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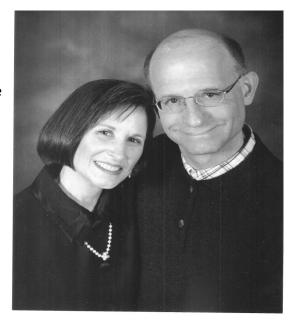
You're Right! There is no End Times 'Escape!' for the 'really good' Christians!

You might think, 'Why is this guy so hung up on the Rapture!? Isn't there anything else in the Bible to learn!?' Yes, there are many other things to be learned in the Bible but the event most stressed within the pages of the New Testament is what Paul calls, 'our blessed hope.' Virtually all of our Doctrine for the Church comes from Paul's various letters and in everything Paul wrote, he made mention, over and over again, of our commission to be daily, anxiously watching and waiting for our Savior to come for His Bride and remove us before His terrible Wrathful Judgment was to be poured out on the World which has always rejected His love and free gift of forgiveness. Every time Paul mentions 'watching for Jesus Christ's appearance, of waiting and looking,' he is always referring to the Rapture and contrary to the dominant false teachings of today, the early Church did, in fact, understand and look for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, in the clouds, to remove His Bride, the Church. It wasn't until the later A.D. 300's that Augustine took the Church away from the proper, literal understanding of God's Word in favor of his 'allegorical' approach. Before that, the Church fully expected Jesus' return at any time.

It's understandable why Satan and the World would hate the Rapture but what is so surprising is that countless Christians also hate the Rapture and vehemently argue against it at every turn.

Sadly, one of the reasons for this is that, like so many of their false teachers, untold numbers of Christians are far more sensitive to what the World thinks and says of them than they are of what God says and thinks of them.

As to why I so focus on the Rapture: Imagine if you lived in North Korea, perhaps the worst place for anyone to live but especially for Christians... and what if we, as a small secret gathering had been promised by an American radio broadcast, that one day, soon, America would send in a Special Forces platoon which would gather us up and take us away to the freedom of Life in the USA. Wouldn't that 'blessed hope' be in the forefront of every one of our minds and wouldn't I, as a pastor, feel the need to constantly encourage my little flock to 'Hold on... keep hope alive... help is coming one day soon!?' That is what our lives here and now are - we are to be looking for that blessed hope of rescue.



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But... we must understand that it is not according to any or our being deserving of it... it is simply God's will to take us out of the way before He unleashes His Judgment on the World.

The first thing to understand when discussing the End Times is that we are, in fact, in the End Times. So many refuse to open their eyes to the truth of what is transpiring around the World today. Everything that Jesus predicted we would see in the End Times is all around us now, especially the overwhelming fact of Israel's rebirth in 1948; that was the event which truly began the Last Days of the End Times. That was the event of which Jesus said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.'Matt4:34

Many Christians deny the truth of the Rapture but one day soon, they will be enormously thankful that our inclusion in the Rapture is not predicated upon our believing in the truth of the Rapture or in our being 'good enough.' It will include every true

born again Christian. The only special reward for believing and watching for the Rapture is the Crown of Righteousness but doubtless, that is something which many Christians will deeply regret having missed: 'Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.' 2Tim4:6 I plan on receiving my very own Crown of Righteousness from the Hand of the Lord Jesus Christ! Don't you?

If we could go back in time, just 15 years before 1948, to 1933 Germany, wouldn't we do all we could to convince Jews of what is clearly coming but, of which, they would seem eerily and willfully ignorant? Many Jews had built rich and prosperous lives for their families through past generations. They owned businesses, they were pillars of their communities and the future looked bright.

But then, a man and his cohorts came to power by illegitimate means: through lies and violent domination. Germany's economy was in shambles; inflation was impossible; a loaf of bread could cost a wheelbarrow full of Reich marks. The country was in chaos with all kinds of sexual deviance rampant in places like Berlin and Paris. Adolf Hitler found acceptance and favor as he began to blame the World's every ill on the Jews;

he blamed Jews as 'money grubbers,' destroying the lives of 'real' Germans and he blamed the Jews, Marx and Lenin, for the evils of Communism. He set about to rid Germany of every 'evil:' especially Jews, homosexuals and communists. What he finally 'accomplished' in Germany, and in greater Europe, was something like what will be happening throughout the coming 7-year Tribulation.

Germany was in chaos; the same kind of chaos opened the doors for Napoleon in France and the Russian Bolsheviks. Revolution brings about chaos from which despots rise, promising to bring order.

Today, the same kind of chaos in being purposely created in America and Canada; like German Jews and Russian and French aristocracies, countless people are blissfully ignorant of the dangerous reality around them and of the fact that an entire army of revolutionaries is being created from the chaos caused by Antifa, Black Lives Matter, Transsexualism, anti-Trumpism/Conservatism, anti-Christianism, anti-Whiteism, anti-Pro-Lifeism and the complete anti-goodism and pro-evilism throughout society. It is all being planned and prepared to bring about the total chaos that will cause the

World's population to cry out for, and willingly accept, the coming World dictator, the Antichrist.

Joe Biden was inserted as President by obviously illegitimate means; he is clearly unfit for the office, in any way; he received only a tiny fraction of the 80 million votes which were ascribed to his 'election,' and he is obviously being handled and controlled by those unseen with sinister motives. Since his 'election,' every evil that could possibly befall a nation has been systematically forced upon the U.S. and just like the 1930's Jews, we, Christians and Conservatives, are being blamed, marginalized and vilified as haters who must be resisted at every turn and even removed from society.

For anyone with eyes to see and ears to hear, this nation and, for that matter, the entire World, is being set up to receive a coming, powerful strongman who will promise to bring Worldwide peace and order; who wouldn't vote for that!?

When the Antichrist comes to power, the Bible says that he will confirm a 7-year peace agreement between Israel and many other nations. The moment that agreement is signed, the final 7 years of the World, as it has been, under human government, will begin.

In Daniel 9, Daniel was given a magnificent prophecy concerning a certain period of 490 years which were set aside specifically for Israel, called: 70 'weeks (of years.)' These 70 'weeks' were further divided into 7 weeks (49 years), 62 'weeks (434 years), and one final week, (7 years). The time would commence when the Babylonian King Artaxerxes gave the command, to Nehemiah, to return to Israel. The first 49 years were allotted for Israel to return from their captivity in Babylon and to rebuild the walls and streets of Jerusalem. The next 434 years were to count the days until Messiah the Prince would offer Himself as the rightful King of Israel. Jesus did so, exactly to the day, in His Triumphal Entry just days before He was rejected and crucified. But that still left 7 years remaining to fulfill the prophecy in Daniel 9, the '70 Weeks of Daniel.'

That said, why do so many people, Christians included, hate the Rapture and mock it's belief at every turn? They seem to

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think that those who recognize the Biblical truth of the Rapture believe it is reserved for 'super' Christians, the really righteous.

Here is truth: the Rapture is not a reward for being a really good Christian; if that were true, then no one would ever deserve the Rapture; in fact, no one does! The Rapture is, simply, the moment when the Lord Jesus Christ removes His True Church, all born again believers, so that His final 7 years of dealing with Israel can start.

This brings us to the real reason for the Rapture and why the True Church must be removed before the Tribulation with other examples of God having done the same.

All 490 of those prophesied years have had as their purpose: 'Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people (Israel) and upon thy holy city, (Jerusalem): 1). to finish the transgression, and 2) to make an end of sins, and 3) to make reconciliation for iniguity, and 4) to bring in everlasting righteousness, and 5) to seal up the vision and prophecy, and 6) to anoint the most Holy.'

None of those 6 things have yet been accomplished in Israel. If, and I say if, not in the sense that something might have happened but, rather, in the sense of mere speculation because there is no 'if' with God... He is sovereign in all things and what Israel did was exactly in His perfect plan... but... 'if' Israel had received Jesus Christ as her rightful King, then those 6 things would have been accomplished over the next 7 years but that was not God's will; He had

planned, from Eternity past, to set aside Israel, until the End Times, in order to create and save His planned 'love gift' for His faithful Son... His eternal Bride, the True Church. That was His hidden plan all along. When He has called and saved the final Elect member of His True Church, He will remove His Bride and begin His final 7 years of wrathful judgment upon the World and finish His work of perfecting Israel.

The Church is not included in God's plan for the Tribulation; all 6 of those requirements have already been accomplished for us in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ in His Life, Death and Resurrection. We were perfected at the Cross: 'For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified... 'I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; ¹⁷ And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.' Heb10:14

The Rapture is not a reward for righteous living... at all! It's purpose is to get us out of harm's way before Judgment falls. We see the same thing hap- are children of God; and it has not yet and similarly with Enoch and with Elijah. The Flood was not a judgment against Noah and his family; they were of Sodom and Gomorrah was not a judgment against Lot, his wife and their daughters; they were forcefully removed before Judgment fell. The

destruction of Jericho was not a judgment against Rahab and her family; they were removed before destruction came. If all of this is so clear and, I think, obvious, why do so many Christians actually hate the teaching of the Rapture and will argue viciously against it.

The truth is, Satan hates the truth of the Rapture and he brings out his hatred in the World and even in many Christians. There are several reasons why Satan hates the truth of the Rapture: the main being that it causes us to seek to live righteously in this wicked World and it enables us to bear up under the crushing evil around us. To Titus, Paul called it 'our blessed hope:' 'For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ (Rapture) Tit 2:11 And John tells us that our blessed hope spurs us on to purity: 'Beloved, now we pening with Noah, with Lot, with Rahab been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him removed before Judgment fell. The fall purifies himself, just as He is pure.' 1Jn3:1

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