

Itchy Ears !

“ And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: ” Mark 4:24(a)

If ever there was a time when Ezekiel 7:26 is being fulfilled, it is now! *“Mischief upon mischief”* is taking place with the rioting and destruction that is continuing in cities like Portland, Seattle, and Chicago. And, *“rumour upon rumour”* is also abounding in today’s society. It’s gotten to the point that you don’t know what to believe anymore. The corona virus cases are going down. The corona virus cases are going back up in the majority of the states. A second, more deadly wave is coming in the fall when the flu season starts. A coin shortage is coming, an aluminum can shortage is coming making canned foods scarce in the future. And, you can’t believe a word of what the main stream media is saying because they are controlled by the elite who are pushing for a global government, or a new world order, where the sovereignty of all the nations is abolished. That’s really what all of this is about!

And, they are doing a good job of scaring people. Most people are worried about their jobs, their families, and also how they are going to pay their bills in the future if there is another shut down, or if riots break out and martial law has to be declared, due to the upcoming elections in November. In fact, a sister in the Lord, who lives in a small town in Pennsylvania, has been writing to me recently about her co-workers. She has been telling me how scared to death they are about the events that are unfolding in our country. And, she said, it’s getting worse and worse by the week. It’s getting to the point where she would prefer to work at home rather than have to go to the office everyday and be around her “unhinged” and unsaved co-workers. And, this is not just in one small town in Pennsylvania, this is happening everywhere in America!

Another scripture that seems to be on the verge of being fulfilled in the coming months is Jeremiah 51:46, *“And lest your heart faint, and ye fear for the rumour that shall be heard in the land; a rumour shall both come one year, and after that in another year shall come a rumour, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler.”* Does that sound familiar? It should! It’s already happening in some of our cities and if President Trump was to once again win the election in November, all out violence has been promised to break out in this country. Republicans vs. Democrats, the red states vs. the blue, the military and the Patriots vs. antifa and black lives matter, which are only cover names for the real organization behind all this: the Revolutionary Communist Party of the U.S.A., which is trying to overthrow our country. Yes, and the rumours have already started for next year also - forced vaccinations, America going to a digital currency, restrictions on travel, and food shortages. But as Christians, we can cling to the encouraging words of Psalm 112:7 – *“He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.”*

As America contends with all the rumours that are floating around out there, all the true Born Again Christians have to additionally contend with all the false doctrines that are being spewed out in these last days before the rapture. The Bible says, *“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables”* (2Timothy 4:3-4). The perfect example of this is the two “Christian” prophecy programs, shown on TV in the Buffalo area on Sunday night. At 8:30pm a show called “Christ in Prophecy,” hosted by Dr. David Reagan, teaches a pre-tribulation rapture and that the church is not going through any part of the Great Tribulation. But, only one hour later at 9:30pm, a show called “End of the Age” comes on, hosted by Irving Baxter. He teaches that there is no rapture, and that the church will go all the way through the Great Tribulation, so prepare to suffer.

We know we are going to suffer as Christians because the Bible says in Romans 8:16-17, *“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”* And also in Philippians 1:29, *“For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;”* But, the Bible also clearly states in Revelation 3:10, *“Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.”* And in I Thessalonians 1:10, *“And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.”* So, the church is not going through any part of the Great Tribulation.

Can you imagine the confusion a new Christian would have after watching these two shows almost back to back? They wouldn’t know what to believe, unless they studied the scriptures for themselves like the Bereans did in

Acts 17:11, "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

The one sure thing that a Christian has that the average person on the street doesn't have is the infallible word of God. 2 Peter 1:19a says: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, ..." And prophecy tells us that the rapture of the Church is going to take place before the Great Tribulation starts - not during or after! One of these men is dead wrong and is being used by the devil to cause confusion, doubt, and fear in the Church. And it's not David Reagan! This is why you are told to, "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). The Bible also warns us that, "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived" and to "continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them." (2 Timothy 3:13-14). That means checking up on your pastors and teachers, and if they aren't lining up with the infallible word of God, or are not "speaking according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8:20). That is the only way to prevent from being "tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine," that the devil has infiltrated into the Church in these last days. Only then can you refute and disprove those, "whereby they lie in wait to deceive" (Ephesians 4:14).

A very heavy price was paid by the Lord in order to give us the privilege of being able to contend with, and refute, these men and women that have crept into our church unawares (Jude 3-4). Almost 2,000 years ago, Jesus went to the cross to pay for all of the worlds sins, including the sins of all of these deceivers, false prophets, and angels of light, that have arisen in these last days. He suffered horribly, died, and was buried, but three days later, rose from the dead according to the scriptures (I Corinthians 15:3-4). He made the way for all of us to get to heaven (John 14:6), and it's totally a gift (Romans 6:23), which was bought and paid for with His precious holy blood (I Peter 1:18-19). If you are truly ready to repent, and to take that gift, and to receive Him into your heart (John 1:12), you will be born again (John 3:3), saved (Matthew 18:11), and a new creature in Christ (II Corinthians 5:17). Unfortunately though, most will reject this gift right up to their dying day.

As we quoted before in Ezekiel 7:26, "mischief upon mischief and rumour upon rumour" is taking place in this country. But, the rest of the scripture reads, "then shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients." Temporarily, the rapture will take away all the sound men and women with Godly wisdom in this country, and around the world. Fortunately though, our loving God, who wants no one to perish (2 Peter 3:9b), will raise up two witnesses in Jerusalem (Revelation 11:3), and also 144,000 Jewish evangelists (Revelation 7:3-4), to preach the gospel all over the world. And, even when they are finished, the Lord will send out an angel (Revelation 14:6-7) to preach to them, "who dwell on the earth," so that no one will ever be able to say they never heard the message of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. They will be without excuse (John 15:22).

Drastic times call for drastic measures! And, the most drastic of them all is your acceptance of Jesus as the Lord and Saviour of your life, before it is too late. Times are only going to get worse, not better. So, today is the day you need to take that measure (2 Corinthians 6:2). The rapture of the true church is coming quickly. It could even be today. No one knows for sure. But, if you're saved, you will be evacuated by Jesus and taken up to heaven (John 14:2-3) to be with Him, while the wrath of God, the Great Tribulation (Matthew 24:21) is taking place on the earth. And, if you want to know how close we really are to the rapture, then consider this.... WE ARE ONLY ONE LETTER AWAY FROM GOING FROM MASK TO MARK!

Amen

(All scripture references taken from the King James Bible)

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