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A Preface

Local Christian bookstores and secular stores carry the popular "LEFT BEHIND" series which dramatizes what daily life might look like after the rapture of the church. It has become so popular that sequel upon sequel has followed.

Recently I have to come to understand why this series has become so popular. Truth in the natural realm parallels truth in the spiritual realm. The invisible is made real by that which is seen. The popularity of the Left Behind book series is not because it is on the cutting edge of the prophetic; but rather because it is a product of the Holy Spirit's wake as it has coursed through this earth. Left Behind does not describe the future it describes the present. The church has been left behind.

If you are a proponent of your local Bible bookstore's prophecy teachers then you will probably feel uncomfortable with what I am about to share from the scriptures. Let me say up front that, **...Yes, ...Jesus Christ is visibly Coming Soon**, just as he ascended. Yes, every eye will see him. The local Bible bookstore shelves are lined with books expounding the prophecies of the last days. They do a much better job than I could ever do.

The Four Horsemen are Soon to Ride. The Coming Tribulation. The Rapture is at the Door. Israel in Prophecy. Titles which always point to what is about to happen.

The majority of the End-Time events of the Book of Revelation are not only imminent; But many have already taken place. Some are occurring presently. Some are future. We (you) have been living right in the middle of them. We must not allow ourselves to be as the two on the road to Emmaeus who were communing with Christ all the time and knew it not. Israel was the same way. They knew not the day of their visitation. I wonder if we are of the same sort.

If you feel like you have been left behind, then catch up !
How shall I begin?

The Century of the Holy Spirit

This is the title of a book I have on my shelves that documents the spiritual events and people who impacted the Body of Christ in the 20th century. It is an encyclopedia of the Acts of the Holy Spirit during this time. Not only did the Reformation of prior centuries make its mark upon Church History, but the work of the Holy Spirit during the 20th century has caused many to label this last century as the Age of the Holy Spirit. The Age of Restoration for the Church. More than a Reformation. A Restoration.

A little time spent studying the events of the 20th century makes us aware that Jesus Christ was manifesting himself in His church in a different measure than in previous ages. Unprecedented out-pourings of the Spirit with Book of Acts style experiences abounded. Many of the experiences were similar to those of previous reformation revivals. And yet many experiences were significantly different from previous revival eras. The

restoring of the speaking in tongues, miracles of healing, prophecy, gifts of the Spirit, demonstrative worship, and others were at such an unprecedented level that the church world was affected greatly.

Statistics say that at the turn of the century (1900) only about 1 million pentecostal / charismatic believers existed globally. As the 20th century progressed waves of the Holy Spirit resulted in Pentecostals / Charismatic believers from within and without organized Christianity. During the 20th century over 800 million Pentecostal, Spirit-filled believers came into existence living in 9000 ethnolinguistic cultures,speaking 8000 languages,touching 95% of the earth's population. Of the 800 million over 175 million died during the century leaving nearly 500 million alive by the year 2000.

Today Spirit-filled believers make-up 27% of organized global christianity with a growth rate of 9 million per year or 25,000 per day or 1000 per hour. Over 50% of the world's mega-churches of 50,000 members are Spirit-filled.

Let's try to put this in perspective.

1 million in 1900to.... 800 million in 2000. Look at these numbers in terms of Time:, ...1 million seconds is about 11 1/2 days,while 800 million seconds equates to over 25 years. A staggering, unprecedented increase.

Truely the Spirit of God has been embracing the human race in mass. Just as Solomon married any and every woman he could find, ...regardless of race, religion, or creed; the Holy Spirit has been pouring out his presence upon all man-kind.

Once one looks upon the magnitude of these world-wide events, a conclusion is usually reached that it was either an age of heresy or an authentic move of God's Spirit in the earth. It was and is a genuine restoration of the New Testament Book of Acts ministry.

One question. Were these events witnessed or spoken of scripture? Surely, an international Holy Spirit move of this magnitude was prophecied.

I now believe it was. I just didn't see it in these terms before. Let me share with what I see happened.

Signs of Christ's Coming / Parousia / Presence

And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign (signify, the token) of thy coming,(arrival & presence) and of the end of the world? (Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 17 & 21)

Signs of Christ's Coming. This word "Coming" in this passage is Parousia in Greek which means arrival and presence. I am going to use Parousia (arrival & presence) rather than the word coming. It gave me a different insight. The Signs of Christ's Coming. The Signs of Christ's Parousia. The Signs of Christ's Arrival & Presence.

This all relates to Christ's 2nd Visible Return. When it is viewed as an *invisible preparation phase* of the Christ's Visible 2nd Return, then we can truly see what God has been doing to get his people ready for Jesus' coming. The events of the endtime are upon us now, not tomorrow. Jesus' Coming is no doubt Closer than we think. Come, Lord Jesus.

These signs were first identified in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 17, 21.

~ a few signs include ~

- As Lightening from the East to the West
- Light at Evening Time
- Days of the Revealing of the Son of Man
- Deception in Christian Ministries
- International Political Conflict & Turmoil
- Nature in Travail
- Pressure / Stress / Tribulation
- Preaching of the Kingdom Gospel into All the Earth
- The Eagles Gathering to the Meat
- The Fig Tree (Israel) Sprouting New Buds
- Times or Fulness of the Gentiles to Come In

•Peace & Prosperity As it Was in Noah & Lot's Time

~ other related prophetic signs include ~

- Former and Latter Rain in the Same Month
- The Restitution of All Things
- The Spirit of Elijah Turning the Hearts of the Children to the Fathers
- Adam & Enoch : 1st & 7th : Alpha & Omega
- Wise & Foolish Virgins
- The Mid-Night Cry : "Behold The Bridegroom Cometh"

The Days of the Revealing of the Son of Man

OVER-WHELMING LIGHT AT EVENING

As Jesus teaches about his return he speaks of a time of revelation and enlightenment, a time of Christ being manifested in the flesh or in humanity, in the day when the Son of man is revealed. (Luke 17:30) This time of revealing of Christ would be as spiritual light in the midst of spiritual darkness;

In that day(v.31) and in that night (v.34)

Both night and day at the same time. Zechariah saw this future time of spiritual light in his day, Zec 14:6-7

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.

It was to happen at evening time,at the end of the day,during a time of darkness. At the ENDTIME it shall be LIGHT. At the ENDTIME a revealing of Jesus Christ in man, ...the day when Jesus is revealed in the flesh of man.

In Luke 17:22 he said ...The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it. The Son of man in his day would be as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven shineth unto the other part under heaven. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall

also the coming (parousia-arrival & presence) of the Son of man be. (Luke 17:24)

The days of the revealing of Jesus Christ in humanity spoke of a time of a more intense concentration of God's glory and power than ever before. It would be like as the lightning shining from one part of heaven to another, as lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west. This revealing of Christ would light up the whole earth. God's glory would be manifested more than in one town, one state, one country or one continent; ...the revealing of Christ, his glory, his power, his resurrected life, his anointing, his Word, would be manifested as heavenly light from one end of heaven to the other. Universal Light. This great light of God would shine in the midst of the gross darkness of the Endtime.

WHEN ? At Evening time. At the end of the Day. In the middle of Spiritual Darkness. Light always comes to the darkness to dispel it. It was that way in the beginning in Genesis.

A RESTORATION !

There was to come a refreshing from God greater than any previous levels of God's glory. It would be the Restitution of All Things.

Jesus Christ, ..Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. (Acts 3:21)

It was to be the ministering Spirit of Elijah one more time turning people back to their roots. Malachi spoke of it; ...Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. (Mal 4:5-6) Not the original Old Testament Elijah. Jesus also foretold this in Matthew 17:11 ...And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.

The Spirit of Restoration has been upon the 20th century. A Spirit of Light in the midst of Darkness. Those ministers who yielded to this restoration anointing preached a gospel that brought a time of restitution of all things

back to the church. (restitution means the adding of water to bring it back to its original state) The anointing of Elijah came upon ministers all over the globe, from one part of heaven to another, declaring the same light and glory of Jesus Christ as was declared in Acts. *It was the days of the revealing of the Son of Man.* Those who yielded preached a message that brought restoration, ...a restitution of all things to the church.

The Elijah anointing called the children back to the gospel faith that was once delivered to their book of Acts fathers. The children began to preach the same message of the 12 Apostles. The same doctrine, the same faith, the same manifestations, the same Spirit, the same miracles.

The prophet Joel also spoke of this restoration. *Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. (Joel 2:23-25)*

The faith that was once delivered to the saints came back during the 20th century on a global scale. Under the whole heaven. As the lightning illumination of the Holy Spirit shined from the east to the west. The original gospel that began in the east (Israel) at the beginning in the book of Acts was reconstituted in the west at the endtime. The same light that shined in the beginning of the DAY of Christ has now shined in the west at the End of the DAY. Not less. The same. Faith, doctrine, spirit, miracles, power, gifts of the spirit, holiness restored to an unprecedented level. Not since the days of the New Testament church had the glory and light of Christ manifested itself in such power and magnitude as it did during the 20th century. There have always been revivals in every century and age in various places. But never worldwide from the east to the west.

One parallel and type is that of Adam and Enoch. The 1st generation Adam walked with the voice of God in the garden. The 7th generation Enoch walked with God, too. In fact, the 7th generation's walk with God resulted in Enoch's translation. The anointing and experience of the 1st was the same as that of the 7th, yet the 7th had a greater result. The 1st Church of the

New Testament's experience came upon the 7th Church, ...Laodicea. 1st and 7th. Jesus said I am Alpha (1st) and Omega (7th/last).

It was the time for the endtime believers to experience what the first age Book of Acts believers did had. Jesus Christ was here to reveal himself in the flesh, through human instruments : *the days of the Son of Man*.

Gathering of Eagles to the Meat

Matt 24 : 28 ,31 Luke 17 : 37

The endtime move of the inspiration of the Spirit was as eagles being gathered to meat.

And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together. (Lu 17:37) For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together. (Mt 24:28)

People and believers of all church creeds began to hear and see that Christ was walking in such a supernatural way among his body. The good news of Christ as a miracle worker, a divine healer, a deliverer, and Holy Spirit baptizer began to cover the globe during the 20th century.

A restoration of the acts of the Spirit of Jesus Christ were preached everywhere, in every continent. The sick and incurable were divinely healed by the prayer of preachers and saints. Demons were cast out. The Miraculous became more common than in any other generation. The Miracle worker of Galilee was walking again as he did in the Bible. Revealing that He was indeed alive and not dead.

An restoration of Holy Spirit manifestations appeared just as they did in the Bible. Speaking in tongues by believers and prophesying became common. Gifts of the Spirit worked all over the globe. It did not matter what religious background. Catholic, Protestant, or non-christian. Where ever people heard the same experiences took place.

A world-wide call went out across the planet, nations, cities, and churches. A gathering began to take place. People left their previous religious

affiliations and were gathered to the same gospel faith of our New Testament Fathers. Catholic left catholicism. Baptists became Pentecostal. Presbyterian were filled with the Holy Ghost. Methodists spoke in tongues and prophesied. Jesus Christ called believers out of every Christian persuasion as well as non-Christian. A Gathering of God's end-time eagles took place.

God was using anyone and everyone who listened and yielded to his presence in the earth. Some of the more notable who walked in the restored manifestations of the Spirit of Christ were : John Alexander Dowie, Maria Woodworth Etter, Charles F. Parham, William J. Seymour, John G. Lake, Smith Wigglesworth, Aimee Semple McPherson, William Marrion Branham, Kathryn Kuhlman, T. L. Osborn, Oral Roberts, Jack Coe, A. A. Allen and too many others to name. By the 1950's The Voice of Healing Magazine was endorsing over 50 different healing evangelists.

As the 20th century was birthed on January 1, 1900 the number of christians walking in the manifestations of the Spirit may have totaled one million worldwide. However, by the time the century would end in 2000, the ranks of the Pentecostal and those accepting all New Testament manifestations of the Holy Spirit would number over 500 million. This would not include all of those who had lived and died during the century. The Days of the Revealing of the Son of Man. An Out-pouring of the Holy Ghost at the turn of the century just as in the Book of Acts, yet on a world-wide scale. The speaking in tongues manifestation became a tenet of faith. They called themselves : Pentecostal.

As this experience escalated physical miracles of healing began to be restored to the church. A manifestation of the 9 gifts of the Spirit returned. Healing, miracles, tongues, prophecyings, discernment, word of knowledge and wisdom.

All popular and long held church doctrines came under the shekinah light of God's glory. The Reformation had brought many doctrines back into the light. But, Many were not. The *apostles doctrines* became the searching cry of God's Eagles. Denominational control was weakened. Water baptism in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Ghost, fell from popularity. The Trinity concept of God, fell as the Eagles were gathered to the meat of God's Word, ...the original Word, Spirit & Truth was restored.

Many fought to keep the status quo. But the Holy Spirit of Christ would have none of it. He kept on filling. He kept on pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh. Jesus was revealing himself in humanity. All those who had an ear to hear what the Spirit had to say unto church moved on. Those who were rebellious and dull of hearing and entrenched within their church systems and traditions were left behind.

The Eagles of God were being gathered. But the gathering was not over. Just as Gideon's army was too many and had to be sifted by tests; ..so were the Pentecostals. They were tested with organization schemes and denominational movements. Many yielded to man made organization methods to govern the body of Christ. The Eagles of God kept flying toward the meat. Gathering as they flew onward toward the light of the Son.

In time Jesus' light of revelation shined upon other doctrinal errors that had attached themselves to the church during the dark ages of Catholicism. The Spirit of Christ revealed that the name of Jesus Christ was not merely the only saving name, ...but that it is also the only water baptism name. Again many were restored to the same *water baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ* as the Fathers of the New Testament had preached and experienced. Another gathering took place.

It was not long until the Spirit of Christ shined light upon the Romanish Catholic doctrine of God as a Trinity. All over the world men and women saw that God was one and not three. They saw that Jesus was not Jehovah Junior but *the Son of the living God, the Word made flesh, ..God manifested in the flesh*. Another gathering took place. At every crossroads, believers were being restored to the faith of their apostolic new testament fathers; ...a gathering of the eagles of God to the meat of God's Word. The Spirit of Elijah was at work calling the body of Christ back, just as Elijah did. Just as it had been preached in the Bible.

The 20th century was the days of the revealing of the Son of Man. The presence of Jesus Christ came among man-kind just as he walked in Palestine in Bible days. Preaching, teaching, and manifesting the acts of God from one end of heaven to the other. From the east to the west. The spiritual light of God shined upon the dark hearts of men and women. During all of this Jesus was simply preparing his church for his 2nd coming. We saw the signs of his appearing everywhere. Christ shined as a conspicuous light in the midst of the darkness of unbelief. The True Light

was Shining in fulness in the last Laodicean Church as He did in the 1st Apostolic Church.

Micah's prophecy of the light going out over ministries began to occur. Those who rejected the Spirit's unction to return to the original new testament doctrines began to experience the setting of the Son's Light upon their lives, churches, and ministries. Their vision is not current. Still camped around the same mount. Foolish. Yet they love God. Not Wise but Foolish to fight against the Light of Jesus Christ that God gave to this generation.

Micah said; Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him. Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them. (Micah 3:5-6)

The Day of the Revealing of the Son of Man, ..of Jesus Christ has become darkness to them. The Day of Christ has become Night for multitudes who resisted the Truths Christ was revealing. Those left behind were given over to be partaker of the sins and plagues of the Harlot Church. It is near Mid-Night and the Visible 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ. Now Christ's church lies in the state he predicted; ...a church of wise and foolish (believers) virgins.

Separation of Believers : Some Taken - Some Left

Matt 24 : 40-41 Luke 17 : 34-36

Matthew 24:40-41 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Luke 17:34-36 I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Some were gathered to the original truths of New Testament preaching. It separated. No matter how close they were as friends or relatives on the job or family members under the same roof. The revealing of Jesus Christ took one and left another.

Wise and Foolish Virgins

Matt 25:1-13

Matthew 25:1-13 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

If you are waiting for the future to come. Look around. Look within. The future is here. We are living in the midnight hour of the church of the living God. Some of us are wise. Some of us have been foolish. Some of us accepted what Jesus is doing. Some of us rejected what Christ wanted to share with us. The wise are walking in the light of God's glory and revelation at midnight. Resting. The Foolish are resting but should be acquiring more light. The Foolish do not have enough light and revelation to make it through the Spiritual Darkness (Night) of these days.

Preaching the same Protestant Gospel laced with error worked to deliver in ages gone by. But no longer. The revealed gospel truths that worked in previous ages and resulted in the formation of the present protestant and pentecostal denominations were part of the restoration, but not the fulness. Those who persist to live under the protestant, pentecostal and charismatic

umbrellas of past revelations will suffer when He Cries; ...*Behold the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.*

The five foolish will find out too late that they don't have enough Spiritual Light to go out to meet Jesus when He calls His Bride. By the time they come to their senses and acquire more spiritual light, the Door will be closed. Another gathering. Another Separation. Does God hate them? No. They are his children. His Virgins. But Foolish. Needless suffering will come to them. I hope I am among the wise. Where will you be? That day has to be very close.

Walking With Christ & Knew It Not
(Day of Visitation and Road to Emmaeus)

Israel did not know. Only a remnant knew. Only a minority received Christ when he came the first time. He wept over Jerusalem because they knew not that their Messiah, their Savior, their God was walking among them to minister to them. *thou knewest not the time of thy visitation. (Luke 19:44)* Christ worked miracles in their midst. Healed their sick and diseased. Cast out Devils. Poured out upon them His Holy Spirit Anointing. It all happened on an unprecedented scale. Just as it happened during the 20th century. *And they knew it not* in New Testament Bible days. It is also true today. So many believersknow it not;that Christ has visited his people again in preparation for the end of the New Testament Age.

The two men on the Road to Emmaus experienced their hearts burning within them as Jesus ministered the revelation of truth light to them of the events of the past several days. Yet they knew it not. Not until he was gone.

Luke 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. Luke 24:32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

During the 20th century this was all occurring. Christ's Presence was shining as a conspicuous light all over the earth. Restoring and Gathering all who would hear. Revealing himself as he did in Bible Days. Another

chapter to the Book of Acts was being written by the Holy Spirit. Many received and became wise. Many rejected and became foolish. All the while this was transpiring, other Signs of Christ's Coming / Parousia : Arrival and Presence were taking place.

The Israeli Fig Tree Was to Bud Again
Luke 21 : 29-30

The revealing of the son of man was to occur when the fig tree put forth tender branches. (Matt 24:32) In fact, Jesus said those that witness the fig tree and all the trees putting forth new buds or shoots; that generation would not pass away until all would be fulfilled.

Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. Luke 17:29-32

The Fig Tree represents the natural nation of Israel. *He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; the branches thereof are made white. (Joel 1:7)*

All the trees represent all the other nations. Israel as a nation has put forth her shoots (buds) again. She has made her influence felt in the earth again. Nations who once were quiet on the national stage no longer keep their voices passive. It happened during the 20th Century.

During this last century Jerusalem was re-claimed by the Hebrew people. The Times of the Gentiles is at an end.

And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. (Luke 21:24)

Jerusalem has ceased from being a city that the gentile (non-Jewish) people and nations govern. The Israeli people began to govern themselves

again. The 20th century witnessed a renewing of life in the Fig Tree just as a tree that buds in the spring after a long dormant winter.

The generation of people who witness the cessation of the gentile domination of the Israel's geographical homeland should understand that they are living witnesses of the revealing of the days of the Son of Man.

The Blindness of Peace & Prosperity
A Preoccupation with Every Day Life
Matt 24 : 37-39 Luke 17 : 26-29; 21 : 34-36

Matthew 24:37-39 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be..

Jesus mentioned that the days (days, weeks, months, years) of the Revealing of the Son of man would be as the days of Noah and as in the days of Lot. It would transpire over a period of time.

And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. (Luke 17:26-29)

The 20th Century has been a time of un-parallel prosperity, even though it was saturated with the some of the earth's greatest tragedies and wars. Daniel saw centuries ago that at the end-time peace and prosperity would blind many believers.

And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: (Dan 8:25) (peace means prosperity, abundance)

The blindness of abundance and prosperity affected those of Noah and Lot's day as well as the people of this Endtime Generation.

Luke 21:34-36 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

The snare of prosperity has helped to erode our love for Christ. The love of many has waxed cold.

Deception in Christian Ministry

Matt 24:4,5,11,23-26 Luke 21:8

Matthew 24:4-5, 11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ (anointed); and shall deceive many.And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

Matthew 24:23-26 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

Luke 21:8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.

It isn't the New Agers; nor deluded cult leaders who influence others to follow them who pose the greatest threat of deception for the church. The church has nothing to fear from the Jim Jones's or the David Koresh's of this world. They were definitely false but never anointed (never Christ).

The false anointed (false christ) are those who preached Jesus Christ, who prophecy and manifest the signs and acts of the Holy Spirit,all the while they are teaching contrary to the apostles doctrine of the New Testament. God overlooked it during the centuries of the Dark Ages, but no longer.

The original gospel has been revealed and restored to the world-wide church. *The restitution of all things has occurred.* To preach a gospel in the name of Jesus Christ that has less light than the apostles doctrine of the Book of Acts is to preach false teaching. To lead believers to less than the restored Word of the New Testament is Anointed preaching with a false spirit woven into it. False Anointed. False Christ. Go not after them.

Political & National Turmoil / Conflict

Matt 24 : 6,7 Luke 21 : 9,16

Matthew 24:6-7 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:

Luke 21:9-10; but the end is not by and by. Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass

Wars have always been. Only during the 20th century were there Two World-Wide Wars. •World War 1: 1914-1918 •World War 2 : 1939-1945

Since then it has been Indo-China, Korea, Cuba, Vietnam, Nigeria, the Middle East, India & Pakistan, ...the list goes on. You research it. The 20th century was the most barbaric in history. More lives were lost in 20th century wars than in all the wars of history combined. Over 175 million.

Nature in Travail

Matt 24 : 7 Luke 21 : 11

Matt 24:7 ...and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

Luke 21:11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

•Famine : those born before 1950 have witnessed more population growth than during all the preceding centuries combined.

•Pestilence : AIDS 30 million worldwide expected HIV by 2000

•Earthquakes : 15 major earthquakes during the last 1000 years

*past 50 years over 21 major quakes have taken over 500,000 lives

*Major quakes over the last 50 years of the 20th century:

- 4 in '40's - 9 in the '50's - 13 in the '60's - 56 in the '70's

- 74 in the '80's - increase '90's.

A little research will verify these figures.

Open Book Gospel Preaching to All Nations

Matt 24:14 Rev 10

Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Revelation 10:10-11 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

Revelation 14:6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

Revelation 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

The missionaries have taken the gospel truths of the Catholic, Protestant, & Pentecostal faiths all over the earth. Somewhere during all this Christ Opened the Book so that the original gospel of Acts could be preached. The Restored Gospel of the Kingdom was witnessed to, preached, and

manifested just as it was in the New Testament. It happened during the 20th century. It was a sign of Christ's Presence and of his Soon 2nd visible return. This past century took the same apostolic gospel of the kingdom of God all over the globe.

Increased Pressure / Stress / Tribulation

Matt 24 : 21-22 Luke 21 : 25-26

Matthew 24:21-22 For then shall be great tribulation (pressure), such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened

Luke 21:25-26 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts (fainting of spirit) failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

One of the trademark characteristics of this century has been increased stress and pressure of daily life. Tribulation means pressure. Pressure can come in various ways. Regardless of the source, there is much anxiety, perplexity, and distress about the world we live in. Greater than any previous generation.

Restoration Light : Day Light at Night

Matt 24:26-28 Luke 17:17-24,31,34

Matthew 24:26-28 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

Luke 17:20-24 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of

God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you. And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it. And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after them, nor follow them. For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day.

Luke 17:30-36 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. Remember Lot's wife. Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it. I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other

**What shall be the Sign of thy Coming
(Parousia : Arrival & Presence) ?**

The Presence of Jesus Christ has, was, and is among us even now preparing us for his visible return. You may not see it. But I do. Compare all the acts He did in the Spiritual Realm with all the acts He said would happen in the Natural Realm. Both were occurring at the same time. Jesus has appeared to the Wise Virgins who went out to meet him. They went beyond the camp. They heard his voice calling them to come away with their beloved. Have you heard it?

The Voice of the Bridegroom is calling His Bride unto Himself. The Jews always wanted a sign. Why? Because for the most part they could not walk by faith. Always walking by Sight. How will we know? It is not by the sight of the eyes. It is by the Spirit. A Secret to the Natural man, but a Revelation to the Spiritual man.

The signs Jesus gave have been called the signs of the end-time. They are. But they are more accurately : the signs of Jesus' Coming, the signs of

Jesus' Arrival, the signs of Jesus' Presence. A Prelude to his Visible Return. A Spiritual Appearing of Presence before his Physical Appearing.

We have been witness to the herald or announcement of his Physical Coming. This century has been exposed to the sign of his appearing. They shall soon mourn when they realize that all they thought was still ahead of them - all they thought was about to happen - HAPPENED! and they knew it not!

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~ Come Quickly Lord Jesus! ~