



Book Review

Zane C. Hodges, *Power To Make War: The Career of the Assyrian Who Will Rule the World* (Dallas: Redención Viva, 1995), 144 pages. Paperback 7.95.

The ancient prophecies of the Bible look closer to fulfillment today than at any time in the millennium that is now ending.

Zane Hodges takes a fresh look at these prophecies and at the "new world order" which they foresee. In *Power to Make War*, Hodges traces the career of the man who will establish this new world order and will introduce a new economic system and a new world religion.

The collapse of the new order will occur at the battle of Armageddon, in which humanity will wage a final, catastrophic battle against an invasion from the sky!

The best way to introduce you to Hodges' view of the Antichrist, which is not mainstream, is by reproducing the Prologue.

"He will be an Assyrian by race. He will live in the Middle East. He has not deserted the Bedouin lifestyle into which he was born. But he has deserted the religion of his ancestors. He is not a Muslim.

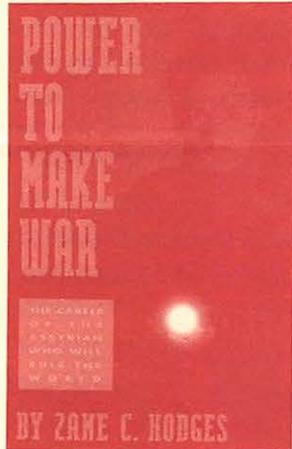
Instead, he worships a new god unknown to his forefathers. And because he has sold himself to this god, he will receive power to make war. His god will give this to him, along with kingly authority over all mankind.

His first conquests will take place in Egypt and the Middle East. Next he will become the ruler of the New Roman Empire. After this, he will have the whole world at his feet. No nation will be able to make war with him.

At a crisis point in his career the King is attacked and receives a mortal wound. He recovers miraculously. After his recovery his personal capacities are greatly increased. He is able to identify himself as a reincarnated Roman emperor of long ago. The world worships him as a man who has reached his full potential and is now the god whom all men can hope to be if they follow his path.

The King makes war with those who oppose him. His ambition leads him into the final war of this age — Armageddon. His career is the subject of many ancient prophecies.

This book tells his story." Ω



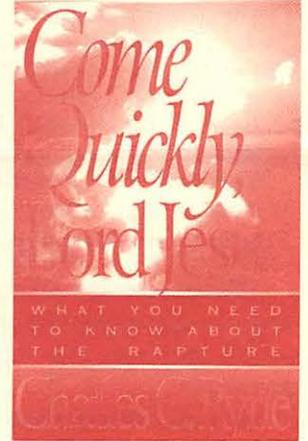
Charles C. Ryrie, *Come Quickly, Lord Jesus: What You Need to Know about the Rapture* (Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1996), 139 pages. Paperback 7.99.

Dr. Charles Ryrie, of *The Ryrie Study Bible* fame, is a theologian who is known for his ability to summarize concisely and get to the heart of a matter. This he has done in his new book on the rapture, *Come Quickly, Lord Jesus*. *Come Quickly* is a revision of an earlier book *What You Should Know About the Rapture* from Moody Press.

As a result of Dr. Ryrie's participation in the Pre-Trib Study Group, he was encouraged to make his excellent defense of pretribulationism available to the public once more. This he has done, but with a number of added updates that include an expansion of his interaction with posttribulationism, as well as the recently developed "pre-wrath" position. However, the bulk of the book is a positive presentation of why the Bible teaches pretribulationism.

Ryrie identifies the important questions relating to the rapture and provides a clear definition of the event. After discussing second coming vocabulary he deals with the rapture in 2 Thessalonians 1 and in the book of Revelation. He handles the question of pretrib origins and then presses the question of populating the Millennium. Ryrie deals with a number of other items in his usual clear and direct style.

Come Quickly is a well-argued book, by a top-notch theologian and should be in the hands of everyone, friend or foe, interested in the subject of Bible prophecy, especially if you missed it the first time around. Ω



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