

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

(2 Timothy 2:15)

Take Heed

Jesus made it very clear when He would return and gather His people, for what is commonly known as the "rapture". In the book of Matthew, when Jesus was asked by His disciples:

"What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" (Matthew 24:3)

Jesus gave many signs to look for which would proceed His return, not the least of which is Matthew 24:29-31:

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

Jesus is returning after the Great Tribulation, not before.

"For God hath not appointed us to wrath." 1 Thessalonians 5:9

What people tend to get confused about are the trumpets of tribulation which takes place in Revelation, chapters 8 through 10, and the wrath of God which takes place in Revelation 16. They are similar but not the same events. Look at them and compare them and you will see they are different events.

We have been warned repeatedly throughout God's Word to not allow ourselves to be led astray and deceived by false prophets and false teachers. Here are just a few of many verses where we are warned not to let ourselves be deceived.

"Many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." (Matthew 24:11, 24

"Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." (Galatians 1:8-9)

"There were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies." 2 TI.4:3

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; They shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." 2 Peter 2:1 and 2 Timothy 4:3-4

The deceit is not going to get better in these last days, it is only going to get worse. We have not yet even begun to witness sights such as are described in Revelation 13:13-14.

"He (the false prophet) doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast."

This is why it is so important that we do understand Bible prophecy so that the tragic events in the article below can be averted in the future. We are responsible to help the truth be known. It is our responsibility.

"The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." 2 Timothy 2:2 and 1Peter 3:15

And finally:

"They that understand among the people shall instruct many. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Daniel 11:33 and Daniel 12:3

It is our job to teach the truth.

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