

Revelations Series

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The Disappearance of the Church – Part II

E. So what is the larger significance of - _____ he last days to the days of Noah?

1. Noah was _____ by God to warn as many as would listen of God's impending judgment. (Genesis 6:3; Hebrews 11:7; I Peter 3:20 & II Peter 2:5)
2. We have a similar commission from God to warn our present generation of His impending judgment. (Mark 16:14; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:13 – 15)

F. So how did the population in Noah's day respond?

1. Genesis 6:11; Matthew 24:38 & 39.
2. Life went as usual with no _____ for Noah's message – II Peter 2:5.
3. The message of God's coming judgment isn't a message being _____ as it should be even today.
4. We have been warned about the conditions in the last days – II Timothy 4:2 – 5.
5. A _____ to preach on this biblical event has created lethargy among many Christians.
6. What are Christians doing about this? Well for the most part it's life as usual – Matthew 24:38.
7. Peter asks a vital question for those who know what lies ahead and are indifferent. (II Peter 3:9 – 11) Was it easy for Noah in his day? No! Nor will it be for us, prayerfully we will be as _____ as Noah and his family was for 120 years.
8. It isn't that we don't know this information; we do know it! It appears either many simply don't care or are _____ - _____ With living life as normal as one can in an chaotic world.
 - a. There is a lackadaisical attitude towards _____ living or living life for God – II Timothy 2:15.
 - b. A failure or unwillingness to take Hebrews 12:24 & 25 seriously.
 - c. A failure or unwillingness to take Romans 12:1 – 3 seriously.
 - d. A home failure to take Joshua 24:15 seriously as a deterrent to worldly carnal living.
 - e. Alas, a failure to take II Corinthians 5:10 seriously – reckoning day is coming!
9. Just a few things for us to consider before it is too late, and life as usual rues (bitter regrets) the day!

II. A second characteristic surrounding the timing of the Rapture.

A. Only God has the _____ of the when! (Matthew 24:36 & 42.)

1. It has indeed been a long season since the _____ – II Peter 3:4.
2. Knowing, that one day is as a thousand days and vice versa (II Peter 3:8) with the Lord, we are to WATCH!
3. It is obviously a characteristic of those who live in the realm of eternity without time restraints.

B. There is absolutely no _____ that God will inform any human at any time – I Thess. 5:1 – 6; II Peter 3:10.

1. Never fall _____ to anyone who says they have unlocked this mystery of the day of the Rapture.
2. Such individuals are calling God a _____, and those who follow are sorely _____.
3. Seeing the Scriptures are given by divine inspiration, then the Holy Spirit is either out of the loop or a liar too.
4. No one can go _____ if they stick with the Bible when man differs. (Romans 3:4)

C. The why to all this is very clear,

1. God wants us to always be _____, to be prepared by keeping ourselves, mentally, spiritually fit every day.
2. God wants a daily _____ witness of His saving power and grace which undoubtedly would not occur if we knew the day or hour. “..the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” – Matthew 26:41.

3. We cannot afford to be _____, especially when men try to correct the Bible or ignore its truths.

III. The third characteristic concerning the timing of the Rapture – (think not) Matthew 24:44.

- A. Remember the Y2K crisis? The world as we knew it was going to be over and global panic set in!
1. Even the _____ were beginning to talk about Jesus coming back.
 2. Which should have been an indication in itself that Y2K was not going to be the end of the world.
 3. In fact when the rapture does occur, God will send a _____ – II Thessalonians 2:1 – 12.
- B. His return will be when we _____ expect it to occur – Matthew 24:44
1. This is not to say there won't be believers busy about the Lord's service, there will be indeed.
 2. I have no doubt that when the trumpet sounds and the voice speaks,
 - a. Believers will be _____ surprised as at that moment we will know the Rapture is taking place.
 - b. The unsaved will be in such a state of _____ they won't have much of a clue what just happened.
 - c. I also believe many Believers will be in a state of shock and _____!
 3. The word, "think" [dock-eh-o], means to be of the opinion, to suppose.
 - a. In Matthew 24:44 man will not be of the _____ that could be the day. The Redeemed should be living every day as though this is the day!
 - b. Ever had one of those days, the house is a disaster and no one is alleged to stop by?
 - c. Yep! Someone does and It's one of those "think not" days that happens!
- C. God's desire is that we are _____ ready even if we try to convince ourselves otherwise.
1. We want Jesus to come on one of our mountain-top moments.
 2. But what if we are in one of our adverse struggles and we are not watching our testimony?
- D. we all know we have weaknesses that need work, we need to fill in our valleys and be consistently preparing.

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

Matthew 24:44