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DAY OF CHRIST'S COMING

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.

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

Luke 17:27-29

And then there is our day. Exactly like that. The signs are all around. Fulfillment of prophecy. Events. Human behavior. And people everywhere still go about the normal activities of life. I've written so many times about all the signs and about the day life changes forever on earth. Even published a book some of you have. And now we push forward with short videos on the Lord and the moment of his return and the aftermath. Millions have been reached by those alone in many countries.

Any moment. Any day, like any other. And that's it. Time up. Believers gone from the planet, those alive and those who died long ago. Gone.

And then the aftermath on earth: Chaos. Confusion. Violence. Turmoil. What has been holding the antichrist back is gone in an instant and he is released to the world. The evil before the rapture on earth, terrible as it is and seems to believers, is surely nothing as compared to the level that will then run amuck on the planet.

It is a moment of joy, the blessed hope for those true believers in Jesus. It is absolute horror and confusion to the masses left behind.

On earth the people are gone who knew what was going to happen. The people are gone who knew the Lord. Earth is left with lost people. No doubt some of those left might even be decent, moral people, but evidently they just didn't know Jesus. He was not the Lord of their lives.

Imagine. Well you can't. No leaders left who know the Lord, who are believers.

No people of any type left who know the Lord, who are believers.

Yes, it is a minority of the people who are gone, a higher percentage to be sure in some countries like the US and other supposedly Christian nations, but still a minority. Some nations that are full of believers in false religions may not notice the day nearly as much. But all will to some extent.

It will be a drastic shock as people disappear from all sorts of places – from sitting at a desk to flying a plane or driving a car, or preparing lunch, or sleeping, or...

How will what is left of the governments gain some control of the chaos? How will people left on earth try to protect themselves and survive?

The antichrist will be free to step into leadership and to lead Israel to the signing of the agreement noted in Daniel 9:27. What has been holding him back is now gone. The seven year Tribulation will then be underway. The false prophet will move forward as described in Revelation 13.

Overwhelmingly much of China, India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh and some other places dominated by false religions will have most of their population and structure intact. Maybe they will be in more control. But the majority of the population in all the nations will still be here. Just no godly people. Only lost people.

This day of startling and enormous change on earth is about to arrive. It can come any moment. Even today. There is nothing to stop that from happening. Just like the shocking moment in the days of Noah and Lot.

We all have some knowledge, some sense of who will be going with Jesus among all those we know. Yes, of course, only the Lord, only God knows truly, but you do have some knowledge. You know those who follow a false religion or no religion will not be going. You know those who habitually live a sinful lifestyle like homosexuality or a life of lying will not be going. Jesus and the Bible have spelled out some of this.

But for all those you are concerned about, whom you think may know a little but not enough, you can try to take steps to wake them up, to help in the Father's drawing them to Jesus. If they are open to that. If they will listen.

Stay focused. Keep your eyes on Jesus. Stay alert, as Jesus warned.

And remember, nothing is as important as Jesus and your relationship with him.

THE LORD'S CHARGE

What was the Lord's charge to Paul given on the road to Damascus?

I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' – Acts 26:17-18

Then two thousand years later to me right while I was preaching to a group, the Lord in just a few words said essentially the same thing: "John, tell them who I am and that I am coming soon." And of course in

many later times he added guidance and truths and more, such as "Help me find my Church." And "Don't let them go into the night."

It's the same fundamental assignment – help people realize the truth of Jesus and become true believers and thus members of the Kingdom of God.

I expect quite a few have received and worked to answer calls from God somewhat along these same lines in the past centuries. We just don't know about those people. And maybe a lot haven't heard the calls God was sending out.

This brings to mind God's question that Isaiah answered in Isaiah 6. God said: "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And Isaiah said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Do you think God had asked that question broadly, and we just have here an account of Isaiah's response? Maybe.

Are you open to hearing God when he calls? Have you asked him what he would have you do? I think God the Father, the Lord Jesus, the Holy Spirit are always there for believers, waiting and ready to guide or respond to anyone seriously seeking and spending time with them. Sometimes it takes a long time and maybe much prayer and patience on our part to hear. But not always. In my own life I have experienced all that. Sometimes if God wants something to happen or wants to point something out right now, he will just interrupt your life and speak regardless of whatever you are doing. As was the case in the words he said to me above. Certainly it is good to pray that you will always hear God and be alert to do so.

HABITUAL LYING - A DEADLY BEHAVIOR

On the last page of the Bible, in the last chapter of Revelation, Jesus spells out point blank those people who are outside the Kingdom forever, outside the New Jerusalem.

This is the scripture:

Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. – Revelation 22:15

All people can have a momentary weakness and do something sinful. But believers, realizing they have sinned, immediately ask for forgiveness. And they of course receive it.

What we are talking about in these words from Jesus are people who habitually sin, habitually live a life of sin. They apparently never come to an epiphany moment of realizing how lost they are, of asking the Lord to forgive them, of asking him to be their Lord.

Here let's just look at the last behavior Jesus mentions, everyone who loves and practices falsehood – e.g., everyone who lives in the realm of lying. There are habitual liars out there who, even when their lies are pointed out to them, just keep going with their deceptive practices.. Anyone today with a modicum of discernment recognizes the mammoth amount of lies being poured out daily onto society – from some of the media, from some politicians and officials of the government, from some of the entertainment world, from some of the education world. And yes, perhaps even from someone you have daily contact with.

Remember, as we have written much about, there are a lot of delusional, lost people out there today. People who in Paul's words are perishing.

Remember Jesus' first warning about our day was to watch not to be deceived. (Matthew 24:4).

Remember what the devil is called? The father of lies.(John 8:44).

Remember how Paul said the god of this age – the devil – has blinded the minds of unbelievers. (2 Corinthians 4:4). They just can't even see and recognize truth...not until and unless God draws them to a saving knowledge of Jesus and they wake up, if that ever happens!

Liars abound in our day.

But we true believers in the Lord, those born again and filled with and baptized with the Holy Spirit, have the gift of discernment. The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth. We are able to discern truth from falsehood. Praise God! Ask for the Holy Spirit's help if you are faced with a confusing, unclear situation. Persist in seeking that guidance!

Just as with any other aspect of evil, stay away from habitual liars. Always, as Proverbs 3 advises, run away from evil.

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