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THE RAPTURE IS NOT IN THE BIBLE!

The word "RAPTURE" is not in the Bible - anywhere! It makes me happy when I find more truth about the Bible, even if it upsets my traditions.

RAPTURE DANGER

The RAPTURE story is dangerous and untrue to the Bible. Here is what I have learned about the false teachings that are a part of the RAPTURE story.

NEVER BE REMOVED

"The righteous shall NEVER be removed."
(Proverbs 10:30).

But, the RAPTURE story wrongly says that the righteous shall be removed.

INHERIT THE EARTH

"For such as be blessed of him, shall inherit the earth." (Psalm 37:22).

But, the RAPTURE story falsely says that the "BLESSED HOPE" is to go to heaven. It is not! The "BLESSED HOPE" is for JESUS CHRIST to come back to earth. It is not for us to go to heaven. (Titus 2:13)

DWELL IN HEAVEN OR THE LAND?

"The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever." (Psalm 37:29).

But, the RAPTURE story incorrectly says that the righteous shall inherit heaven.

WHO SHALL REMAIN?

"For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall REMAIN in it."
(Proverbs 2:21).

But, the RAPTURE story falsely says that the wicked people shall remain in it.

ABIDE OR REMOVE?

"They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever." (Psalm 125:1).

But, the RAPTURE story erroneously says that we should trust God to remove us from the earth.

BURN BABY! BURN?

"And he built his sanctuary like high places, like the earth which he hath established forever." (Psalm 78:69).

But, the RAPTURE story falsely says that God will burn up this planet. That is because many preachers don't know what the Greek word "STOICHEION" means. If they knew that "STOICHEION" means "THE LAWS OF MOSES - YAHWEH" then they would see that God is fulfilling those laws through his son JESUS CHRIST and that our GOD is not going to put a blowtorch to this planet. (This is covered in detail in our cassette tape, ELEMENTS MELT.)

IS GOAL EARTH OR HEAVEN?

"Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed forever."
(Psalm 104:5).

But, the RAPTURE story gives a false hope that our goal is heaven forever. JESUS CHRIST exploded that idea when he said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will COME unto him (not bring him to us) and make our abode with him (on the earth)." (John 14:23).

The RAPTURE story wrongly says that our goal is to go to heaven.

But, the Bible teaches us to live and love and to bring heaven to earth.

JESUS OR US?

The RAPTURE story wrongly says that we should wait for Jesus to come back and straighten up this ugly world.

But, the Bible says, "But the saints of the most High (EL ELYON) shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever." (Daniel 7:18).

BRING OR RECEIVE?

The RAPTURE story wrongly says that when Jesus comes back he will BRING the Kingdom to the saints so that they can rule with him.

But, the Bible says that the saints shall TAKE the Kingdom, possess the Kingdom, and shall GIVE the Kingdom BACK to Jesus when he returns.

"The four and twenty elders (who shall reign on the EARTH, not heaven, Rev. 5:10) fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth forever and ever, and cast their CROWNS before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to RECEIVE glory, and honour and power." (Rev. 4:10-11).

When JESUS CHRIST returns, he will NOT BRING the Kingdom to the saints.

JESUS CHRIST will RECEIVE the Kingdom from the saints when he returns.

WHO'S ON FIRST?

The RAPTURE story wrongly says that the righteous people will be removed from the world FIRST, leaving the wicked people on the earth for seven years.

But JESUS CHRIST said just the opposite when he said, "At the time of the harvest (end of the world, V 39), I will say to the reapers (the angels, V 39), Gather ye together FIRST the tares (the children of the wicked one, V 38) and bind them in bundles to burn them." (Matthew 13:30).

JESUS CHRIST said, "Then shall two be in the field: the one shall be taken, and the other left." (Matt. 24:40). He told us that the one who would be taken FIRST was to be the bad guy (child of the wicked one) - but the RAPTURE story is exactly opposite saying that the good guy is to be taken FIRST.

Now, who shall we believe? The RAPTURE story tellers? Or JESUS CHRIST?

NEVER BE REMOVED

"He that putteth NOT out his money to usury NOR taketh reward against the innocent, he that doeth these things shall NEVER be removed." (Psalm 15:5).

I mailed you a MONARCH (July 1985) on the dangers of USURY. If a person continues to ignore that lesson on the dangers of "interest on loans" they do it at their own peril. And I know that I'm one of the very few Bible teachers who talk about the dangers of USURY, so ask yourself why I do and why so very many others don't.

DANGER!

So what is so dangerous about the RAPTURE story?

First, it causes Christians to become disengaged from the world and its government, wrongly saying that Jesus will straighten it all up when he comes back.

The Bible teaches Christians to develop a take-over attitude so that they can prepare themselves to take the Kingdom, possess the Kingdom and gladly give the Kingdoms of this world back to JESUS when he returns.

Do you believe that the people who presently possess and control the world and the governments would gladly hand those things over to Jesus when he comes? I don't believe that they will. Christians must possess the world and rule governments before the return of JESUS CHRIST!

For instance, Pat Robertson does not believe the RAPTURE STORY and he has used his network of T.V. and radio stations to teach people to question the idea. So he has developed an attitude of wanting to improve this earth to make it a better place in which to live. Now he wants to run for the office of President of the USA in order to implement his plans for improvement of our quality of life. That's good.

Conversely, some Televangelists tell the RAPTURE story, sing about it, hope for it, shout about it, and take giant offerings so that they can repeat the process the next week. I wonder how much good that really does.

Second, the RAPTURE story falsely offers a fire escape to heaven to avoid and run away from the TRIBULATION.

But, JESUS CHRIST said, "In the world ye shall have TRIBULATION." (John 16:33).

The Bible tells us that TRIBULATION is good for us (even though it hurts). "We glory in TRIBULATIONS also: knowing that TRIBULATION worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope. (Rom. 5:3-4)

The Bible says that TRIBULATION will produce GLORY. But, the RAPTURE story says that the TRIBULATION is GORY. GLORY is GORY? It is all in how you look at it.

The RAPTURE story falsely says that Christians will be raptured BEFORE the tribulation.

But, the question has been asked of those story tellers many thousands of times, "Please, can you give us just ONE scripture that says the RAPTURE is to occur BEFORE the tribulation?" No one has ever found one! Not even one.

AFRAID OF RAPTURE

A woman I know was afraid of the RAPTURE because she felt that she would never be good enough to make it.

The evangelist told her that her government would force her to take the mark of the beast (666) by withholding milk and food for her baby until she did take it. She felt that she would take the mark to keep her baby alive. Her church convinced her that no Christian could possibly survive the tribulation.

Now she does not fear because she now knows that a great multitude of people really will go through the tribulation in VICTORY, not in defeat. "And I saw...them that had gotten the VICTORY over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over his name." (Revelation 15:2).

If you believe that you will go through the TRIBULATION with victory and you find

yourself RAPTURED before the TRIBULATION instead - what did you lose? Nothing.

But if you believe that you will be RAPTURED before the tribulation and you find that you have to walk through the TRIBULATION - what did you lose? You lost your chance to get ready. That's kind of like the foolish virgins.

RAPTURE BOOKS?

May I please recommend something to you? Purchase some books for study about the RAPTURE story.

CHRISTIANS WILL GO THROUGH THE TRIBULATION
by JAMES MCKEEVER - - - - - \$5.95

THE INCREDIBLE COVER UP
by DAVE MacPHERSON - - - - - \$4.95

Both are available from OMEGA PUBLICATIONS,
P.O. Box 4130, Medford, Oregon 97501,
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