Or, what IF errors need correcting?

How do we get to the place before our Lord God where His Spirit will reveal the issues ... open our eyes and ears and hearts and minds to know and understand His Truths **rightly**? Perfectly?

Recalling many of these blogs – including this one – are especially intended for sincere followers of Jesus Christ ...

For sure, we think you'd agree that genuine desire to know and live His Word, humility of spirit, earnest prayer and diligently seeking His face day by day must all be a part of the equation of *walk with God*. So with all of these elements highlighted, let's look more deeply into what **He** has to say about crucial end-time sign events.

Let's consider, in this blog, the timing as to WHEN the

1. **Birth Pains** of Matthew 24:4-8 begin taking place;
2. **Seals** of Revelation 6 begin taking place.

So as to avoid *losing our way*, we need to reiterate this: It must be the Word of God which serves as our reliable guide in this inquiry. This means, in part, we affirm the clearly stated information of the pertinent texts and avoid wandering on the paths of *interpretive speculation*.

~ This blog's main point exemplified ...

The following is another factual, biblical observation which serves to at least question the following dangerous assumption:

"From a *futurist's* perspective, the main bulk of **eschatological** themes and events takes place during a final 7-year period commonly referred to as the 70th Week of Daniel."

In response to this quote: This teaching is NOT taught in Scripture. It is, what we believe on the grounds of Bible data, a faulty assumption which, if indeed incorrect, puts folks who hold this non-biblical tenet in grave danger of being ill-prepared.

"How so?" one might fairly ask.

We'd like to use the Pre-Wrath Rapture view as the position which seems to hold this view – this assumption. We do so because this view teaches, specific to the quote above, extra-biblical tenets which actually do foster ill-preparedness.

For example, have you read the first part of the new series (in *Zion's Fire* magazine) titled "Rapture & Wrath: Ready or Not?" (March/April, 2018 edition)

If you have, did you discern one (of multiple) extra-biblical assumptions in the view as diagrammed on pages 12 & 13 of the article ... also taught on their diagram of the Pre-Wrath Rapture position at the bottom of page 9 of the same magazine edition?

The view teaches the "Beginning of Sorrows" **begins** when the antichrist signs the Daniel 9:27 Covenant. BUT this is an extra-biblical – we believe an **un-biblical** – **presumption!**

Nowhere in the whole of Scripture do we find the teaching that the birth pains of Mt. 24:4-8 **begin** at the time of the signing of the Covenant.

Our Lord Jesus Christ teaches there is a time of birth pains, yes, BUT never teaches this "time of sorrows" is a part of the final 7-year period before His 2nd Advent to the earth – NEVER.

This faulty assumption – again, that the birth pains are a part of the 7-year end time period (Daniel's 70th Week) – of the Pre-Wrath advocates is dangerous for this very reason:

It fosters an attitude and/or postures folks toward a state of ill-preparedness due to a false assumption concerning early signs.

Again, "How so?" one could (and should) ask.

MANY today believe the end-time birth pains of Mt. 24 are already upon us. In light of global signs, this view (that the time of sorrows has already begun) is most viable – that yes, indeed, the end-time birth pains have begun and continue to unfold today.

And yet, the Daniel 9:27 Covenant has NOT been signed to date. This Covenant signing is a yet-future event!

We raise this concern because we sincerely care about our Lord's instructions to be ready in light of the signs. As the initial signs come/unfold, there are other signs which follow – signs taking place before the initial appearing of our Lord Jesus as accounted in Matthew 24:30 and Revelation 6:14-17.

We care for God's people in Jesus Christ who have been called to be **rightly** ready for our Lord's return.

If we believe the birth pains are NOT upon us today (one of the *assumptions* we're questioning in this blog), what does our Lord mean when He teaches these are early end-time signs?

These birth-pain signs **precede** :

1. the tribulation of Mt. 24:9-22
2. the astronomical signs of Mt. 24:29
3. the sign of the Son of Man in Mt. 24:30 and
4. the trumpets of Revelation 8 - 11.

The above signs take place before His final trumpet rapture gathering of His Church, a gathering which occurs at the **last** trumpet! (see I Cor. 15:51, 52; Mt. 24:31; Rev. 11:15ff and 14:14-16)

But this is only the first faulty, unbiblical assumption of the Pre-Wrath position. We present a fair second observation (citing a second extra-biblical presupposition):

In fairness to the Pre-Wrath advocates, we should restate our source: The following is also diagrammed in the March/April 2018 edition of *Zion's Fire* :

The two-page Pre-Wrath chart places the Seals in such a way as to teach the assumption with which we're concerned – namely, that the Seals, in this second example, begin at the time the Covenant is signed. BUT what does our authority for faith and practice explicitly teach?

The Bible NEVER teaches the early Seals of Revelation 6 take place during Daniel's 70th Week! This is yet another assumption on the part of the Pre-Wrath (PW) advocates.

Once again, these 2 popular but faulty assumptions are:

1. **the time of sorrows begins when the Covenant is signed**  
and continues to unfold during Daniel's 70th Week ;
2. **the Seals begin to be opened when the Covenant is signed**  
and continue to be opened during Daniel's 70th Week.

It's here where we make a simple appeal:

**Our claim (that the first part of these 2 premises are incorrect) can be easily rebutted!** Simply show us EXPLICIT Bible evidence that our observations – that these two assumptions are just that, assumed without biblical warrant – are incorrect. In other words, all the PW (Pre-Wrath) advocates need to do in response to this concern is to provide Bible data which confirms their assumptions! Pretty easy to do IF there are clear biblical passages which teach their PW view! But there are NOT!

WHY do we raise this concern regarding end-time, extra-biblical assumptions ?

Think about it, please. IF the birth pains and early Seals begin to unfold BEFORE Daniel's 70th Week – which some, with much evidence, are suggesting and which are unfolding in global culture today – then one's end time view is changed such that one would live differently, today, given the signs taking place all around us!

As we have stated in past blogs and in our handouts which we provide during our *live* presentations, we prepare according to the end-time view we espouse! Our Lord calls us to prepare **rightly**.

One question before we conclude:

Do we prepare correctly – on the basis of an explicitly Bible-based end time view?

~ Conclusion

May we be humble in spirit enough to go back to our Lord's Word for instruction as to living for Jesus Christ during these *end of days* – days just prior to the final 7 years as outlined in God's holy Word.