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It's time for the Biblical Prophecy Program with your host Alan Kurschner of Eschatos Ministries.

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A Stark Contrast between a Prewrath and Pretrib 2015 Bible Prophecy Conference. Some of you may be thinking to yourself, Alan, this is a strange topic for the program today. Why are you comparing two types or two Prophecy Conferences. It may be not appropriate for a radio program or whatnot. Well, actually I was going to address a different topic today and I changed my mind because there were two Prophecy Conferences that were announced recently that's going to happen in 2015 in Florida. And in fact it's going to happen in the early part of 2015, a prewrath and a pretrib conference. And the reason that I'm doing this is because I think it's going to show, it's going to illustrate a contrast between, in this case, prewrath and pretribulational Eschatology, the theology, by noting or describing the nature of these conferences.

But first of all I want to mention that if you live on the East Coast, particularly the Mid-Atlantic region, in New Jersey, Delaware, other parts of New York, if you live in that region, or even the Northeast region, I'm having a Bible Prophecy Seminar in Parsippany, New Jersey, on November 22. In fact that's the week before Thanksgiving weekend. I don't think having a Bible Prophecy Conference the Thanksgiving weekend would be very good obviously. But yeah, the week before Thanksgiving weekend, that's November 22. It's going to be a Bible Prophecy Conference in New Jersey, in Parsippany. And if you know, you or yourself, if you know of anyone who lives out here be sure to tell them about it. And you can go to [alankurschner.com](http://alankurschner.com) to learn more about the seminar and even register for it.

Also, I have not announced it yet since we're working out the details, but there's going to be a Bible Prophecy Seminar, Lord willing, in Salt Lake City area early next year. I post more on that when that's solidified.

And this week I announced a Florida conference, where I will be speaking. Well it's going to be in Orlando, and in fact let me bring up the details here. You can go to [alankurschner.com](http://alankurschner.com) and click on the tab that says Speaking Events or we have a banner advertising it as well. It's Florida Bible Prophecy Conference, January 10, 2015 in Orlando, and the title of it is, Difficult Times - Are You Prepared? And I'm one of five speakers, there's Timothy Gill of the UnderGrounded, Darcie Gill, Voice of the Martyrs Associate, and Usama Dakdok, I hope I'm pronouncing his last name correctly, with the Ministry of the Straight Way of Grace Ministry. And I actually spoke with him at a Las Vegas Prophecy Conference back in August. He is a phenomenal speaker and I'm looking forward to hearing him again. And then there is of course Charles Cooper with Prewrath Resource Institute, and of course myself. Us five, we are going to be giving different sessions, different talks from 9 am - it's a one-day conference - so 9 am to 6 pm, and I'm giving two sessions, one session is on a vital-- it's the Prewrath Rapture Part 1: A Vital Biblical Distinction. And of course the biblical distinction there is that there is a distinction between the

Antichrist Great Tribulation and the Day of The Lord's Wrath. If you get that distinction wrong, you will get your Eschatology wrong, every time. And that's why pretribulationism and even posttribulationism in many instances gets it wrong, because they don't recognize that vital biblical distinction. And I'm going to show ten passages in the Bible that show that distinction. And then my second talk, it's titled, Prewrath Rapture Part 2: The 800-Pound Gorilla is 2 Thessalonians 2. You just can't get around that passage. Pretribulationists cannot get around that passage, it explicitly teaches that the Church will face the Antichrist persecution, they will be here when the Antichrist is revealed. And I have seen so many types of exegetical somersaults, from pretribulationist teachers to try to get around this teaching, even saying, Oh, the *apostasia* is the rapture. I mean, really, really absurd interpretations such as that. In fact Tommy Ice is known for making that interpretation that the *apostasia* mentioned in 2 Thessalonians 2 is the rapture. Of course I've challenged him to debate this publicly and he refuses to debate this publicly. But there is a standing debate for Tommy Ice on that passage. So that's the Florida conference and as far as announcements goes, a lot of good conferences coming up.

This brings me to mention that there is another Prophecy Conference in Orlando early next year. I believe it's in March here, is it March or April? Hold on let me look here, it is March 5-7. This is going to be at the Hyatt Regency Orlando Hotel. And this is actually a-- this is a pretribulationist conference. Hey, I think maybe they should pay me for advertising their conference, I doubt that's going to happen. But this is the 2015 Orlando Prophecy Conference, it's also called the Orlando Prophecy Summit. Now why am I bringing up, why am I trying to promote a pretribulationist conference? Well, I'm not actually trying to promote it, I would not encourage anyone to attend the conference. But I am mentioning this conference for a particular reason. Now when I learned about the conference very recently I was like, Okay, you know what, I'm just interested in what Bible Prophecy topics and passages they're going to be addressing at the conference. So I went to the website at [prophecyinthenews.com](http://prophecyinthenews.com) and I admit, I was taken back at what I found. When I went to the conference page, first of all, I could not find anywhere, anywhere what Biblical Prophecy topics and passages would be addressed at this conference. It looks like they're pulling out all stops for this conference and yet you can't find anywhere what are the topics that attendees are going to be learning about. I mean they have a sampling of speakers listed, at the bottom, Jonathan Cahn, Tommy Ice, Paul McGuire, Bill Salus and a few others. And not even-- there's a little introduction conference video by Kevin Clarkson, that doesn't even give you information on specific topics of what's going to be addressed here.

But what I did find completely floored me. Right smack on the main page, this is the main page, this is the section where you highlight your biggest draw, how do you want to draw people to the conference. Right on the main page, the very first thing that is mentioned about the conference is, and I shouldn't say very first thing, there's only a few things mentioned about the conference. So this is what they're highlighting, in as to get people to come to the conference, this is what it says. "We have just returned from Orlando, Florida where we toured the beautiful Hyatt Regency Orlando Hotel where our next Prophecy Summit will be held. The dates are Thursday, Friday, Saturday, March 5-7, 2015." And are you ready for this? "This hotel is equipped with the latest amenities including a television that is displayed into the mirror in every bathroom!" Yes, you heard me right, folks. You know, here you have a Prophecy conference, know we're not going to tell you what-- if you come to the conference we're not going to tell you what you're going to listen to if you come to the conference. However, if you stay at the Hyatt you can be sure that there will be a television displayed in the mirror - we are cutting edge - in every hotel bathroom. For \$98 registration fee, and of course hotel expenses, this is the one thing that, Hey, you know you're going to experience at the "Bible Prophecy Conference." So that really floored me. But wait, there is more [chuckles]. It goes on to say, I kid you not, you can go there, I'm going to leave the link in the show notes. It says, "The swimming pool is so huge, it is breathtaking. You will be amazed at the magnificent chandeliers, marble floors and beautiful carpets throughout the facility." Yeah, I'm not kidding, folks. This is what they're showcasing to get people to come to their conference on the conference page. And again, as I mentioned, I leave the link in the show notes at [alankurschner.com/11](http://alankurschner.com/11). I've tried this again, I tried to look at everywhere for information on what topics are going to be addressed at this conference, but I can't find any link, and the only links I see on the

website is, there is two links, but these links they take you to the hotel itself to view all the amenities. And then there is a link to register for the conference, well, I looked for information through that link, I couldn't find it. But I mean, absolutely nothing, nothing about what is going to be addressed, what biblical topics are going to be addressed at this conference. I guess you have to pay your \$90 and wait until you get there to find out. It's very odd. You know what, I have an idea here. I'm actually going to call them, there's a 1-800 number on the website. Let's give them a call and maybe we can some information that way. Let's see here, . 1-800-475-1111 ... 1-800-475-1111 All right, let's try calling them and see if we can get any information.

This call may be recorded for quality training purposes.

Thank you for calling our toll free number. Your call is important to us All of our operators are engaged in another call at this time. Please do not hang up but stay on the line and an operator will assist you in the order the call was received. Your call may be monitored to--

Okay we're waiting, I guess we're on hold here. I guess there's so many people wanting to sign up because to experience that mirror in the hotel bathroom. The television in the mirror, that is. Okay, I got elevator music. [inaudible]

Okay we're still waiting here. All right, I know you guys are probably getting kind of bored here. so, you know what, I'm going to hang up here and I'll try later. I don't want to waste all this airtime. You know what, maybe this is an Amway meeting [laughter] or some other multilevel marketing meeting, disguised as a Prophecy Conference because they're not telling us what's going to be addressed at this conference, who knows. All right, so there you go, there is your choices of a Prophecy Conference early next year in Florida. You can attend the Second Annual Orlando Prophecy Summit at the Hyatt Regency and experience luxury for a weekend, including being able to shave and brush your teeth, watching the morning television news in your bathroom in your mirror. That we know will be at the conference. Or, you can attend the Bible Prophecy Conference on January 10 in Orlando where myself and others will be teaching on suffering theology. The title of this conference is Difficult Times - Are You Prepared. Those are your choices, will be a shiny object such as TV in your mirrors or persecution theology.

Of course, you know, I'm not naive, pretribulational conferences, they're always going to be more popular than prewrath conferences because they appeal to the flesh. Cutting edge hotel, or trying to feature cutting edge hotel bathrooms with televisions in the mirrors, swimming pools that are breathtaking, and chandeliers, marble floors and beautiful carpet. No you won't find me-- even if I had conference or a seminar at a really nice hotel. I'm not going to be promoting that, I would just be embarrassed to do that. That's not why I want people to come. I want people to come so they are driven close to Christ, they are driven close to know God, not trying to appeal to their carnal flesh, and of course not using sensational, speculative prophecy that's tantalizing, itching to their ears. No, I want people to know God and His word. As far as prewrath, these seminars that I give, these one-day Bible Prophecy Seminars, it's not the best marketing plan I have to get people-- you know try to get people to jump out of bed at 7 in the morning and trying to tell them, Attend a Prewrath Seminar where I'm going to tell them that they could very likely have their head cut off one day, if they face the Antichrist. That's probably not the best marketing strategy. You know, maybe I should fire my marketing manager and hire one of these pretrib organizers. Just kidding there, people. I don't even a marketing manager, it's me and that's it, shoestring budget. And my wife helps me a little bit as well. I'm more than happy to have smaller attendance at my seminars and conferences because I know, I know that it's glorifying to Christ to speak the truth about what the Bible teaches on this important topic, and not be a man pleaser. This life is a vapor, and one day I'm going to have to give an account to God in my teachings for my teachings in my seminars. And the method of how I promote my seminars.

It makes me feel ill, I'll be honest, it makes me feel ill knowing that God's people are going to these pretribs sensational Bible Prophecy Conferences being duped, deceived, into this escapist theology. They're not being prepared for what's coming on the Church, particularly the Church in America. They're not, let's face it, let's be honest. They're not being prepared. Their roots are not being planted

deep when the persecution comes, and it will come, no doubt. And they will see that they're not going to be-- when they see they're not raptured out of here before that persecution. They're going to be so vulnerable, sadly. And many will apostatize, because they're ignorant of Scripture and they are spiritually unprepared. When you have Prophecy Conferences hiding what they will be teaching and instead highlighting that their attendees are going to experience television sets in their hotel mirror bathrooms. Folks, you know, you know, something is very, very wrong in pretribulational circles.

I want to conclude briefly, noting one other example of this type of contrast between pretrib and prewrath conferences. A couple weekends ago I spoke at a Bible Prophecy Seminar, one of my own that I put on, one-day conferences in Diamond Bar, California. And, oh man, it was edifying, it was edifying for myself because of seeing the attendees, they got it, they understood, they received the message well. And they understood that this is a sober teaching from God's word. I found it interesting that, you know that was a few weeks ago, and just to kind of contrast that seminar, over a year ago Chuck Smith spoke at a-- Chuck Smith, founder of the Calvary Chapel - he spoke at a Bible Prophecy Conference, actually in the next town over. And that conference, it was attended by, you're ready for this, that Bible Prophecy Conference was attended by 8,000 people, yes 8,000 people. I mean, what an opportunity that Chuck Smith had to instruct Calvary Chapel people in Biblical Prophecy of what Jesus, Paul, and the Book of Revelation teaches on the Second Coming. And the opportunity to warn them, that they will first face the Antichrist Great Tribulation before the second coming. Can you imagine if Smith gave that message? That would have been wonderful, God would have been glorified, the people of God at Calvary Chapel would have been edified and prepared in the truth. Well, that was not the message that Smith gave, of course, because he has a tradition, or had a tradition of pretribulationism. Instead, tragically, he gave an escapist message, a typical tradition encrusted pretribulational message. I wrote an article about this back when that happened. I leave the link to that article in the shownotes. But for now let me just say that his message boiled down to this. He was talking about all the precarious events going on around the world, and again, this is over a year ago, and he said, I kid you not, he said basically as I paraphrase, Because of all this turmoil in the world, don't worry, you can have a "Smile on your face." And he goes on and he said the church is experience these types of events as they get worse. In fact he says, "The outlook for the Church is very bright." And then he went on to explain that it's because the Church is going to imminently be raptured very soon before these difficult times comes upon us.

Folks, this grieves me. It grieves me that Calvary Chapel pastors, and not just Calvary Chapel pastors, but other pretribulational pastors, who are not in Calvary Chapel are the [white-knuckling?] their pretribulational traditions. In fact I'm told that if you hold a different view in Calvary Chapel, other than pretrib, you can be fired as a pastor. That's sad. You know though, I am encouraged, I need to say this, I am encouraged that there is actually a movement out there. And I think the prewrath leadership is actually seeing that and they might be responding to that. So there is something going on. But I'm aware of it, I get emails from people and in the past year I had Calvary Chapel attendees come to my seminars, so that's encouraging. So it's encouraging that the movement out there, it's not among the leadership, although I suspect there are some closet prewrath Calvary Chapel pastors out there. And I would just encourage them, I would encourage them to come out of that pre-trib closet and warn your people. You have a mandate from God to warn your people, to teach your people the truth, and not to affirm some tradition statement of faith. But the people in the churches, they're rejecting pretrib theology and becoming wrath. So that's encouraging. So let's continue to pray for Calvary Chapel and other denominations. Yes, Calvary Chapel is a denomination, even though they don't want to be considered one. They are a denomination and they have a tradition. But let's pray for the Calvary Chapel pastors, that more would be concerned about the truth, the second coming, than concerned with tradition and not rocking the boat.

The church in America, you know it does, it's so unprepared for the persecution that's coming. And I'm not even [eschatological?] persecution of the Antichrist Great Tribulation, although that may very well happen in our lifetime. Our church leaders, pastors, many of them are misleading the people on this issue. Or they're just ignoring the issue altogether. This is why I really believe when Jesus says in Luke

17, "When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith?" What's being implied there is, guess what, when Christ comes, not many are going to have faith, only a remnant, and I believe the vast majority of professing Christians, not true believers, but professing Christians, are going to apostatize when it comes. Jesus is all of discourse, Matthew 24-25, He says, "Remember I have told you ahead of time." Not simply, I have told you, but, Remember, I have told you ahead of time. And that's ominous because when these events happen, and during the Antichrist Great Tribulation, it's going to be too late to prepare. We're not going to be-- pretribs are not going to be able to, Oh, wow, okay I see what's happening. Let's have a Prophecy Conference and-- No, no, no, not during the Great Tribulation. That's not going to happen, that's going to be too late. Today we need to prepare. That's why Jesus says, that's why He gives the Parable of the Ten Virgins. The five were foolish, they delayed, they delayed.

I've gone longer than I wanted to, but let me close with this benediction. That's 1 Peter 4:12-19, "Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you, to test you as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian let him not be ashamed but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgement to begin at the household of God. And if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the Gospel of God? And if the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner? Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful creator while doing good."

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