READY OR NOT... HERE HE COMES!

The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies. I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once. (Isaiah 42:13-14)

Does this sound like the same Jesus who hung on the cross so bloodied and beaten you couldn't even tell it was a man hanging there (Is 52:14)? Well it was, and the second time He comes back to this planet it's <u>pay</u> <u>back time</u>! The Lord Himself said, "He would repay His enemies that hate Him right to their face, to destroy them: He will not be *slack to him that hateth Him, He will repay him to his face*" (Deut. 7:10).

The first time the Lord came, He came as a **lamb** to be sacrificed for the world's sin (Is 53:5). The next time He comes, He comes as a **lion** to kill all of those who have rejected Him and His plan of salvation (John 14:6). The Lord Himself said He was coming back, "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." (Matt. 24:30)

The second coming of Jesus Christ will occur in two phases separated by at least seven years and even though this tract briefly touches on the first phase, "the rapture" (1Thess 4:16-18), where the Lord descends from heaven to call His ambassadors (2 Cor 5:20), the church, home before the great tribulation starts, this tract deals with the second phase of the Lord's return, the literal and bodily return of Jesus to the planet to save mankind from its extinction.

What was the Lord referring to: Extinction?

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should <u>no flesh</u> be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." (Matt 24:21-22). **The Great Tribulation is also referred** to as "**The day of the Lord**" - The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. (Zep 1:14-15,17).

The Second Coming of Jesus!

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean." (Rev 19:11, 14) Who are these armies returning with the Lord?

and the LORD my God shall come, and <u>all</u> <u>the saints</u> with thee. (Zech 14:5b) When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and <u>all the holy angels</u> with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: (Matt 25:31)

And what will these armies do when they return?

"Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two- edged sword in their hand; To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have <u>all his saints</u>. Praise ye the LORD." (Psalm 149:6-9)

"And he shall send his <u>angels</u> with a great

sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." (Matt 24:31)

Jesus is alive and well and sitting on the right hand of the Father up in heaven. He's also watching everything that is going on down here (Prov 15:3). The Lord, the Man of War (Ex 15:3) has for almost 2.000 years, watched His blood (Rev. 1:5b) that He shed for us on the cross, be trodden under foot (Heb 10:29). On the cross, Jesus said "It is finished" (John 19:30). And that means YOU, if you reject him and his plan of salvation that He paid for with all the suffering He did for us. You're going through His shed blood for your salvation, or you're not going at all. Jesus paid the price for that gateway into heaven and that gateway is very narrow (Matt 7:13-14).

The rapture is coming soon! That will be the last reprieve you will get. After that, the Antichrist will appear, the Great Tribulation will commence, and you will most likely have to die for your faith (Rev 6:9-11, 20:4).

Now is the time to accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour (2 Cor 6:2). Repent and get saved because you never know when the Father is going to tell Jesus to "go and get your people." The price of salvation is paid for and the gift is free (Rom 6:23), so take it now, while there is still time. Just Remember, "It is a *fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God*" (Heb 10:31). Amen

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