

Bible Prophecy 2014: Catholics Left Behind

This is part 6 in my series on the possibility of End Times Bible Prophecy being fulfilled in this new year of 2014, and I thought I would talk about those who are left behind because I am a practicing Roman Catholic. And as I have said all along, those who will be raptured are mostly Protestants, whereas there are three other groups who will be left behind: the protected Catholics, the holy martyrs and the converted Jews.

There will be a new movie coming out this June in the Left Behind series by Jerry Jenkins and Tim LaHaye, and there are quite a few discrepancies in that series that I would like to talk about. First of all, there are some very humorous errors: for example, the people who are raptured leave their clothes behind, which, I suppose, has a dramatic effect, but it really is rather comical. What they are saying is that if you are in heaven, you don't have any clothes, and I don't see anywhere in scripture where people are naked. For example, Saint Paul went to heaven, and nowhere does it say that he left his clothes behind.

Another somewhat humorous and serious event in the Left Behind movie series is that there are bus accidents and car accidents because the drivers are suddenly raptured. I really don't think our Lord is going to allow the Rapture to cause other people to die. If you look at Jesus' parable of the five wise and the five foolish virgins, they are actually given a few minutes to prepare. First, the cry comes, '**the bridegroom is coming,**' and then they wake up and they have time to trim their lamps, they have time to engage in conversation with the five foolish virgins: they tell them to go and buy oil and while they are gone, then the Bridegroom comes and takes them into the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

But, if you listen to the Left Behind series, you would think that there is no time, that Rapture is instantaneous. I'm sure if you are driving a car or a bus or a train, etc and the Rapture occurs, the Lord is going to give you time to get out to save the rest of those passengers. Now, Jenkins and LaHaye suggest in their series that only unworthy people will be left behind because they've listened to the false prophets who say that the entire Church will be raptured and they base their assumption on the fact that the word 'church' is not found in the Book of Revelation after chapter number 5. But the reason for that is

because John is writing a different type of Scripture in chapters 6 through 21, and that is Apocalyptic Literature.

Actually, there are many members of the Church who are left behind and John describes them. Let's look at chapter 12 verse number 11: **'And they,'** now these are left behind, **'overcame him,'** that would be Satan, **'by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto death.'** So, if they overcome Satan with the blood of the Lamb, that means that these are faithful Christians, but please note they were not raptured; they have a different mission. chapter 12, verse number 17, now these also are left behind: **'which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.'** So obviously, if they have the testimony of Jesus Christ, they would have been worthy to join the raptured, but instead, they are left behind to do battle with the Dragon.

And now, chapter 13, verse number 7: **'And it was given unto him,'** now this is the Antichrist, **'to make war with the saints,'** so now we find that these are saints who are left behind, **'and to overcome them.'** Now, when the Antichrist overcomes the saints, this is only a temporary victory because he rules the planet for forty-two months because in the end, the saints and all of the armies which follow Jesus at the Battle of Armageddon, will defeat the Antichrist and Satan and all of their followers and cast them all into the lake of fire. And since the Rapture and its accompanying nuclear war could occur anytime in the next few days, few weeks, few months, very possibly later this year, how many raptured Protestants will there be and how many people left behind, and John covers this enumeration.

Let's look first at the raptured Protestants in chapter 14, verse number 3: **'And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four living creatures, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the 144,000 which were redeemed from earth.'** The word 'redeemed' for John means the raptured. And let's look at chapter 7, verse number 4 and we will see how many converted Jews will be left behind, **'And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed: 144,000 of all the tribes of the children of Israel.'**

And now, let's look at another group which is left behind, although they will soon go to heaven, and that is the holy martyrs. In chapter 14, verse number 1: **'And I saw and behold a Lamb standing on mount**

Zion,' of course this is Jesus returning for the battle of Armageddon, 'and with him 144,000 having his name and the name of his Father written on their foreheads.' Of course we should understand that the number 144,000 is a symbolic number but I really believe that it will not be significantly more or less than that figure which John has given us.

What's very interesting is that Saint John does not enumerate the number of protected Catholics who will be left behind, and I think there's a very important reason for that; it is only after the Antichrist comes to power that people will understand that the only choice they have is to either take the mark of the beast or to pray Mary's Rosary, because that is the weapon Jesus has determined He will use to defeat the Antichrist,. That's is exactly how David prefigured our Lord's defeat of the Antichrist by choosing five smooth pebbles against his arch enemy, Goliath.

So, in conclusion, please do not rely on novels or movies for your information about the Rapture and those left behind. You need to read and understand Scripture, and as Jesus said, you need to read and understand Daniel, and in order to do that, you need to go to my new thirdeaglemedia.com website because the prophecies of Daniel, as they are printed in your Bibles, are sealed up, you cannot understand them. All his chapters and verses must be broken down and reassembled.