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"Watch & Pray to Escape The Anti-Christ's Brutality"

Introduction

As I sought the Lord for this week's sermon, He impressed upon me to prophesy about how He plans to provide & protect us from harm during the perilous times just ahead.

Our prayer life and our unity with others who pray will be our lifeline. This prophetic sermon will help us make necessary adjustments in our prayer life and church relationships. This is a great shift!

Luke 21

36 Watch therefore and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things...

1. God Is Restoring His Kingdom & People

Isaiah 52

8 Your watchmen shall lift up their voices, with their voices they shall sing together; For they shall see eye to eye **when the Lord brings back Zion.**

The name Zion is often used to describe a place appointed by the Lord where his followers can live and serve God. Scripture refers to Zion as the "City of Holiness" and a "city of refuge" where the Lord protects his people from the evils in the world.

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The word Zion is also used in a theological or spiritual sense in Scripture. In the Old Testament Zion refers figuratively to Israel as the people of God (Isaiah 60:14). In the New Testament, Zion refers to God's spiritual kingdom.

2. Some Will Be Counted Worthy to Escape & Some Will Not

Luke 21

34 "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. 35 For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 Watch therefore and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Prayerlessness ignores the gift of intercession that God has given us. We are called to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ (James 5:16). Paul often solicited the prayers of God's people on his behalf (Ephesians 6:19; Colossians 4:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:25), and he was faithful to pray for them (Ephesians 1:16; Colossians 1:9).

The prophet Samuel saw prayers on behalf of the people of Israel as a necessary part of his ministry: "As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by failing to pray for you" (1 Samuel 12:23). According to Samuel, prayerlessness is a sin.

3. A Close Walk with God Will Sustain Us During the Anti-Christ's Rule

Revelation 13:15

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He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

Acts 16:25-26

At midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's shackles were loosened"

4. Our New East Texas Apostolic Base

God is calling us to launch a monthly prophetic intercessory gathering that is an apostolic base. We will provide resources & prophetic strategies to the nations from this base.

We are starting here but will expand to other regions as the Lord leads. Our online church family is and will always be the most important aspect of our church, but this monthly regional/national gathering is important to the Lord as well.

Revelation 8

4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. 5 Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.

6 So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

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First Trumpet: Vegetation Struck

7 The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

5. Our Signs & Wonders Confirm Our Apostolic Jurisdiction & Validity

Special assignments require special signs & wonders. Everywhere in the Bible we see this model. Moses, Daniel, Jesus, Paul, Peter, Stephen.

Mark 16

17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 And they went out and preached everywhere, **the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs.**

6. Help Us Here & We'll Establish a Base in Your Region as God Leads

The Spirit is leading us to start here but He has told us we will then go to other regions where we will be welcomed, as He leads. It will prove dangerous to be doing anything God has not led us into. We must be patient and trust God.

Acts 13

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1 Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

7. Wage Warfare with Our Prophecies

1 Timothy 1:18-19

18 Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command **in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well**, 19 holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith.