

Father Alar Distorts End Times Catholic Prophecy – Pt 1

Welcome to Revelation Unraveled. I'm your host William Tapley, On this program I want to respond to a Father Chris Alar and I believe he is out of the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, because he did a series of very popular videos in which he claims to give the Catholic Church's view of End Times prophecy, and he makes quite a few huge errors. Now I'm not surprised really because up until now hardly any priests have talked about End Times prophecy, so for him to make a lot of big errors is not surprising to me. I mean seminaries do not teach Daniel or the Book of Revelation to those who are studying for the priesthood. So I thought we'd take a look at some of the clips from his videos which as I say have gotten over 250,000 views and that's why I'm doing this because he's leading an awful lot of Catholics and others astray. So Father Alar, go ahead. I will let you give your first opening statement.

Father Alar: “So what do we believe? What is the teaching of the church? Do we believe in the Antichrist? Yes; the Rapture? No; the Tribulation? Sort of; we're going to sort all of that out. Stay with us.”

So as I say, Father Alar you are wrong in two out of three of your assertions. For example, there is most definitely a Tribulation. There's no “sort of” about it, and of course the Rapture you're completely wrong on, because Jesus talks more about the Rapture in the Olivet Discourse than any other person, place or event. It's very interesting in his program, he never quotes any church document, for example that teaches against the Rapture; no Papal document, no Papal encyclical; he never quotes any saints who speak against the Rapture. He never quotes from the catechism of the Catholic Church, so he's skating on a very thin ice when he says there is no Rapture, although I admit that's a popular view among contemporary Catholic theologians. Would you please continue Father Alar?

Father Alar: “The church tells us through scripture what will happen at the end. So what will happen at the end? All right; Protestants and Catholics differ in their views of the Tribulation and the Rapture etc.”

Actually the Protestant view of the Rapture is closer to the truth than Father Alar, and as I say, he never quotes any saints. Now next he's going to quote from Taylor Marshall, but is he any more reliable than his other friends that he quotes from? Now I admit the term Rapture is fairly new. I believe it was coined back in the 19th century, but in the Bible, the raptured are referred to many times. Saint John refers to them as the called. He refers to them as the purchased, so if you want to say Rapture is not in the Bible, you can say that, but the raptured most certainly are.

Father Alar: “Now basically he (Taylor Marshall) said that the Left Behind series teaches a false doctrine. You may have heard of that. It was a very popular series about what 15 years ago or so, and it was about what happens at the end time with the Rapture. The problem is this does teach a false doctrine. A lot of you Catholics watch those Left Behind series, and it's good, anything that brings us closer to God but you got to be careful. It's false what it teaches in the sense that seven years before the end; the end of

the world that is; the good will be raptured; meaning all who believe in Jesus will be taken away to Heaven.”

Now I admit, a lot of the Left Behind series is pure fantasy. It's made for dramatic purposes. First of all, the entire church will not be raptured, only a very tiny fraction. The Bible says 144,000 will be raptured. Secondly, the dramatic effects in the Left Behind series are crazy. For example when the people are raptured they leave behind a pile of clothes. Where is that in the Bible? It's nowhere in the Bible, or if a bus driver for example is raptured, then the bus crashes and people are killed, or an airline pilot. That's all for a dramatic effect. None of that is in the Bible.

Actually if you look at the parable of the five wise and five foolish virgins, which Father Alar never looks at, they are given time to prepare for the Rapture. I mean the cry comes at midnight, which by the way, does not sound at all like a glorious coming of our Lord, at the very end, and both the wise and the foolish virgins actually have time to prepare. And the five foolish virgins say to the five wise, “Give us some of your oil”, and the five wise virgins say, “No we can't spare any unless we won't have enough for ourselves. Go and buy some.” So then they go off and buy some. And while they are gone, the bridegroom comes.

So as you can see, there's time for quite a bit of bantering and conversation, and that means that we will be given a short period of time; those who are going to be raptured. It's not going to be a total surprise like the Left Behind series said. And now what's kind of interesting is that Father Alar stumbles upon the truth, that there are in fact three End Times comings of our Lord.

Father Alar: “The Protestant Rapture falsely says Jesus, His second coming will actually happen twice. As I told you, He'll come and establish a thousand year reign, and He'll come again at the end; one secretly to free the believer. So maybe it's even the Rapture in the beginning. That seems to me, to be almost three second comings.”

I like to compare these three End Times comings of our Lord to a football game which is divided into a first half and a second half. In the second half, Jesus scores three touchdowns, and of course in the first half He scores one touchdown when He comes as the babe of Bethlehem. I like that term touchdown. By the way when our Lord touches down on the earth, maybe you could say the first touchdown in the second half. The rapture would be like a forward pass in the air. The second touchdown when Jesus touches down for Armageddon on Mount Zion. That would be on the ground and the third touchdown when our Lord comes to judge at Armageddon, the entire universe. That would be like, oh maybe a kick-off return for all 100 yards, total and complete judgment. I think this football analogy helps to understand that in the second half of the football game, there can be three different touchdowns. And now next, are the Protestants correct in their sequence of events as they describe the End Times?

Father Alar: “. but the first time He comes a second time, if that makes any sense, is in secret they say. So basically the Protestants believe that there are two second comings of Christ; one secretly, one public, but the Bible

tells us there's only one second coming of Christ. Then at the end of the seven year Tribulation Jesus will come a second time in the second coming to set up this thousand year reign. The problem is Jesus is coming a second time only once. There's only one second coming or there'd be a third coming if you had two second comings."

So I think this Protestant sequence of the End Times comings of our Lord are correct. First, the rapture, second, Armageddon and third, judgment, and these follow actually the life of a typical Hebrew male in the Old Testament. First of course the Israelite was born and it was the normal course of events when he attained manhood to get married. That would correspond to the Rapture. After a year of marriage, he was expected to serve in the military. That would correspond to Armageddon, and of course as he grew older and wiser and more respected in the community, that would refer to our Lord coming at judgment, the third coming of our Lord in these End Times.

And any quotation from scripture that supports this Protestant view, Father Alar totally avoids. For example when it describes two working in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. That's the Rapture, or two will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left. So Father Alar leaves out those very important quotes. The only way you can support his viewpoint that all three comings of our Lord occur at the same time, is if you leave out an awful lot of important Biblical references.

Father Alar: "That graphic I showed you way back at the beginning of this talk showed the Rapture is the first thing. Well no, because when Christ comes at His only second coming, it won't be silent, and when He comes it is to destroy the Antichrist and the Antichrist means He already had to be here. You see this is confusing a little bit, but it makes perfect sense."

No, I disagree. It is not at all confusing, if you understand there are three touchdowns in the second half. When Jesus comes at Armageddon and defeats the Antichrist that is not at all like the secret Rapture, when Jesus is called and purchased to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, and it's not at all like when He comes at final judgment.

If you look carefully at the three different comings of our Lord, they all have different descriptions. They are not at all like each other. So let's take a look at more of what Father Alar is saying, because he is quite confused and he is confusing a lot of Catholics, as well as others.

Father Alar: "Let's look at the next slide. The Rapture will occur at Jesus's second coming and I use that word Rapture meaning we don't believe in the Rapture, but meaning where the souls will be united with God, will occur at Christ's second coming, the public and glorious second coming. So I use the word Rapture, I should put that in quotation marks. The Rapture will occur at Jesus's second coming, the public and glorious second coming. All right; it will precede general judgment and the end of the world."

Father Alar really has to force the narrative to make everything sound glorious, and that's a very nice image of a glorious return of our Lord, but that does not at all sound like a thief in the night. You would have a completely different picture for the Rapture, and also when He comes at Armageddon. When He comes and prepared for battle. That does not at all sound like coming in glory at the very end, when he comes as a judge. So next, let's listen to Father Alar go completely bonkers only because he can't even pronounce millenarianism or millennialism, and he confuses the two, not only in their pronunciation, but in their meaning, and the Church does not teach against the Millennium but it does teach against millenarianism.

Father Alar: "However Catholics do not believe that a Rapture will take place prior to that time, seven years prior. No, it all happens at once. That belief of the Rapture being seven years earlier is a form of melanarianism, millennia. I'm sorry millennium-nism. If I can get that pronounced correctly, and this is something our Church condemns, millennialism. The Catholic Church is amillennial meaning that it believes that Christ's second coming and the last judgment will happen at the same time."

This is completely false. The church does not teach against the Millennium. It teaches against millenarianism. Millenarianism is the heresy currently infecting the Catholic Church. It teaches that the church will not have to go through a Tribulation to achieve nirvana. It teaches that mankind is perfectible, and that is a false heresy. It's actually the heresy of modernism, which I think Pope Leo called the synthesis of all heresies.

Now the Millennium, if he says the church teaches against the Millennium, he must not include Saint John in the Church, because Saint John refers to the era of peace in the Millennium **eight times**. The era of peace is also referred to by Mary at Fatima. She said in the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. Russia will be converted and an era of peace will be granted to mankind. That's in the end.

So Father Alar, really I think the source of his confusion; well first of all, he is going by a lot of people who don't know any more than he does, like Taylor Marshall and he confuses the three End Times comings of our Lord, the three touchdowns he thinks occur all at once, but if you look at their descriptions in the Bible, they all sound different and they are different. And I tried to make it sound a little more reasonable, if you realize that it's like a football game. As I said, Jesus scores three touchdowns in the second half. He scored one touchdown in the first half and he wins the game 28 to nothing.

So I hope that is a little clearer for everyone, especially Catholics. Father Alar as I said has over 250,000 views, and of course Jesus said that in the end, even the elect could be led astray. So believe me, there will be a Rapture. The Protestants don't describe it very accurately either, but nonetheless I think it's important that we realize that there are three End Times comings of our Lord.

And until I see all of you again may God bless all of you.