

And if the bugler doesn't sound a clear sound, how will the soldiers know they are being called to battle? 1st Corinthians 14:8

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Prayer Study 179

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ENDTIME EVENTS REVIEW

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH IN AMERICA

1. **The Lord is standing at the door knocking:** *Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with Me.* Revelation 3:20 “One of the most remarkable verses in the Bible is Revelation 3:20, where we see the Lord standing outside the doors of His own church, knocking to see if anyone will hear Him and open to Him. During this age, He will not enter where He isn't wanted, even in His own church. For the last few decades America has basically asked the Lord to leave every public place.” Ricky Joyner, Morningstar Ministries
2. **The American church is asleep:** *Watch, ye, therefore for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning; lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping.* Mark 13:35-36

AND

Wherefore, he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. Ephesians 5:14

AND

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. Romans 13:11

“America has now fallen to the lowest state of depravity that Isaiah declared, where we call evil good, and good evil, where we honor the dishonorable and dishonor the honorable. This is the last state before we are assured judgment will fall. These judgments have been coming in waves for years, each one seeking to wake up His people. The American church has been like Jonah, running from God and sleeping through the storm. The reason for the storm was the sleeping prophet, not the heathen. The heathen actually had to wake up the prophet and tell him to call on his God. Will we wake up? If the church in America awakens, it will be given the kind of anointing Jonah had in preaching in Nineveh to bring repentance. Our finest hour and America's greatest times can yet be future-it depends on

those called to be salt and light. Will we wake up, repent, call on our God and preach His gospel? Will we hear Him knocking and open to Him?" Rick Joyner, Morningstar Ministries

3. **It is powerless because it has quit preaching the Word:** *And they [the Remnant Company of the Last Days] overcame him [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony [the Word of God], and they loved not their lives [especially their soulish life and egos as well as physical life] unto the death.* Revelation 12:11

"I look at the whole religious scene today, and all I see are inventions and ministries of man and flesh. It's mostly powerless. It has no impact on the world. And I see more of the world coming into the church and impacting the church rather than the church impacting the world. I see the music taking over the house of God. I see entertainment taking over the house of God, obsession with entertainment in God's house, a hatred of conviction and a hatred of reproof. Nobody wants to hear it anymore. Whatever happened to anguish in the house of God? Whatever happened to anguish in the ministry? It's word you don't hear in this pampered age." David Wilkerson, author of *The Cross and the Switchblade*

"We are harmless and therefore unharmed. We are spiritual pacifists, non-militants, conscientious objectors in this battle to the death with principalities and powers in high places. We are 'sideliners'-coaching and criticizing the real wrestlers while content to sit by and leave the enemies of God unchallenged. The World cannot hate us-we are too much like its own. Oh that God would make us dangerous." Jim Elliot, martyred missionary to the Acca Indians

THE DAY OF THE LORD

The Day of the Lord is a period in history at the end of the age in the Last Days when the Lord openly intervenes in the affairs of men. It is an apocalyptic term (i.e., having to do with the end time events on the earth) and also a prophetic term and is thought to be the Lord's outpouring of His wrath because of the sins of mankind (see Psalm 2) and will be characterized by catastrophic weather and earthly calamities such as plagues, famines, hurricanes, pestilence, drought, and manmade disasters, etc. (see Isaiah 2:12, Isaiah 13:6-9, Amos 5:18-2-, Jeremiah 46:10-1, 1st Corinthians 5:5, 1st Thessalonians 5:2, 2nd Peter 3:8-10).

Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD is at hand and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come. Joel 1:15

But of the time and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them as travail upon a woman with child, and they shall not escape. But ye brethren are not in darkness that the day should overtake you as a thief. 1st Thessalonians 5:2-4

SOME OF THE MAJOR EVENTS IN THE END TIMES

THE BAD NEWS:

1. **The Falling Away:** *Let no man deceive you by any means for that day shall not come, except there come the falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition. 2nd Thessalonians 2:3*

AND

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall grow cold. Matthew 24:12

2. **An Increase in the Demonic:** *...Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down upon you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. Revelation 12:12b*

THE GOOD NEWS:

1. **The Great Harvest at the End of the Age:** *Therefore, said He unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest. Luke 10:2*

AND

(Jesus' Explanation of the Parable of the Tares and the Wheat) The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom, but the tares are the children of the wicked one. The enemy that soweth them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore, the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so shall it be in the end of this age. The Son of man shall send forth His angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend and them who do iniquity, and shall cast them into a furnace of fire; there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then

shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. Matthew 13:38-43

2. **His Enemies Will Become His Footstool:** *The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. Psalm 110:1 (This verse is repeated in Matthew 22:44, Mark 12:36, Luke 20:42, Acts 2:34, Hebrews 1:13.)*
3. **The Former (Planting Seed) Rain and the Latter Rain (Harvest Rain):** *Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early (former) and the latter rain. Be ye also patient, establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord draweth near. James 5:7-8*

AND

Ask of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain...Zechariah 10:1

4. **Great Babylon Will Fall:** *And there followed another angel saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. Revelation 14:8*
5. **The Manifestation of the Sons of God Company:** *For the earnest expectation of the creation waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. Romans 8:19 Remember Paul's words to the Galatians: There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28 When the Manifested Sons of God Company recognizes who they really are, i.e. heirs of God through Christ, they will become the Last Day's Remnant.*
6. **The Glory of the Lord Will Come Down!:** *Arise and shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For behold, the darkness [destruction] shall cover the earth, and gross darkness [depression] the people, but the LORD shall rise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. Isaiah 60:1-2*

WHAT IS THE LORD DOING TODAY TO PREPARE HIS PEOPLE FOR THE CLIMATIC END OF THE AGE AND THE DAY OF THE LORD?

1. **In a unique way He is gathering His people for something big!** *The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh [The word means peacemaker and is used to speak of Jesus at the Second Coming] come, and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be. Genesis 49:10*

AND

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto Him, that ye be no soon shaken in mind or be troubled, neither by spirit nor by word nor by letter as from us, as that the day of the Lord is present. 2nd Thessalonians 2:1

- 2. He is releasing judgments on the earth because He knows that this is the only way that His people will come back to Him.** *I [the Lord] will go and return to my place, till they [the people] acknowledge their offense and seek my face; in their afflictions they will seek me early. Come, and let us return unto the LORD, for He has torn, and He will heal us; He hath smitten, and He will bind us up. After two days will He revive us; in the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD, His going forth is prepared as the morning and He shall come unto us as the rain, the latter and former rain unto the earth. Hosea 5:15 through 6*
- 3. He is preparing a remnant company that will stand, because they are passionately in love with Jesus, when others fall.** *Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been like Sodom and we should have been like unto Gomorrah. Isaiah 1:9*

AND

Even so, then, at this present time also there is a remnant according to grace. Romans 11:5

AND

And the dragon was angry with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. Revelation 12:17

THE ELIJAH COMPANY

Characteristics of the Elijah Company

- 1. They have a father's heart:** *Behold, I will send you Elijah, the prophet, before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD; And He shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. Malachi 4:5-6*

2. **They are a prophetic people:** *And Elijah, the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. 1st Kings 17:1*
3. **They are faith walkers:** *And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink, for there is a sound of abundance of rain. 1st Kings 18:41*
4. **They are mighty intercessors:** *Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. James 5:17*
5. **They walk in the miraculous:** *And he rose and did eat and drink and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights, unto Horeb the mount of God. 1st Kings 19:8*
6. **They are bold reformers:** *And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one escape. And they took them, and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon and slew them there. 1st Kings 18:40*
7. **They raise the dead:** *And he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried unto the LORD and said, O LORD, my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah, and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child and brought him down out of the chamber into the house and delivered him unto his mother, and Elijah said, See thy son liveth. 1st Kings 18:21-23*

The Biblical Pattern for Fathers

1. **They affirm their children by speaking life:** **The Pattern Father** spoke over His only Son: *This is My Son in whom I am well-pleased. Matthew 17:5* Also, as a father, always remember: *Death and life are in the power of the tongue...Proverbs 18:21*
2. **They express both in words and actions the Father's love:** *But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath made us alive, together with Christ (by grace ye are saved), and hath raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:4-6*
3. **They love enough to discipline:** *My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him. For whom the Lord loveth He chastened and scourgeth every son whom He received. Hebrews 12:5b-6*

4. **Like the Heavenly Father, they are quick to forgive:** *Who forgiveth all thine iniquities...Psalm 103:3*

5. **They love enough to lay down their lives for their children:** *Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends [children].*

For Those Who Have Been Deeply Hurt by the Lack of a Proper Father Relationship

1. **You must forgive and come to an understanding that that father who abandoned you or who hurt you was himself wounded:** Unless you forgive, you will continue to be tormented by the enemy. *Then his lord, after he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou besoughtest me! Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was angry and delivered him to the tormentors till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts, forgive not every one his brother his trespasses. Matthew 18:32-35*

2. **Remember that God Himself promised to be a father to the fatherless so you got the greatest Father in the universe!** *Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of God; therefore, the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now we are the children of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 1st John 3:1*

AND

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but ye have received the Spirit of Adoption, whereby we cry, Abba Father. The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirits that we are the children of God, and, if children, then heirs-heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-if so be that we suffer with Him that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us. Romans 8:14-18

4. Break the Cycle in your own life by accepting the atonement of Jesus on the Cross:

- A. Recognize that we are born under generational and ancestral curses:** *For I the Lord your God am a jealous God visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me. Exodus 20:4-5*

AND

One of illegitimate birth shall not enter the congregation of the Lord even to the tenth generation; none of his descendants shall enter the congregation of the Lord. Deuteronomy 23:2

- B. Accept Jesus in your heart and get a revelation of what He did for you.** *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new. 2nd Corinthians 5:17*
- C. Take responsibility for all the sins of your ancestors.** *But if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers, with their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, and that they also have walked contrary to Me....Leviticus 26:40*
- D. Repent:** *Repent, or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. Revelation 2:16*

AND

He who covers his sins will not prosper. But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy. Proverbs 28:13