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## UNDERSTANDING: - WHERE WE ARE WHAT IS HAPPENING - WHAT WILL HAPPEN

We are now living at the time of the Lord's return. He made it clear that we can know the season of his return. This is that season. In Luke 21:31-32 he makes the point that those seeing the fulfillment of certain prophecies he described will also indeed see the return. That generation! So some of the people still living now who were alive at the return of the nation of Israel in 1948 for example will be living here when Jesus comes to collect his believers.

That return to collect his believers can happen at any moment. Nothing has to happen before that. The seven year Tribulation is also about to happen. The Bible notes in Daniel 9:27 that this officially begins with the signing some sort of agreement – a peace agreement? – with the Jews, with Israel. But Jesus can come to collect his believers any moment, well before that happens. He has made it clear how sudden and surprising this collection will be.

Let's look at a few key scriptures that bear on Jesus' return to collect his believers. The landmark description is in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

*<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.*

Closely allied with this is 1 Corinthians 15:51-53

*<sup>51</sup> Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— <sup>52</sup> in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup> For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.*

The surprise of the Lord's coming will be great for believers even though we know it could be any moment. Consider these remarks by him in Luke 17:26-35:

*<sup>6</sup> "Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. <sup>27</sup> People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.*

*<sup>28</sup> "It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. <sup>29</sup> But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.*

*<sup>30</sup> "It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed.*

- *<sup>31</sup> On that day no one who is on the housetop, with possessions inside, should go down to get them.*
- *Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything.*
- *<sup>32</sup> Remember Lot's wife! <sup>33</sup> Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it.*

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- *<sup>34</sup> I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left.*
- *<sup>35</sup> Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left.”*

Do you see what Jesus is saying? Look at all this advice and all these warnings!!! First Jesus makes the point that all the people of Noah’s day and all the people in Sodom in Lot’s day were going about their normal life activities right up to the very instant that God changed everything! And then all their lives changed! Jesus doesn’t say things just to excite people. All his words have purpose. Clearly he means that when he returns to collect his believers, it will be just as big an instantaneous shock as it was in the Noah and Lot situations.

Then he goes beyond those accounts to give specific advice as to how people are to respond. Whenever that moment comes that you hear his command, the angel’s shout, the trumpet blast, immediately go with him however he handles that situation. Do whatever he says. Don’t delay or try to do something else! Look at his several descriptions beginning with someone being on the housetop!

Now let’s look at this wonderful scripture from John 14:1-3 where Jesus reassures his disciples and all of us regarding our future:

*Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.*

*<sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*

*<sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*

More is given about the details of the last days, including the collection of believers and the coming Tribulation, in 2 Thessalonians 2. Consider these few verses from there:

*<sup>3</sup> Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction....*

*<sup>5</sup> Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? <sup>6</sup> And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. <sup>7</sup> For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. <sup>8</sup> And then the lawless one will be revealed...*

The key point to note here is that whatever is holding back the man of lawlessness – the antichrist - must be taken out of the way so he can go forward with his terrible work during the Tribulation. Organizations like the UN and the World Economic Forum and the World Health organization are already working towards the one-world government he will eventually lead during the Tribulation, but that Tribulation has yet to begin. Why is he still being held back? What is holding him back? The answer is currently there is still a force for God, for good, on earth – it is Jesus’ CHURCH, that body of people on earth who have been called out of this world society to form a new society with Jesus at the head, the true CHURCH.

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The very presence of the true believers on earth, the body of Christ, is in the way of the antichrist pursuing his objectives. So the CHURCH has to be out of the way before the antichrist can come out publicly and begin to take over. How does that CHURCH get out of the way? By being taken away by Jesus when he comes to collect them, an event popularly known as the rapture.

Many years ago in the midst of my preaching to a group, the Lord spoke to my right ear and told me to tell people who he is and that he is coming soon. His actual words were “John, tell them who I am and that I am coming soon.” And he has added to that over the years. I even finally wrote a book about him and his return that he had asked me to write years ago (**WAKE UP AMERICA! JESUS IS COMING SOON**). It took a long time to get to the point of writing that.

Here I share some of the precious words of the Lord to me in past years about his coming return:

I am coming soon.  
 I am coming for my CHURCH.  
 My CHURCH is not bricks and mortar.  
 My CHURCH is not choirs and fine robes.  
 My CHURCH is those who have given themselves to me.  
 Help me find my CHURCH.  
 John, help me find my CHURCH.

It will be like a beacon  
 Like a dagger  
 A moment  
 Suddenly  
 No light surprise.

When I come things will be different.  
 This is the end, John. Tell them.  
 Tell them to be swift.

One of the powerful commands I received from him early on was “John, do not let them go into the night.” Imagine how that has made me feel. I can’t stop trying to get the truths out there. So many are lost. The majority of people on earth still.

I’ll close with this really important scripture from Jesus as to how we are to live right now:  
*Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.* – Luke 21:36

We are in the last days. All the scriptures show we are. Don’t get caught up in all the confusion of our world, including that of some of the religious world. Question what you hear. Use the gift of discernment. Remember, some teaching and writing about this time may not have the Holy Spirit guidance .

At all times **KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS!** Your life is all about him.

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***May you live in the blessings of God always.***

***John***

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