

# READY OR NOT – HERE HE COMES !

*"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." ..... Rev 22:20*

*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 its payback time! 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). And not only will the Lord kill them, He will laugh when He does it (Psalm 2:4; 59:8). The first time the Lord came, they crucified and mocked Him (Luke 23:35-36). The next time the Lord comes, He mocks them (Proverbs 1:26). 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 generation that saw the rebirth of Israel in 1948 (Isaiah 66:8-9) would see the second coming of Jesus Christ back to the earth, the Bible promised (Psalm 102:16). The second coming of the Lord occurs in two phases separated by at least seven years and even though this study briefly touches on the first phase, the "rapture" (1 Thessalonians 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 study 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 own extinction.

## WHAT WAS THE LORD REFERRING TO: MANKIND'S 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 no flesh 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 TIME OF JACOB'S (ISRAEL'S) TROUBLE AND THE DAY OF THE LORD!

*"For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it."*  
- Jer 30:5-7

*"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book."*- Dan 12:1

*"Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you? the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light. As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?"* - Amos 5:18-20

*"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand; A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations. A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them. The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining: And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?"* - Joel 2:1-3, 10-11

*"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, A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. 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. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD'S wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land."* - Zeph 1:14-18

*"Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt: And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames. Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven*

and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir. Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger." - Isa 13:6-13

"Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD. Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel." - Joel 3:9-16

### THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS !

"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey." - Acts 1:11-12; "Then shall the LORD go forth,... And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives," - Zech 14:3-4

"Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you." - Isa 35:4

"Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him." - Isa 40:10

"For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many." - Isaiah 66:15-16

"Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain." - Isa 26:20-21

"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen." - Rev 1:7

"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. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 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 THAT ARE COMING WITH THE LORD?

"And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee." - Zech 14:5

"To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints." - 1 Thes 3:13

"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints," Jude - 1:14

"For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels;" - Matt 16:27

"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him" - Matt 25:31

"Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." - Mark 8:38

"And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming Fire" - 2Th 1:7- 8

"I have commanded my sanctified ones (saints), I have also called my mighty ones (angels) for mine anger, even them that rejoice in my highness. They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the LORD and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land." - Isa 13:3, 5

## AND WHAT WILL THESE ARMIES DO WHEN THEY COME BACK WITH JESUS?

*" Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged 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 all his saints. Praise ye the LORD" - Psa 149:6-9*

*"For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me" - Luke 19:26-27*

*" The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity:" - Matt 13:41*

*"And he shall send his angels 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 in heaven. He's also watching everything that is going on down here (Prov 15:3) and He is not pleased at all. The Lord, the Man of War (Ex 15:3), has for almost 2,000 years, watched His Holy 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 that he did for us. You're going through his shed blood for your salvation, or you're not going at all. Jesus said "*Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*" (Matt 7:13-14). Jesus paid the price for that gateway into heaven and that gateway is very narrow.

The rapture is coming soon! That will be the last reprieve you will get. After that, the antichrist will appear on the scene, the Great Tribulation will commence, and you will most likely have to die for your faith if you are a Christian (Rev 6:9-11, 20:4). One thing is certain people, it's not going to be pretty. Billions of souls will be pouring into hell during this horrific time of death and destruction (Rev 6:8). So much so, that hell will literally enlarge herself to take in all these additional souls (Is 5:14).

Now is the time to accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour (2 Cor 6:2). Repent, receive Jesus into your heart (John 1:12) and get saved because you never know when the Father is going to turn and 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. And that time is getting shorter by the day. As stated before, the first time the Lord came, He came to be killed. The next time He comes, He is coming to kill. Just remember, "*It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God*" (Heb 10:31). "*For our God is a consuming fire*" (Heb 12:29).

AMEN