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(1 Thessalonians 5:9)**

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As John Benjamin brought out in his book "Earthshaker", "For God has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Many Christians have confused these two time periods (the Tribulation and Wrath of God) as being one and the same, and think that almost the entire Book of Revelation falls under "the wrath of God".

Therefore they think that they won't even be here during most of the events spoken of in the Book of Revelation.

I have heard it said, "If we are not going to be here during the tribulation period, God sure wasted a lot of time, money, and paper having that book written, copied, and printed over the centuries!" Why are there so many specific time prophecies and important end time events discussed in Revelation if it is not even meant to apply to any of us?

So all this is a gross misinterpretation of the Scriptures, and may cause a lot of people to lose faith especially when things do not turn out the way that they have been taught by the vast majority of modern theologians and teachers in the Christian world.

Despite 2,000 years of church history, in which millions of Christians have suffered terribly for their faith, and been persecuted; some even facing martyrdom for the Lord, these modern preachers are almost all putting everyone to sleep spiritually, by telling them that they will be raptured out before anything bad happens, or any "tribulation".

This is why you very rarely hear anything mentioned about Christian history, during the last 2,000 years, in the teachings of most modern churches; because what has happened to many Christians down through time flies in the face of these modern "comfortable" teachings. Sometimes there is a great price to be paid for following Christ, and standing up boldly for Him and the truth."

In an editorial we published two weeks ago titled, "End Of The Age" there was an article from "The Christian Post" entitled "The Early Church Fathers Belief about the Antichrist." In the article are mentioned six basic beliefs concerning the antichrist. The last three state:

"4. The Antichrist will achieve his objectives in the middle of the final 7-year period of this age. At that time he will be proclaimed the messianic king of the Jews and will take his seat as God in the rebuilt temple in Jerusalem. He will reign for three and one-half years.

5. The Antichrist, during his reign, will deceive the majority of people living on the Earth at the time into believing he is God. However, he will persecute those who refuse to worship him because they are able to see through his delusion.

6. Jesus Christ will return to Earth at the end of the three and one-half year reign of the Antichrist, (The Great Tribulation) destroying Satan's kingdom. The resurrection of the just will occur at that time."

The idea of "pre-tribulation" rapture occurred nowhere in the early church Father's writings and beliefs and is a relatively new doctrine beginning in the 1800's and promoted widely by the Scofield Bible.