

PRAY to ESCAPE...

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Zeal Without Knowledge

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1 Thessalonians 4:13 (NASB95)

*...we do not want you to be **uninformed**, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.*

TERMS:

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THE PURPOSE

Draw us closer to Jesus and proclaim Jesus to others _____.

Scripture dictates _____.

Don't be _____.

Differing positions have NOTHING TO DO with _____.

SCRIPTURAL WARNINGS

In Matt. 24:4-6 Jesus tells us that we are _____ to be misled.

In Acts 1:6-7 Jesus tells us that it is not for us to know _____ or _____.

Paul in 1 Thess. 5:1-3 states that the Day of the Lord will come like a "_____ in the _____."

And in 2 Thess. 2:1-2 he admonishes us to "not be _____ shaken from our composure or _____."

2 Thess. 2:15 tells us to _____ on what the Bible teaches.

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FALSE PREDICTIONS

Have been about the Millennium, the Birth of Antichrist, Destruction of the Roman Papacy, Date of the Battle of Armageddon, & Date of the Rapture.

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POP CULTURE ESCHATOLOGY

Eschatology makes for great stories and filmmaking but there is a 2-fold problem:

1. It is _____ and relies on _____ as their own _____.
2. It is _____ in the _____.

ZEALOUSNESS

Romans 10:2 refers to those that have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge.

_____ is NOT enough! There MUST be _____.

Jesus warns us in Matthew 24:23, "Do not _____ them!"

CONCLUSION:

A rule of thumb is this: run far and fast from anyone setting a date for eschatological events; it is sheer and utter folly! No matter how zealous someone is regarding a time or date or epoch, Christ Himself has said "DO NOT BELIEVE THEM" Why?

Because we need to keep our _____ on Jesus _____!.

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