

# THE RAPTURE

“Escape all these things [taken together] that will take place”...Luke 21:36

## Part 11

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16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

In Part 9 and Part 10 we looked at what God’s Word had to tell you and I, followers of Jesus Christ or the Word, regarding alcohol. The “things” or signs of Jesus’ return that we see happening, that was foretold, is to wake up the Church, to sound the alarm to get prepared and not scared.

### Isaiah 46:9-10 KJV

9 Remember the former **things** of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,

10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the **things** that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

### Isaiah 46:9-10 AMPC

9 [Earnestly] remember the former things, [which I did] of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me,

10 Declaring the end and the result from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose.

The Word or Jesus has always been. It is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). He (the Word) has declared and shown us from the beginning what will happen in the end. No revisions, no changes - He or the Word is the same.

Jesus and the New Testament writers always referred back to the Old Testament when asked the question by the Church, what must we do to be ready for the Rapture? They thought they had missed the Rapture and were going through the Tribulation because of the difficulties, trials or tribulations suffered at the hands of the Roman Empire.

The Roman Empire was godless. They were taxing, imprisoning Jews and Christians, shutting their businesses down and killing them as well. The religious leaders of the day had ordered Jesus, the Word, to be executed because He was fulfilling scripture, the Word was alive and was taking place and people were following Jesus (the Word).

Religion or denominations were in chaos, they were twisting the truth about the Word and what it meant. Jesus came and spoke the truth, didn't add or delete any "thing" and religion and the religious structures wanted to control the message. They were exposed and not just for false teaching, twisting the truth, but for not speaking truth by remaining silent to what was taking place.

**Hosea 4:6 AMPC**

*6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge;*

**Matthew 24:11 AMPC**

*11 And many false prophets will rise up and deceive and lead many into error.*

**Matthew 24:24 AMPC**

*24 For false Christs and false prophets will arise, and they will show great signs and wonders so as to deceive and lead astray, if possible, even the elect (God's chosen ones).*

Jesus commanded us to know the signs of His return and told us in detail all throughout the Old and New Testament signs that would take place - from weather, politics, education, financial, religion, Israel, the Middle East, etc.

**Matthew 24:33 KJV**

*33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.*

**Matthew 24:33 AMPC**

*33 So also when you see these signs, [a]all taken together, coming to pass, you may know [b]of a surety that He is near, at the very doors.*

**Luke 21:34-36 AMPC**

*34 But take heed to yourselves and be on your guard, lest your hearts be overburdened and depressed (weighed down) with the [a]giddiness and headache and [b]nausea of self-indulgence, drunkenness, and worldly worries and cares pertaining to [the [c]business of] this life, and [lest] that day come upon you suddenly like a trap or a noose;*

*35 For it will come upon all who live upon the face of the entire earth.*

*36 Keep awake then and watch at all times [be discreet, attentive, and ready], praying that you may have the full strength and ability and be accounted worthy to escape all these things [taken together] that will take place, and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.*

So, what is it about these signs, all taken together or coming to pass that is so important that Jesus commands us to know them?

**Matthew 24:34-51 AMPC**

*34 Truly I tell you, this generation ([o]the whole multitude of people living at the same time, [p]in a definite, [q]given period) will not pass away till all these things [r]taken together take place.*

*35 [s]Sky and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.*

*36 But of that [exact] day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.*

*37 As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.*

38 For just as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, [men] marrying and [women] being given in marriage, until the [very] day when Noah went into the ark,

39 And they did not know or understand until the flood came and swept them all away—so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

40 At that time two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left.

41 Two women will be grinding at the hand mill; one will be taken and one will be left.

42 Watch therefore [[t]give strict attention, be cautious and active], for you do not know in what kind of a day [[u]whether a near or remote one] your Lord is coming.

43 But understand this: had the householder known in what [part of the night, whether in a [v]night or a morning] watch the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have allowed his house to be [w]undermined and broken into.

44 You also must be ready therefore, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect Him.

45 Who then is the faithful, thoughtful, and wise servant, whom his master has put in charge of his household to give to the others the food and supplies at the proper time?

46 Blessed (happy, fortunate, and [x]to be envied) is that servant whom, when his master comes, he will find so doing.

47 I solemnly declare to you, he will set him over all his possessions.

48 But if that servant is wicked and says to himself, My master is delayed and is going to be gone a long time,

49 And begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with the drunken, 50 The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour of which he is not aware,

51 And will punish him [[y]cut him up by scourging] and put him with the pretenders (hypocrites); there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

These signs, all taken together, when we see them coming (not in their fulness, but moving) it mean that the Rapture is almost here. That's why Timothy was charged by Paul to preach the whole truth, not to withhold regardless if he wanted to be heard...

## 2 Timothy 4:1-5 AMPC

1 I charge [you] in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, Who is to judge the living and the dead, and by (in the light of) His coming and His kingdom:

2 Herald and preach the Word! Keep your sense of urgency [stand by, be at hand and ready], whether the opportunity seems to be favorable or unfavorable. [Whether it is convenient or inconvenient, whether it is welcome or unwelcome, you as preacher of the Word are to show people in what way their lives are wrong.] And convince them, rebuking and correcting, warning and urging and encouraging them, being unflinching and inexhaustible in patience and teaching.

3 For the time is coming when [people] will not tolerate (endure) sound and wholesome instruction, but, having ears itching [for something pleasing and gratifying], they will gather to themselves one teacher after another to a considerable number, chosen to satisfy their own liking and to foster the errors they hold,

4 And will turn aside from hearing the truth and wander off into myths and man-made fictions

5 As for you, be calm and cool and steady, accept and suffer unflinchingly every hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fully perform all the duties of your ministry.

The Never Wrong Prophet Jeremiah warned God's people in the Old and now the End Times church about: False preaching/teaching or lack of preaching and teaching at all regarding judgment that is coming and what to do in order to be found worthy to escape these "things". Remember - things in God's Word or promises in God's Word and His Word have already been spoken, nothing can be added. I (God) promise to reward and promise to punish, this is the final outcome of your choices.

## Jeremiah 14:14 KJV

14 Then the Lord said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.

**Jeremiah 14:14 AMPC**

*14 Then the Lord said to me, The [false] prophets prophesy lies in My name. I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, nor have I spoken to them. They prophesy to you a false or pretended vision, a worthless divination [conjuring or practicing magic, trying to call forth the responses supposed to be given by idols], and the deceit of their own minds.*

You and I have been given all 66 books of the Bible in order to be prepared and not scared about the days we are living. We were told in advance so we would have a peace about what is happening because it is not easy, it can make your heart get weary, it can make you anxious.

**2 Timothy 1:7 KJV**

*7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

**2 Timothy 1:7 AMPC**

*7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control.*

**Fear tolerated is faith contaminated...  
The two can't coexist, you either have one or the other.**

**Philippians 4:6-7 AMPC**

*6 Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God.*

*7 And God's peace [shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all understanding shall [c]garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

**Philippians 4:6-7 KJV**

*6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*

*7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

Paul is telling the End Times church that in order to be ready for the Time of The End, the time we are living prior to the Rapture of the Church is fear nothing! Be anxious for nothing, and the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus or THE WORD.

Jesus said in His final Word to the disciples in John regarding not just going to the cross but at the Time of the End:

**John 16:33 AMPC**

**33 I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence.** *In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]*

**John 16:33 KJV**

*33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

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So Jesus, the Word, has told us these signs, these things, these prophetic things in advance so we could have peace and be confident. There are many signs that are taking place and not just in Israel, the Middle East, financially and politically. There are natural calamities that are taking place that are not just coincidence that is, has, and will take place in California, New York, Kentucky and all the areas and regions of the United States.

To say “common that is just coincidence” did you know that several of the judgments that the angels will be responsible to carry out that will take place after the Rapture during the 7 year Tribulation will be “natural” occurring?

Revelation chapters 8&16, many of the the trumpets and the vials/bowls can be equated to asteroids striking the earth and volcanic eruptions where the ash will cover the sky and darken the sun. There will also be tsunamis in all of the judgments after the Rapture takes place.

#### **Revelation 8:7-10 KJV**

*7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.*

*8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;*

*9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.*

*10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;*

#### **Revelation 8:7-10 AMPC**

*7 The first angel blew [his] trumpet, and there was a storm of hail and fire mingled with blood cast upon the earth. And a third part of the earth was burned up and a third of the trees was burned up and all the green grass was burned up.*



8 *The second angel blew [his] trumpet, and something resembling a great mountain, blazing with fire, was hurled into the sea.*

9 *And a third of the sea was turned to blood, a third of the living creatures in the sea perished, and a third of the ships were destroyed.*

10 *The third angel blew [his] trumpet, and a huge star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it dropped on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water.*

These natural or things from nature will be caused by Jesus, carried out by the angels when the scrolls are opened. Paul wrote that the earth is groaning and travailing from the weight of the shedding of innocent blood and from sin.

**Romans 8:22 KJV**

*22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.*

## Travail defined:

1. To labor with pain; to toil.
2. To suffer the pangs of childbirth; to be in labor. Genesis 35:16.  
To harass; to tire; as troubles sufficient to travail the realm.

Labor with pain; severe toil. As every thing of price, so doth this require travail. Labor in childbirth; as a severe travail; an easy travail.

We have seen in this country pastors and Christians continually promoting, aligning with and voting for the godless platform that is for the shedding of innocent blood or murder.

**Proverbs 6:16-19 AMPC**

*16 These six things the Lord hates, indeed, seven are an abomination to Him:*

*17 A proud look [the spirit that makes one overestimate himself and underestimate others], a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,*

*18 A heart that manufactures wicked thoughts and plans, feet that are swift in running to evil,*

*19 A false witness who breathes out lies [even under oath], and he who sows discord among his brethren.*

### **Proverbs 6:16-19 KJV**

*16 These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:*

*17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,*

*18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,*

*19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.*

From this part of the indignation we see in the book of Revelation we are seeing the earth crying out for vengeance for all the righteous people who have been killed from the Old Testament and since the time of Christ in the New until now. God is going after anyone, the religious people and leaders who have went after the prophets, preachers and teachers who were speaking the truth but they refused to listen and even killed them.

### **Matthew 23:33-37 AMPC**

*33 You serpents! You spawn of vipers! How can you escape the penalty to be suffered in hell (Gehenna)?*

*34 Because of this, take notice: I am sending you prophets and wise men (interpreters and teachers) and scribes (men learned in the Mosaic Law and the Prophets); some of them you will kill, even crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and pursue and persecute from town to town,*

*35 So that upon your heads may come all the blood of the righteous ([b]those who correspond to the divine standard of right) shed on earth, from the blood of the righteous Abel to the blood of...(cont. next page)*

*Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar [of burnt offering].*

*36 Truly I declare to you, all these [[c]evil, calamitous times] will come upon this generation.*

*37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, murdering the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together as a mother fowl gathers her brood under her wings, and you refused!*

**Matthew 23:33-37 KJV**

*33 Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?*

*34 Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:*

*35 That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.*

*36 Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.*

*37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!*

Jesus just finished telling His disciples what it would look like (the signs) in the church or religion (denominations) prior to the Rapture in the previous verses of Matthew chapter 23 which we will read next. But this is their outcome, this is how He views those religious leaders who try and stop the truth, for not telling the truth because of laziness, lack of knowledge, greed,... the “WOE to you scribes and pharisees”. Many are and will be deceived and duped.

Remember, Jesus said: many pastors, preachers, teachers, authors, educators will come in His name saying ‘I am Jesus or this is what the Word means now, it changed’ - NO IT DIDN’T CHANGE, YOU DID!

**Matthew 24:1-12 AMPC**

1 Jesus departed from the temple [a]area and was going on His way when His disciples came up to Him to call His attention to the buildings of the temple and point them out to Him.

2 But He answered them, Do you see all these? Truly I tell you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.

3 While He was seated on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately and said, Tell us, when will this take place, and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end (the completion, the consummation) of the age?

4 Jesus answered them, Be careful that no one misleads you [deceiving you and leading you into error].

**5 For many will come in (on the strength of) My name [[b]appropriating the name which belongs to Me], saying, I am the Christ (the Messiah), and they will lead many astray.**

6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened or troubled, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in place after place;

8 All this is but the beginning [the early pains] of the [c]birth pangs [of the [d]intolerable anguish].

9 Then they will hand you over to suffer affliction and tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.

10 And then many will be offended and repelled and will [e]begin to distrust and desert [Him Whom they ought to trust and obey] and will stumble and fall away and betray one another and pursue one another with hatred.

**11 And many false prophets will rise up and deceive and lead many into error.**

12 And the love of [f]the great body of people will grow cold because of the multiplied lawlessness and iniquity,

**Matthew 24:1-12 KJV**

*1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.*

*2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.*

*3 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 of thy coming, and of the end of the world?*

*4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.*

**5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.**

*6 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.*

*7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.*

*8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.*

*9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.*

*10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.*

**11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.**

*12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.*

This is why Jesus told His followers, His disciples at the End of Time you and I will need the promised Holy Spirit. He will guide us into all truth regarding His Word.

**John 16:8-13 AMPC**

*8 And when He comes, He will convict and convince the world and bring demonstration to it about **sin and about righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God) and about judgment:***

9 About sin, because they do not believe in Me [trust in, rely on, and adhere to Me];

10 About righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God), because I go to My Father, and you will see Me no longer;

11 About judgment, because the ruler (evil genius, prince) of this world [Satan] is judged and condemned and sentence already is passed upon him.

12 I have still many things to say to you, but you are not able to bear them or to take them upon you or to grasp them now.

13 But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], **and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future].**

### **John 16:8-13 KJV**

8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of **sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:**

9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;

10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: **and he will shew you things to come.**

In part 1- we read what Jude told you and I about the End Times church that there will be pastors, preachers and teachers who led people in lawlessness and error. Peter said the same thing...

### **2 Peter 3:3-6, 14-18 AMPC**

3 To begin with, you must know and understand this, that scoffers (mockers) will come in the last days with scoffing, [people who] walk after their own fleshly desires

2 Peter 3:2 AMPC That you should recall the predictions of the holy (consecrated, dedicated) prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior [given] through your apostles (His special messengers)

4 And say, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the forefathers fell asleep, all things have continued exactly as they did from the beginning of creation.

5 For they willfully overlook and forget this [fact], that the heavens [came into] existence long ago by the word of God, and the earth also which was formed out of water and by means of water,

6 Through which the world that then [existed] was deluged with water and perished.

14 So, beloved, since you are expecting these things, be eager to be found by Him [at His coming] without spot or blemish and at peace [in serene confidence, [a]free from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts].

15 And consider that the long-suffering of our Lord [[b]His slowness in avenging wrongs and judging the world] is salvation ([c]that which is conducive to the soul's safety), even as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the spiritual insight given him,

16 Speaking of this as he does in all of his letters. There are some things in those [epistles of Paul] that are difficult to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist and misconstrue to their own [d]utter destruction, just as [they distort and misinterpret] the rest of the Scriptures.

17 Let me warn you therefore, beloved, that knowing these things beforehand, you should be on your guard, lest you be carried away by the error of lawless and wicked [persons and] fall from your own [present] firm condition [your own steadfastness of mind].

18 But grow in grace (undeserved favor, spiritual strength) and [e]recognition and knowledge and understanding of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (the Messiah). To Him [be] glory (honor, majesty, and splendor) both now and to the day of eternity. Amen (so be it)!

Jesus told us in Matthew 23 what it will look like in many “christian” churches...

### **Matthew 23 AMPC**

1 Then Jesus said to the multitudes and to His disciples,

*2 The scribes and Pharisees sit on Moses' seat [of authority].*

*3 So observe and practice all they tell you; but do not do what they do, for they preach, but do not practice.*

*4 They tie up heavy loads, hard to bear, and place them on men's shoulders, but they themselves will not lift a finger to help bear them.*

*5 They do all their works to be seen of men; for they make wide their phylacteries ([a]small cases enclosing certain Scripture passages, worn during prayer on the left arm and forehead) and make long their fringes [worn by all male Israelites, according to the command].*

*6 And they [b]take pleasure in and [thus] love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues,*

*7 And to be greeted with honor in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi.*

*8 But you are not to be called rabbi (teacher), for you have one Teacher and you are all brothers.*

*9 And do not call anyone [in the church] on earth father, for you have one Father, Who is in heaven.*

*10 And you must not be called masters (leaders), for you have one Master (Leader), the Christ.*

*11 He who is greatest among you shall be your servant.*

*12 Whoever exalts himself [[c]with haughtiness and empty pride] shall be humbled (brought low), and whoever humbles himself [whoever has a modest opinion of himself and behaves accordingly] shall be [d]raised to honor.*

*13 But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in men's faces; for you neither enter yourselves, nor do you allow those who are about to go in to do so.*

*14 [e]Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you swallow up widows' houses and for a pretense to cover it up make long prayers; therefore you will receive the greater condemnation and the heavier sentence.*

*15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you travel over sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes one [a proselyte], you make him doubly as much a child of hell (Gehenna) as you are.*



16 Woe to you, blind guides, who say, If anyone swears by the [f]sanctuary of the temple, it is nothing; but if anyone swears by the gold of the [g]sanctuary, he is a debtor [bound by his oath].

17 You blind fools! For which is greater: the gold, or the [h]sanctuary of the temple that has made the gold sacred?

18 You say too, Whoever swears by the altar is not duty bound; but whoever swears by the offering on the altar, his oath is binding.

19 You blind men! Which is greater: the gift, or the altar which makes the gift sacred?

20 So whoever swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it.

21 And he who swears by the [i]sanctuary of the temple swears by it and by Him Who dwells in it.

22 And whoever swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by Him Who sits upon it.

23 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you give a tenth of your mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected and omitted the weightier (more important) matters of the Law—right and justice and mercy and fidelity. These you ought [particularly] to have done, without neglecting the others.

24 You blind guides, filtering out a gnat and gulping down a [j]camel!

25 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the plate, but within they are full of extortion (prey, spoil, plunder) and grasping self-indulgence.

26 You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and of the plate, so that the outside may be clean also.

27 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you are like tombs that have been whitewashed, which look beautiful on the outside but inside are full of dead men's bones and everything impure.

28 Just so, you also outwardly seem to people to be just and upright but inside you are full of pretense and lawlessness and iniquity.

29 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you build tombs for the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous,

30 Saying, If we had lived in the days of our forefathers, we would not have aided them in shedding the blood of the prophets.

31 Thus you are testifying against yourselves that you are the descendants of those who murdered the prophets.

32 Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' sins to the brim [so [k]that nothing may be wanting to a full measure].

33 You serpents! You spawn of vipers! How can you escape the [l]penalty to be suffered in hell (Gehenna)?

34 Because of this, take notice: I am sending you prophets and wise men (interpreters and teachers) and scribes (men learned in the Mosaic Law and the Prophets); some of them you will kill, even crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and pursue and persecute from town to town,

35 So that upon your heads may come all the blood of the righteous ([m]those who correspond to the divine standard of right) shed on earth, from the blood of the righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar [of burnt offering].

36 Truly I declare to you, all these [[n]evil, calamitous times] will come upon this generation.

37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, murdering the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together as a mother fowl gathers her brood under her wings, and you refused!

38 Behold, your house is forsaken and desolate (abandoned and left destitute of God's help).

39 For I declare to you, you will not see Me again until you say, Blessed (magnified in worship, adored, and exalted) is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!

### **Matthew 23 KJV**

1 Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,

2 Saying The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:

3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.

4 For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

5 *But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,*  
6 *And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,*  
7 *And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.*  
8 *But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.*  
9 *And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.*  
10 *Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.*  
11 *But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.*  
12 *And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.*  
13 *But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.*  
14 *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.*  
15 *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.*  
16 *Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor!*  
17 *Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold?*  
18 *And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty.*  
19 *Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?*  
20 *Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon.*  
21 *And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein.*

22 *And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.*

23 *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.*

24 *Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.*

25 *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.*

26 *Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.*

27 *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.*

28 *Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.*

29 *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous,*

30 *And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.*

31 *Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.*

32 *Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.*

33 *Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?*

34 *Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:*

35 *That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.*

36 *Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.*

*37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!*

*38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.*

*39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

WOW! Jesus is telling us what will and is happening - would it will look like in the church and the religious leaders (wheat and tares). They care more about their buildings, about their personal legacy, status quo than they do the people they are called to lead and sound the alarm for.

Why? The never wrong Prophet said they are like dumb dogs who are without knowledge, lazy, dreamers and greedy. They cherry pick sins that they know everyone agrees with, they twist the truth about sin, judgment and righteousness or don't speak about it at all. They will not talk about what is happening thru the lens of scripture because they will have to talk about judgement and the temperature in the room would heat up too much.

From the last few verses in Matthew 23, along with the Old Testament and New Testament writers, God's Word said that He will recompense for the shedding of innocent blood or allowing it to happen (everything in Word and deed)... I will judge the religious leaders.

### **Colossians 3:17 AMPC**

*17 And whatever you do [no matter what it is] in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus and in [dependence upon] His Person, giving praise to God the Father through Him.*

This is not legalism, this is being Holy, being obedient...

### **John 14:15 AMPC**

*15 If you [really] love Me, you will keep (obey) My commands.*

Jesus not only told us what would be happening in the “Christian” religion, but the global signs as well: One World government, hatred toward another, wars and rumors of wars, Israel surrounded etc. That is why He commanded us to know the signs so we wouldn’t be caught unaware. There is a One World Religion and One World Government forming right now... we can all see it.

There were false teachers at the time of Christ, when prophecy was being fulfilled, Jesus or the Word appeared in the flesh as was foretold by the Never Wrong Old Testament Prophets. Many religious leaders didn’t want to acknowledge Him, talk about Him and many wanted to kill Him or the Word or the Truth.

Today, the Word is appearing in the flesh, the signs or things foretold by the Never Wrong Old Testament Prophets is taking place and many religious leaders won’t acknowledge Him, talk about Him and many wanted to kill Him or the Word or the Truth. They will distance and isolate those pastors, preachers and teachers who speak the truth and call them crazy, legalist, holy rollers, conspiracy theorists, etc.

This is happening in the “Christian” world: pharisees, sadducees, false prophets, liberal or woke pastors (preachers, teachers, Christian college professors, conference speakers, authors) - Bible said so. But, how does this all fit together with the One World religion, combining all faiths?

We know there is a One World Religion headquarters being built in Abu Dhabi set to open in 2022...interfaith prayer conference with the Pope and Islam in Iraq (march of 2021). So, is there more to this that we can see coming? YES!

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# Catechism of the Catholic Church



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lation in the Old Covenant. To the Jews "belong the sonship, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and of their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ",<sup>328</sup> "for the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."<sup>329</sup>

840 And when one considers the future, God's People of the Old Covenant and the new People of God tend towards similar goals: expectation of the coming (or the return) of the Messiah. But one awaits the return of the Messiah who died and rose from the dead and is recognized as Lord and Son of God; the other awaits the coming of a Messiah, whose features remain hidden till the end of time; and the latter waiting is accompanied by the drama of not knowing or of misunderstanding Christ Jesus. 674 597

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844 In their religious behavior, however, men also display the limits and errors that disfigure the image of God in them: 29

Very often, deceived by the Evil One, men have become vain in their reasonings, and have exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and served the creature rather than the Creator. Or else,

327 Roman Missal, Good Friday 13: General Intercessions, VI.

328 Rom 9:4-5.

329 Rom 11:29.

330 LG 16; cf. NA 3.

331 NA 1.

332 LG 16; cf. NA 2; EN 53.

**Matthew 24:33 AMPC**

33 So also when you see these signs, [a]all taken together, coming to pass, you may know [b]of a surety that He is near, at the very doors.

**Matthew 24:33 KJV**

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

**Revelation 1:1-3 KJV**

1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants **things which must shortly come to pass;** and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

2 Who bare record of the word of God, **and of the testimony of Jesus Christ,** and of all things that he saw.

3 **Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.**

**Revelation 1:1-3 AMPC**

1 [This is] the revelation of Jesus Christ [His unveiling of the divine mysteries]. God gave it to Him to disclose and make known to His bond servants certain things which must shortly and speedily come to pass [a]in their entirety. And He sent and communicated it through His angel (messenger) to His bond servant John,

2 Who has testified to and vouched for all that he saw [[b]in his visions], the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed (happy, [c]to be envied) is the man who reads aloud [in the assemblies] the word of this prophecy; and blessed (happy, [d]to be envied) are those who hear [it read] and who keep themselves true to the things which are written in it [heeding them and laying them to heart], for the time [for them to be fulfilled] is near.

**Luke 21:28 AMPC**

28 Now when these things begin to occur, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption (deliverance) is drawing near.