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West Valley End-Time Ministries Newsletter

"Soon' Is Now" — Part 1

Jesus told His followers two centuries ago to, "Watch..., for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming." And John begins his introduction to the Book of Revelation by saying that God gave the him the prophecies which were to follow "to show His servants what must **soon** take place." **So when is "soon"? And how will we know when it is urgent to "watch"?** It's been two thousand years since these warnings were given, and Peter says that, "Scoffers will come in the last days saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? All things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.'"

So have you been watching? Are you watching? **I am watching, and I believe "soon" is now.** Never before has there been the kind of urgency as there is right now to be watching, as circumstances in our nation and the world dictate we should be. We are on the precipice of a crisis like we've never seen. Events are going to occur rapidly from now on. The Bible has shown us what to expect, and it's important that we don't ignore the warnings and the signs of impending chaos, bloodshed, financial controls, and the violation of our freedoms now being orchestrated by world leaders.

We have talked about some of these things in the past, but I'd like to enumerate just a few things which should get every "watcher's" attention:

- ◆ There are demons in our skies. Soon they will appear among us. The presence of UFO's in our skies is both real, and the source is demonic. And according to a credible expert, Luis Elizondo, there's evidence that there might be a connection between UFO's and the drones which have been seen in our skies, dominating the news for the past month — something our government has both denied and been unwilling to talk about! Why!? Would they have to admit to something which would be too shocking to Americans for them to reveal?
- ◆ There is a coalescing of national, religious, and worldwide political forces which are preparing to use the advanced technology of biometric digital identification to monitor and control the lives and spending of every person on the planet. This technology will **not** be "the mark of the beast," but it will likely be **the mechanism** by which every person's loyalties and allegiance will be identified during the last 3 1/2 years before Jesus returns.



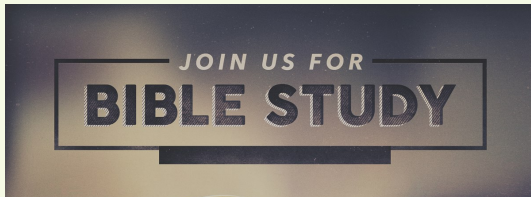
Pastor Darrell Chilson

"We are living in the season of Christ's return."

Jesus said, "Watch and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

The mission of West Valley Ministries is to help Christ's followers recognize the signs of His approaching return and be prepared for that Great Day.

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John 12:12-36 NIV

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

12 The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. **13** They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the king of Israel!" **14** Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: **15** "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." **16** At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him. **17** Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. **18** Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. **19** So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

Questions

- ◆ Which festival is referenced in verse 12? (John 11:55)
- ◆ Was this event prophesied and by whom? Where is the passage referred to in verse 15? (Zec 9:9). Did the disciples recognize what was unfolding?
- ◆ Zechariah did! And the disciples didn't realize until Jesus had been "glorified" (v16)
- ◆ What do you think about the Pharisees reaction in verse 17?
- ◆ (Open discussion)


Jesus Predicts His Death

20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. **21** They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." **22** Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. **23** Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. **24** Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. **25** Anyone who loves

their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. **26** Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. **27** "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. **28** Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." **29** The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. **30** Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. **31** Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. **32** And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." **33** He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die. **34** The crowd spoke up, "We have heard from the Law that the Messiah will remain forever, so how can you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this 'Son of Man'?" **35** Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going. **36** Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light." When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.

Questions

- ◆ Who was seeking to talk with Jesus, was it Jews?
- ◆ Greeks who were among the Jews at the festival (John 12:20)
- ◆ What does Jesus mean when he says "But if it dies, it produces many seeds" v23-24
- ◆ What example does Jesus show in v27?
- ◆ Despite his hour approaching and becoming weary, Jesus stands firm and remembers his mission and the voice (God) responds which evidences their relationship
- ◆ Jesus is strong - he kept going- didn't give in he even reiterates the mission v31-33
- ◆ How did Jesus respond to the question the crowd asked in v34? Did he answer it as asked?
- ◆ (Open discussion)

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- ◆ The member nation states of the United Nations (including the United States of America) recently entered into an agreement called “The Pact of the Future” which subverts our national sovereignty to international law and the jurisdiction of the United Nations. In the event of an international emergency, such as international conflict, a new pandemic, or some natural disaster, the UN will now govern how the member nations respond to the crisis. (Incidentally, just this week, Gov Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in California because of an outbreak of bird flu, not because the virus has been a threat to human life, but because it has affected dairy cattle in the Central Valley. A state of emergency? How convenient! An example of how easily a state of emergency can be declared by government!)
 - ◆ Religious leaders of major evangelical and reformed churches are already in agreement on significant points of faith, and within the next few months, they will be holding several conferences with the Vatican intended to coalesce their common interests and usher in an era of Christian unity and mission. The results will be prophetic, and it’s just months away!
 - ◆ The inauguration of Donald Trump as President of the United States will be taking place in 30 days. There has been a concerted effort for the past 8 years by the Left to impeach, indict, imprison, and assassinate him. Billions of dollars have been spent by powerful people to maintain control of the three branches of government, yet Donald Trump received an overwhelming vote of confidence by the American people on November 5. There are still ongoing attempts to curtail the ability of Trump to carry out the mandate of the country, and the battle between parties is not over. There are predictions of trouble ahead to thwart Trump from being reinstated as our president between now and inauguration day — it’s hard to say what crises might be ahead for our nation in the next few weeks....

In Christ,

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“REVELATION IN REVIEW”

Revelation in Review – Part 5

Revelation 8 — The First Four Trumpets:

The Seven Trumpets are the second wave of judgments which are to come upon the earth just before Jesus returns — events which will be both cataclysmic and **literal** in nature. When you read the description of these first four judgments, know that John describes **literal events**, leaving little to the imagination. It’s also important to note that each of these judgments affect **one-third** of the trees, **one-third** of the sea, **one-third** of the rivers, **one-third** of the sun, moon, stars, night. These judgments are still mixed with God’s mercy upon the inhabitants of the earth and are intended to wake the earth to the approaching end of time and the return of Christ.

Too often, Christians feel that Revelation is so cloaked in mystery that it cannot be understood by the serious student. That’s simply not so! God wants His people to know the things which are re-



vealed in this prophetic account of the end times! The very first verse in this Book says that the very purpose of the book is “to show His servants things which must shortly take place!” Revelation 8 tells us of literal events which will certainly take place — don’t ever doubt the reality of this prophecy!

Revelation 9

The next two Trumpets, revealed in Revelation 9, are not **literal**, but **spiritual** in nature. They represent the activity of spirit beings (demons) and spiritual forces working in collusion with those spirit beings. The subjects of the Fifth Trumpet are **the Dragon** and his demons bringing terror upon “those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.” The subjects of the Sixth Trumpet are **the Beast**, Babylon (another name for the Church of Rome), and her armies, “who are released to kill a third of mankind!” These two Trumpets occur within just weeks of the coming of Jesus with His heavenly armies and immediately precede the Seven Last Plagues (Revelation 16).

As a note to those who may wonder what it is about the language of the 5th and 6th Trumpets which identifies the evil characters named above as the main subjects of these Trumpets, it’s important to recognize three principles of prophetic interpretation:

- 1) The characters of prophecy wear masks — their identity is masked by symbolic names. However, their actions are always literal.
- 2) Many characters of prophecy have more than one name — Satan, the devil, the Dragon, the angel of the bottomless pit, etc. Also, the Beast, the Harlot, Babylon, the little horn power in Daniel, etc.
- 3) Sometimes a single term is all we have to “decode” the prophecy, as in the case of the 5th and 6th Trumpets. But knowing that the “Axis of Evil,” the Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet, are the only powers working together against Christ and His Church, we can know that any reference to evil powers at work are necessarily one or more of these entities whose activities are being described in the prophecy. In the 5th Trumpet, the “star fallen from heaven to the earth” is none other than Satan. He is also the “angel of the bottomless pit.” Thus, the subject of the 5th Trumpet is the Devil. “The angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates” is a reference to Babylon, another name for the Church of Rome. Thus, we can know these spiritual forces are at work in the events of these two Trumpets.

Next week we will study Revelation Chapter 10 — a fascinating and inspiring prophecy with roots in Daniel and a picture of Jesus Christ and His people at the end of time. Another exciting part of this chapter is the reference to Seven Thunders, a little book which, when eaten by John, is sweet in his mouth and bitter in his stomach. There’s much of interest for us in this chapter!

Stay tuned!