

Misleading Internet Web Site about the Bible

I just posted a response to an article on the Internet about why so many churches are closing their doors. I was going through my e-mail and one of those I do read is the web site "World Events and the Bible". They posted or re-posted one of their articles from 14 March 2014. It was with their post for December 10, 2018. This can be one of those sites that have a lot to say but we know nothing about the folks who run this web site. Why is that an important bit of information? The person whose name appears on the site is one Brandon T. Ward, if that is his real name or a pen name. We know nothing about this person's belief beyond the statement of faith, and citing Bible verses far from knows about what Brandon T. Ward believes. The person or persons behind this site appear to be intentionally vague about them; this is a common trait with Seventh Day Adventist sites. When I see this vague ambiguous demeanor my curiosity kicks in, you know it's like reading legal papers.

What makes a site like this dangerous is their ambiguity. By that I am saying you want to know their theological beliefs, something that statement of faith does not always indicate or identify their real beliefs. Allow me to explain. If you required brain surgery for a tumor, you would want to know the person doing the surgery was trained in brain surgery and not basic first aid care. There are 120 different types of brain tumors according to the National Brain Tumor Society. Does the doctor reveal his expertise by the medical school he went to or the hospitals that he has trained and practiced medicine at, so you see what I am saying here? In consulting the Internet about the Bible, you need to know the right questions to ask the host and its staff, if any.

Intuitively the first thing the site reveals to me is that I might be looking at a Seventh Day Witness web site. A second thing that rings loud is the dating on the site. It suggests to me this person is not an American citizen, or is from a country outside the U.S.A. How do I know you ask? In the opening paragraph, read again the third and fourth line. The date "14 March 2014" gives it away. You see, only in America, we would write that as "March 14, 2014". The rest of the world begins with the day before the month as articles on this site does. There is one exception and that is the U.S. military that put the day before the month, and nobody in the U.S. military has the time to run a web site focused on "World Events and the Bible".

The second article on their post for December 10th, 2018 is titled: [Will The Church Go Through The Tribulation Or Be Raptured?](#)

I am taking the liberty to reproduce the full article of Brandon T. Ward, dated 14 March 2014. It is not really very long, actually not a very good response to the person who sent the question in. Given the time of the year, I thought it an appropriate time to take to task those who have no hope for the reader. The author and web site unquestionably are misleading their readers by stating there is no Rapture. I trust my information will prove helpful in understanding why one has to be careful on the Internet. The Internet can be a blessing but often proves to be a purveyor of misunderstanding, misinformation, and misinterpretation of God's Word!



Bible Question and Answer

Will The Church Go Through The Tribulation Or Be Raptured?

Welcome to Bible Question and Answer, our bi-weekly series where we provide Bible verses, answers and advice to the questions and concerns you have. During the course of the last two weeks readers have submitted their questions and today we are going to answer one of them.

Name: Preacher Dave

Question: Will we (the church) go through the tribulation or will we be raptured out before it happens?? The Bible says we will be raptured out before this time comes. Scripture ref: [I Thessalonians 4:14](#) thru 18 and [I Thessalonians 1:9](#) and [Revelation 3:10](#). The whole point of the rapture is to keep the church from going through the wrath of G-d Right?

Name: Brandon T. Ward

Answer: Preacher Dave, thank you for the question.

The rapture is a church doctrine, one that cannot be documented in the Bible. There is no rapture of the church or anyone else for that matter. We have a Bible study on this subject that I would like you to read titled, "[The False Hope of the Rapture](#)".

[Revelation 7](#) documents the [Saints who are the Elect](#), the 144,000, are sealed with the Word of God. [This sealing is so important the Tribulation cannot begin until it is complete.](#)

The Saints that are Sealed and many more are going to stand with [the whole armour of God](#) on and in place through the entire Tribulation. They will stand with the Two Witnesses who prophesy during the Tribulation of Satan who will claim to be God. [Revelation 7:14](#) documents the Saints and those who stand with them go through the entire Tribulation.

Many mistakenly believe [Revelation 4:1](#) is referring to the church, but nowhere do we find the church mentioned.

Who was God talking to in that verse?

John, as [Revelation 1:1-2](#) documents.

John was taken to the Lord's Day, the Millennium and shown what will happen during and after the Tribulation.

Many mistakenly believe the Tribulation is all about "God's Wrath". That is only partly true.

"Tribulation" means "trouble" and Satan is the "trouble". [Satan is the one who will appear on earth claiming to be God, \(2 Thessalonians 2:1-4; 8-9\)](#). The "time of trouble" is Satan who will deceive the people of the world by the miracles he performs in their sight, ([Revelation 13:13-14](#)).

On the other hand, "God's Wrath" does not transpire until the Vials begin to pour out, and finally, when Jesus Christ appears at the Seventh Trumpet, ([Revelation 15:1; 16:1, 1 Corinthians 15:52](#)).

Further, [Acts 3:20-21](#) documents Christ must stay in Heaven until all prophecy has been fulfilled. This leaves no room for a rapture.

Concerning verses [1 Thessalonians 4:14-18](#), back up one verse to 13, please.

[1 Thessalonians 4:13](#)

13 *"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope."*

The entire subject of this verse concerns those who have passed on before us. Paul is explaining to us they will return with Christ at the 7th Trumpet.

Nowhere does it say anyone leaves the earth beforehand.

Concerning [1 Thessalonians 1:10](#), I believe you meant verse 9 where we are kept from the Wrath of God. We covered that above.

Finally, [Revelation 3:10](#) where we are kept from the [Hour of Temptation](#). We are kept from the Hour of Temptation (*Tribulation*) as Satan is not "tempting" to those who understand the final events of the Last Days. This is why Paul would write in [1 Thessalonians 5:1-6](#) the Return of Christ will not overtake His children, [the children of light](#) as a thief.

Why?

They understand Satan appears before Christ claiming to be Him. When that event occurs, we will know we are [Five Months away from the Return of Christ](#).

Additional Reading:

- [The False Hope of the Rapture](#)
- [The Timeline of the Tribulation](#)

Thank you for reading this edition of Bible Question and Answer. We sincerely thank our readers for the opportunity to answer their questions and share them with the rest of our audience. We also thank our Father for providing us with this platform in order to share His most precious Word.

This will be a hard call to make; and, although I suspected it as being a Seventh Day Adventist, or one of the cults, I will say they have gone to great length to hide their real identity. I spent five hours reading many of their articles, and I can tell you they do not want the reader to know who they are, but the host name Brandon T. Ward is merely a front name. However, there are many ways of identifying a web site, provided you have a lot of education and training. By that I am saying you have to read a lot of their articles in order to get through their skillful art of hiding their real identity. It is my educated opinion that the web site “World Events and the Bible” is associated with in some way Arnold Murray’s “The Shepherd’s Chapel”, or one of the groups “who study with Arnold Murray”.

The Shepherd's Chapel is, at the very least, a controversial church with many unorthodox doctrines. Even though the Shepherd's Chapel is considered to be a non-Christian cult by many people, it is left to be fully determined whether or not it is. This is the view of the orthodox Christian web site “Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry”. They provide an extensive analysis of Arnold Murray’s “The Shepherd’s Chapel”.

Arnold Murray passed away in 2011, and when checking to verify the date of his death, low and behold, guess what came up?

When I clicked onto “Pastor Arnold Murray of the Shepherd’s Chapel Has Passed” at this link: <https://worldeventsandthebible.com/2014/02/pastor-arnold-murray-of...> I was surprised at what came up.

If you go this link, you will find a glowing and endearing eulogy for Arnold Murray, but the strange dating of the eulogy was in 2014, yet Murray died in 2011. Nonetheless, the post at “World Events and the Bible” clearly identified their ties with Arnold Murray’s “The Shepherd Chapel”. Over the years I watched a fair number of Pastor Murray’s television broadcasts and I have to admit, I could have never understood his beliefs and theology had I not my seminary education and decades of Christian ministry as a Methodist pastor. So clearly, referring to my

analogy of requiring brain surgery for a tumor, you might want to find out more of what a web site really represents lest you be led astray.

I would suggest to the reader there are several web sites similar to “World Events and the Bible” on the Internet. I highly recommend the reader read the analysis of Arnold Murray’s “The Shepherd’s Chapel” by “Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry” at the link to CARM: **carm.org**. Their page on “The Shepherd’s Chapel” is a thorough analysis. As expected, those associated with Arnold Murray do not believe in the Pre-Tribulation Rapture and groups connected in one way or another hold the same view pertaining to the Rapture.

Those writing the articles on this site are skilled enough to hide their real beliefs and underlying theology. It took me two hours of reading their Bible studies articles before I could find something that would identify them and almost five hours before I nailed them. I don’t need to reveal what words stood out in their articles since the above links confirmed my naming them as being linked to Arnold Murray’s “The Shepherd’s Chapel.”

In summary, “World Events and the Bible” is outside both main stream theological interpretations of the Bible. It was a given that the sight was not Dispensational since they rejected the Rapture. However, neither did they fit the other theological system of understanding the Bible, as Covenant/Reformed Theology rejects the idea of a Millennium or 1,000 reign of Christ on earth. Arnold Murray taught a Millennium of 1,000 years. It would be helpful here to remind folks there are in addition to the two primary schools of theology or interpreting the Bible,

One of the better guides to studying the Bible is that of www.ntslibrary.com/PDF/Books/biblestudymethods.pdf. It contains a Bible study handbook by Dr. Ken Carson. It is a Free PDF, and contains most of the information needed in getting all you can out of the Bible. I probably owned thirty books on this most important study topic. If you were going on a vacation, you would want the best maps available, and for those with GPS, you would want to gather all the important information needed to plan your trip.

Getting back to the focus of why knowing all you can about a web site is so critical, you can find many web sites that may seem sound and Biblical, and yet be so wrong and inept when it comes to interpreting the Word of God. Many web sites debunk the Pre-Tribulation Rapture because they are “prepper” sites, or earn income from selling “prepper” and “survival” food supplies. The articles they post are “sensational” in attention getting. Steve Quayle and Rick Wiles of True News are two prime examples that thrive on stories intended to frighten folks. So it becomes advantageous to their Internet business model and keep people living in a constant state of fear. Another site gear to fear is ‘Survival Dan 101. They are on the Internet to make money living on the emotion that drives the stock markets, “fear and greed”.

Most of the sites that refute the Pre-Tribulation Rapture want folks to live in fear, despite the Apostle Paul has much to say about fear to the believer in Christ Jesus. In 2nd Timothy 1:7, Paul says, **“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love,**

and of a sound mind.” The Apostle John in 1st John 4:18 says, ***“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.”*** If anything, the doubter, the unbeliever, ought to fear God rather than man. There is abundant Scripture references that address this topic. I have given a mere two here as a reminder that God is not about and will not let us down! Even the Apostle Peter in 1st Peter 3:15 says, ***“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:”***

Incidentally, the word “fear” is found **490X** [7 x 7 x10 = 490] in the Bible, an indirect witness to God’s “Heptadic” Design Feature that confirms the manuscripts used to translate the KJV Bible are not from man but the Creator Himself, Christ Jesus. I say all of this so that you do not lose hope, and when you come across a web site refuting the Rapture, consider the source. Their motives and credibility will expose their bias and anti-Rapture fear mongering!

This is not to say there are many reasons to have fear; an EMP, Nuclear annihilation, a pandemic, chemical or biological attack. I am not naïve to the many scenarios by which life is held in the balance, but God is in control. I lived during the era of Cuban blockade, the standoff between Nikita Khrushchev and President John F. Kennedy. I was a soldier stationed in West Germany during the Cold War era. For three years (1,096 days) my squad room was twenty-four feet directly above the basement armory that held eighteen of our 36 nuclear warheads each with 15-kiloton warheads. We were garrisoned in former Nazi Luftwaffe barracks.

In no way do I minimize the worst-case scenarios; however, my faith is grounded 100% in the promise of deliverance by God before judgment comes to this world. You are living in the era that Hal Lindsey wrote about in his book ‘*Combat Faith*’ a few years ago. Take a look at today’s news stories at Steve Quayle for December 10, 2018. Your ticker might go haywire in today’s stories of fear. I don’t need a cup of joe to get my day going, I just check out the **Q**uayle site. Every single day the Internet news is more ominous than the day before. It follows the Biblical script for the last days

I have done many articles on Dispensationalism, the Pre-Tribulation Rapture, even going so far as to provide 300 reasons the Rapture will be Pre-Tribulational in a series on the Pre-Tribulation Truth series. Every article at the host site where my works are archived, each and every one has my email address and I do respond to all mail and questions.

Be blessed, and Trust in the Lord Christ Jesus!

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