You Shall Know Them By Their Fruits (Handout 104 ; 2023 © Copyright by Jon Swanson ; Permission to use/copy is granted.)

The PRE-Tribulation Rapture folks sure have a difficult time when it comes to accurately evidencing their view on the big (movie) screen! Here's the scoop ...

Example 1 – 2000

- A. In the first "Left Behind" film (2000), Pastor Bruce is explaining the rapture event and cites Daniel 9 as a pertinent end-time passage. PROBLEM: He states it this way:
 "... Daniel 9 chapter 27 ..." Hmmm "Petty example," you might say. Read on.
- B. He also cites Daniel 7 as support for the PRE-Trib Rapture. PROBLEM: This chapter does NOT address the rapture of the Saints as the <u>PRE-Trib</u> Rapture position teaches.

Twenty-three years later hasn't seen much improvement. In fact, it gets worse ...

Example 2 – 2023

In the most recent "Left Behind: Rise of the Antichrist" release (2023), we consistently find selective quoting of key "rapture" (gathering-together-of-the-Saints) passages. Cases in point:

A. They misquote I Corinthians 15:51, 52, leaving out the phrase "the last trump."

The DVD has Dr. Vernon Billings saying, "Behold, I tell you a mystery, we shall not all sleep but shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye."

B. They misquote I Thes. 4:16, 17, leaving out "and with the trumpet of God."

Here's how they quote the verses: "For the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be gathered up with them in the clouds to meet our Lord in the air and so shall ever be with the Lord."

Our CONCERN: Why is it they consistently leave out - in this 2023 film - this *trumpet* dynamic of the gathering of God's people in Christ? Hmmm

C. They list (on their list of end-time events: "The Bible Predicted ...") II Thes. 2 as the passage supporting the PRE-Trib Rapture event. PROBLEM: This passage does NOT teach the <u>PRE-Trib</u> Rapture event. In fact, two things take place prior to "the coming of our Lord and our gathering together to Him." Both the apostasy and the revealing of the man of sin take place before this *day of Christ* (NKJV) / *day of the Lord* (ESV). Wow! Is this possible deceit (or even unintended error) on the part of false teachers? Our plea: We need to accurately handle God's holy Word.

Bible Question (for you) in conclusion: What are some PROBLEMS with teaching salvation can come AFTER the Rapture event IF the PRE-Tribulation Rapture theory does not take place?

Please have us come and share our presentations with you, ones which emphasize this: We need to embrace an explicitly biblical eschatology, especially in these *end of days* ! Contact us for more information at <u>email@endmin.org</u>.