

# CHIEF MINISTRIES

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"Hey – did you hear? Lockdown is coming!" "Are you sure?" "Yeah, Fo-Fo said there's a bunch of peanut butter pallets in back." "Yeah, this guy that sweeps the runs, whose homeboys cousin gets to go into one building, said he overheard the major telling the captain to get ready." "Yeah the A- turnout boss was telling us to get ready, lockdowns coming." "Yeah the laundry captain said the warden told him is what I heard."

Yeah, were always told to get ready and we sort of prepare ourselves. We absolutely know it is going to happen. Do we know the day? Usually not, of course, there's always those who say, "see I told you, I was right on the money!" Well, let me be the one to tell you – "Jesus is coming!" And I'm sure! Now I don't know the day or the hour like a certain preacher/prophet from California who wanted to spend his time "camping" to clear his head; but, I do know Jesus is coming, are you ready? Is it like lockdown? Where we say we know it's coming and we're supposedly ready; then, we find ourselves forcing down Johnny's because we weren't as prepared as we thought we would be? You know after you hear something for so long it can become our nature to react like the man who heard the little boy cry "Wolf" one too many times and our spirit grows weary and we say "yeah, yeah, yeah, I've heard that before!" You may have already begun to think that of this letter, but I pray on that day when he appears in the clouds, you find yourself ready! The Greek word for coming is Darousia, as in Matthew 24:3 when Jesus was asked by his disciples, "*Tell us, when shall these things be and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?*" Let's read Matthew 24:4 – 36

*v4 And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. v5 For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. v6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. v7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. v8 All these are but the beginning of the birth pains. v9 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. v10 And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. v11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. v12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. v13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved. v14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. v15 "So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), v16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. v17 Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, v18 and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. v19 And alas for women who are pregnant*

*and for those who are nursing infants in those days! v20 Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. v21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. v22 And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. v23 Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. v24 For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. v25 See, I have told you beforehand. v26 So, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. v27 For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. v28 Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. v29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. v30 Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. v31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. v32 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. v33 So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. v34 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. v35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. v36 "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. (Mat 24:4-36 ESV)*

1. Verses 4, 5, 11, and 24 deal with deception – Harold Camping’s, end of the world is May 21, now October 21, Mormonism, Jehovah witnesses .
2. Verses 5, 23 – 26 deal with fake Christ’s
3. Verses 6-7 deal with wars and rumors of wars – Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Israel, Syria, Nigeria, Algeria, Columbia
4. Verse 7 deals with famines pestilence and earthquakes – North Korea, Sudan, Kenya, Somalia, everywhere.
5. Verse 9, Mark 13:9, and 13 – deals with anti-Semitism (against Jews), the world is turning against them. Pray we don't.
6. Verse 10, and Matthew 18:1 – 10 – deals with offenses – Have you caused your brother to stumble?
7. Verse 10, and Mark 13:12 – deals with betrayals – family turning on you.
8. Verse 10, II Timothy 3:1-9 – deals with hatred – read IITimothy 3:1-9.
9. Verse 11, and 24 – deals with false prophets – they abound on TV, radio, asking for \$\$\$
10. Verse 12 – deals with lawlessness abounding – Look around you!
11. Verses 12, 13, and II Timothy 3 – deals with love decreasing – II Timothy 3
12. Verse 14 – deals with increased missionary work – we still send more missionaries (USA) than any other country.
13. Verse 24, and II Thessalonians 2:8 – 12 – deals with increased satanic powers – they've come out of the crypt and into the church.

After going over this list, I can't see anything we aren't experiencing more than at any other time in history. So what do we do? Just sit here and wait? No, no my brothers, we are to occupy (stay busy) until He comes, like the parable in Luke 19:13 tells us. He also illustrates the point

that the servants would be the ministers of the gospel and the true believers who are to share this gospel of the kingdom. In I Corinthians 1:7 “says so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ,” (1Co 1:7 ESV). The Greek translation for waiting; apektechomai, really means eagerly expecting. This is used in nearly every instance of looking for the coming of the Lord or the future hope of salvation. (Romans 8:19, and Galatians 5:5). How is it we should eagerly expect his coming? Well verse 5 and 6 of I Corinthians 1 gives us the reason! We bear the testimony of Jesus Christ in our lives! And it's been confirmed! How? By us remaining faithful and being blameless on that day. Impossible you say! No, not when you understand the grace of our Lord that sustains us day in and day out If we do our best to continue not in sin. Before the disciples asked Jesus these questions in Chapter 24 of Matthew; who was Jesus talking to? The Pharisees and scribes! The ones that crucified Him because they did not like what He said. They hated the embodiment of the truth. Read Matthew 23:2 – 33.

*v2 "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, v3 so practice and observe whatever they tell you--but not what they do. For they preach, but do not practice. v4 They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. v5 They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, v6 and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues v7 and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others. v8 But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers. v9 And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. v10 Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. v11 The greatest among you shall be your servant. v12 Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. v13 "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in. v14 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses and for a pretense you make long prayers; therefore you will receive the greater condemnation. v15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves. v16 "Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.' v17 You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that has made the gold sacred? v18 And you say, 'If anyone swears by the altar, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gift that is on the altar, he is bound by his oath.' v19 You blind men! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred? v20 So whoever swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it. v21 And whoever swears by the temple swears by it and by him who dwells in it. v22 And whoever swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by him who sits upon it. v23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. v24 You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel! v25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. v26 You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean. v27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. v28 So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.*

*v29 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous, v30 saying, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' v31 Thus you witness against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. v32 Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers. v33 You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell? (Mat 23:2-33 ESV)*

What are they guilty of? Demanding respect as teachers (v2). They teach but they do not practice (v 3). They demand service and not give it (v 4). They seek the praise of men (reminds me of some of our worship services – OOPS! Did I say that?) (v5). They parade their religion and seek the best banquet places (Kairos retreat anyone?) And best seats in the chapel (v6). They glory in personal attention (I started this, I been here longer than anyone else!) They glory in titles (v7) (I'm the assistant who gets to fill out this form and give it to the other assistant whose names are both on the wall so it's official). They brought men of truth and life, and reject it themselves (v13). They take advantage of widows. They exhibit long prayers (please don't get me started) (v14). They are zealous to win men to their sect/meeting/Bible study but not to God. They are sure to route their converts in their hypocrisies, but not to God (v15). Though profess to be the only ones who really get it, but in reality are blind to truth of practical Christianity (v16-22). They propagate and push the parts of religion from which they receive the most personal gain and honor. They strain at gnats and swallowing camels by stressing minor details and omit the fundamentals of religion (v23-24). They glory in bodily cleanliness but live in moral filth (v25-26). They pretend to be more righteous than their forefathers (v29-33).

And the word preceding these warnings was WOE! In other words, look out! I'm coming and I'm not happy with you! Well.... Find yourself. Check yourself.

I pray that you are one who is looking for His coming because you are ready! And that you are carrying and sharing the peace of the Gospel. That you are practicing what you preach and teach by being a living example of the grace and mercy of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ the righteous! I love you all and am praying that God use you mightily in these end times. Until we see each other here on this world or in heaven.

MARANATHA! (The Lord Cometh!)

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