

Introduction

THE RAPTURE AND DANIEL'S 70th WEEK UNVEILED is quite different from other books. This book addresses four main issues regarding the End Times and End Time Prophecy. First, many people have a misunderstanding of some major foundational terms. This results in confusion when reading End Time passages. Part I of this book covers these Foundational Terms from a Biblical perspective. Therefore, people will have the proper understanding of these terms, which will bring clarity instead of confusion. Second, many people take verses out of context with other related verses. This book takes numerous verses that deal with the Latter Days and The Rapture, and shows how these different verses comprise a unified picture of understanding the timing of The Rapture. These verses are like individual pieces of a puzzle, and when put together in context, form a clear picture. All this is covered in Part II.

Third, most people don't realize that Jesus explains that The Rapture is after the 70th Week of Daniel is already in progress. Jesus addresses this in Matt. 24:15, "*When ye therefore shall see (a future time) the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand).*" Jesus is referring to Dan. 9:27, "*And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*" Since the Romans destroyed the temple in 70 AD, the Jews have had no temple to reinstitute the Sacrifice and Oblation, therefore the 70th Week has not yet started. These topics and the duration of End Time Events explained in Part III. Fourth, this book explains why and how to walk wisely in the difficult times that are unfolding. Eph 5:15-16, "*See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*" This is explained in Part IV.

To properly see the complete picture of the End Times and the timing of The Rapture, the various scriptures regarding the End Times need to be seen in their proper context. The verses cannot fit in a forced manner, with certain verses either being omitted, or explained in a manner which is out of context. All the verses, when properly arranged will naturally fit in a precise manner, and a clear picture will be seen. When this is done, clarity will result, instead of confusion. Furthermore, when we can see how these scriptures fit together, we will not be deceived regarding the events of the End Times, and the timing of The Rapture.

Jesus cautioned His disciples about being deceived, and this caution ought to be heeded by all Christians. Matt. 24:4, *“And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Take heed that no man deceive you.**”* He lists in sequential order the events that would precede the Sign of His Coming. So that we *also* are not deceived, about the End Times and The Rapture, we need to *take heed*, to what the Bible says. Then, when certain End Time Events begin to appear, we won't be caught off guard, but will recognize them, and know whether the “Sign of Jesus' Coming” is truly imminent. It is imperative that we study the related scriptures in their context and not allow pre-conceived biases to interfere with what the Bible states. 2 Tim 2:15, *“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”* Don't try to come-up with another theory; allow the Bible to interpret itself.

The difficulty in understanding End Time verses is not because the Bible is unclear about the End Times and the Rapture. It's partly because some people have tried to get certain verses to fit their view, or a popular view, which results in confusion. God is not a God of confusion, nor does He try to make Bible prophecy difficult to understand by leaving out key information. God states in several key End Time scriptures that we are not to be deceived- Matt. 24:4, and 2 Thes. 2:3. God wouldn't tell us not to be deceived, if He had made it confusing, or left out certain facts that would cause us to be confused. He realized people (even those with good intentions) could mistakenly cause deception. Therefore, we need to know clearly what the Bible states and make certain that what is being taught, or what we think lines up with the Word of God.

In my search for understanding this subject, there were verses that at first seemed very difficult to comprehend, and other verses which were contrary to the views of some Bible teachers. Through much prayer and diligent study over many years, these scriptures became quite clear. It became very obvious that some of my former beliefs and some teachings of others were in contradiction to what the Bible stated. If you seriously consider the context of these scriptures, along with other related scriptures, you will likely be amazed at how clear the End Time picture is.

Foundation: In studying prophecy, it was not my original intention to write a book, but simply to have a greater understanding, to clear the conflicting teachings of some authors and earnestly see what the Bible said. In studying Bible prophecy, it was done in a diligent and investigative manner. There was much prayer, and regularly asking the Holy Spirit for guidance. There have been times that my understanding of some former teachings needed to be adjusted. Much insight and understanding has resulted, and to keep

this information to myself would simply be selfish. It became evident that this information needed to be shared with others. Therefore, this book became the by-product of studying end-time prophecy. This book has taken nearly 15 years to write.

In writing and putting this book together, there are 3 main guiding principles: (1) To carefully see the *context* of the adjoining verses, and using other verses that specifically and directly deal with the same topic. (2) *To be led by the Holy Spirit*, and not to bring forth man's opinion of what the verses say. (3) *Not to have a deadline* to finish the book, and to trust God to have the right chapters and have them arranged in proper sequence.

Purpose: One purpose of this book is to present these seemingly difficult passages, and show how they are simple to understand when they are kept in context. To present a whole unified picture, rather than pieces or fragments that aren't connected in unity with other related scriptures. One does not need to be a theologian, or Bible teacher to bring forth truth, but one does need to bring forth the context of what is stated. It was also necessary to cover other key related verses instead of presenting only the verses that seem to support a certain view/

Another purpose of this book is to present a simple and logical sequence to what appears to be a clear view about the timing of The Rapture. Yes, no one knows the day, nor the hour. However, the verses say we would know the season. Furthermore, the Bible *states specific events that would occur prior to the Rapture*. Jesus mentions them in Matt. 24. These verses are very important and are simple to understand when one sees the whole picture; they show how all the key scriptures fit together. When the key Bible verses are put together in their context, like pieces of a puzzle, a clear picture is seen.

How To Read This Book: The verses quoted are from the King James Version and have been italicized. Words inside parenthesis in italics are from the KJ Bible, as also are words in brackets. The use of words in bold parenthesis, bold italics, and underline are used by the author for emphasis. This will also help readers review many important items covered in the chapters. Each chapter builds upon the previous chapters. Therefore, *in order not to omit vital information*, or make faulty assumptions, it is highly recommended to read the chapters in sequential order. The sequence of chapters also enables the book to be shorter in length, rather than reiterating what has already been explained in previous chapters. It is also very important to begin with Section I, as it contains key End Time Bible terms which are often misunderstood. These terms are explained from what the Bible describes. These terms need to be

understood from the beginning, as they form a foundation to understanding the End Times. Careful attention has been given to cover each chapter heading by focusing and zeroing in on the main issues, and explaining them succinctly. This book has been written to adequately cover a specific matter without becoming wordy.

This is not a one-time read through book, but will require several readings as there is much depth in many of the End Time prophecies. Don't make the mistake of reading too many chapters in one session. It would be wise to ask God, through His Holy Spirit, in Jesus' name to reveal His Truth to the whole matter of End Time events. A person should put aside their biases, ask God to reveal His truth, and bring correction to any area that is not aligned with His truth. This book is not meant to convince one, but to provide a clear understanding, so that one may have greater understanding of the End Times, and The Sign Of The Lord's Coming (as specifically stated in Matt. 24), and the Events That Precede The Rapture. May you Be Blessed in understanding these End Time Prophecies.

Whenever the word "Christian" is used, it refers to anyone who has accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. They have acknowledged their sins, repented, and confessed Jesus as God and Lord of their life-see last chapter "What Is The Most Important Thing In Life, and How Can You Be Sure You'll Go To Heaven?"

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