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Fearful Events and the Roaring and Tossing of the Sea!

For many years now I have written on various aspects of the Lord's imminent return. It is not by accident that I have done this. No, it is by his strong and clear guidance that I have done and do this.

As some of you know, and as I have reported, even while I was standing up preaching to a group about twelve years ago the Lord Jesus spoke to me and said, "John, tell them who I am and that I am coming soon." We were already focusing a great deal on the "who I am" part, so we continued with that and moved ever more into getting the "I am coming soon" message out. Over the years the Lord has given me more and more specific guidance regarding this imminent return. Notice I use the word imminent. That is the correct adjective.

The Lord did not leave us all in the dark as to how and when his return will come about or what will happen around all this. In three chapters – Luke 21, Mark 13, and Matthew 24 he himself gave specific guidance on many fronts regarding things to happen leading up to this great time. He also gave more in Luke 17, and various others gave more prophecies regarding the time we are living in – Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Paul, John, and more.

You know that I have written long and frequently on all the Biblical prophecies of events to happen before the Lord's return that have now been fulfilled or are being fulfilled. Beginning early in the last century and continuing up to today with increasing frequency, this has been happening. In all those hundreds of years after Jesus' ascension, nothing had happened in this regard. Then suddenly and rapidly it all began. If you don't know about all this read our newsletters for the past several years on our web site. Look at the one of May 2016 for a quick overview of all the prophecies fulfilled.

Now in these very recent weeks right up to today we have seen dramatic continuing fulfillment of his prophecies regarding storms and fearful events. Let's look at Jesus' own words about our time right now from Luke 21(NIV):

¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea.

These two verses clearly point to the types of things we have seen happening in just the last few weeks. We could say days. In little time we have seen:

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- An enormous hurricane and flood engulfed southeast Texas, Houston, and parts of Louisiana. It is thought to be the most expensive natural disaster in US history. Even while we all pay attention to other terrible things happening right now, the people there continue to deal with the flood and hurricane aftermath.
- An enormous, powerful hurricane is about to attack mainland US as I write this. We have encouraged all Christians to step out and face the ocean and in Jesus' name to order this hurricane Irma away from the coast. And thank God the path of the storm has changed. North and South Carolina have been removed from the projected target areas. And it now appears Eastern Florida will not be hit with the full force of the storm. This is an enormously powerful storm, not the type we generally see.
- In several western states for days and days there have been huge fires raging. Occasionally this makes the news, but the storms above have drowned out the reporting. You can search for details and view maps of all the fires on the Internet. As a summary, just consider: To date this year, 8.0 million acres have burned in the US as compared to 5.5 million in an average year. The acreage burned is larger than the state of Maryland and is 12, 550 square miles. Senator Wyden of Oregon has said that "we haven't seen fires of this magnitude."
- On October 7 Mexico suffered its most powerful earthquake in a hundred years, 8.1 on the Richter scale, in southern coastal Mexico. They are now digging out and finding just how devastating it was and how many were killed. This like the fires has been overcome in the news media by the two giant storms above.

All of these things just noted are of the "apocalyptic" magnitude, enormous, not typical of our lives on earth. These are rare and enormously harmful events.

Obviously nonbelievers do not know what is happening and we see some bizarre comments offered. One famous actress has stated she thinks this is the earth responding to the election of Donald Trump. That is just pathetic and sad.

But you and I know what all this is. These are events to happen before the return of the Lord, before the Day of the Lord.

Shortly after he warned of events like the four above and offered other prophecies, he said these fateful words in Luke 21(NIV):

²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

Simply put, it is. Some Christian leaders have been saying these are signs of God's judgment. Others have called for repentance.

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All that is certainly accurate and appropriate.

But – and this is the point – all those observations are really secondary to and part of what this all is and where we are. These atrocious events are fulfillment of prophecies of the imminent return of the Lord. The fact is we are living in the last of the last days. Soon Jesus will return to collect his believers. That could happen anytime. No prophecies have to be fulfilled before he does that. And soon also the seven year tribulation will begin, ending with the arrival of Jesus and his holy ones on earth, his victory over his enemies at Armageddon, and the establishment of Kingdom rule from Jerusalem. Soon. We don't know the day or even year, but it is soon. Jesus said we could know the season. And we do. It is now. Soon.

A NEW WAY OF LOOKING AT THE BIRTH OF JESUS' "CHURCH"

Just when is Jesus' CHURCH finally put together?

I suggest we might consider that happening at the moment when the Lord comes in the clouds with the archangel and the trumpet and gathers his believers – previously deceased and those still living – to himself.

That is really the putting together of Jesus' CHURCH in one group, his true CHURCH, his glorious CHURCH.

Think about it. All those collected by Jesus will be those born of water and the Spirit, true believers. All that has happened since the Lord ascended from earth in Acts 1 up to now has been a gestation period, a period of struggle and development and growth, as more and more are added to the Kingdom, as the CHURCH prepares to be born in its full glory.

Some people for years have been trying to make the many earthly "churches" unite, come together as one. It will never happen. Those churches are full of people with all sorts of different views. Some are born anew to be sure, but others have no idea what that is. Some know the Holy Spirit and even are baptized in the Spirit, having the gifts of the Spirit. Some know nothing about that or even think that is not for today. Whole denominations do not deal openly with being born again or filled with and baptized with the Holy Spirit.

No way putting all these together can bring a glorified united church. Obviously that will not happen from man's efforts.

But Jesus' return in the clouds to collect his true believers gives him a 100% united glorious CHURCH. That is the CHURCH that attends the marriage supper of the Lamb in Revelation 19. That is the CHURCH that is the Lord's body. That is when this all happens. And it happens soon.

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CLOSING NOTES AND UPDATES

We continue to work on the eventual publication of our new book that deals with exactly where we are in time and what is and will be happening. It is for all of us believers and even more importantly for all those who do not know the truths of the Lord and the gospel. It will be a great tool to be used by all of us in reaching all possible with the truths. That book is in the hands now of the publishing world as we work to have it produced and distributed widely. Please pray with us that this comes about soon.

We also continue to work on two other books. One is an inspirational book and the other tells the end times story in a novel format. Again please pray this all goes forward quickly as the Lord would have this happen.

The ministry continues to publish the newsletter and the several email publications – *Sign of the Times*, **A WATCHMAN WARNING**, and **GOD MOMENT**. If you are not receiving these let us know your email and you will be quickly added to the distribution list.

As always we thank all of you for your prayers and donations to keep this ministry going. It is a challenge as some of you know, for we spend all our time in this ministry and the bills are real. It is through people like you that God provides for the ministry. If you have not become a donor, please consider doing so. You can contribute by mail or over the telephone, or by going to the ministry web site and donating using any of the major credit cards or PayPal.

May you live in the blessings of the Lord always, even now as you go forward in this terribly difficult time on earth.

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