

# The End-Time Commands of the Lord

**'A**lso I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.'

Just as the Christian world is deceived into thinking they will be raptured away to heaven before the Tribulation, so are most of God's people deceived into thinking they will be carried by jet to a place of safety in Jordan. Most do understand that half the church will not make it into the First Resurrection (Matthew 25:1-10), but what they don't realise is that it is not half the church, but half of the 'virgins' in the church (Compare Matthew 25:1, 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom,' with Revelation 14:4, 'These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb' and 2 Corinthians 11:2, 'I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.' NIV).

Firstly, we see that 'virgins' are those who have not allowed themselves to become defiled by the idolatrous teaching of hierarchical churches. But the virgins who participate in the First Resurrection are further defined in Revelation 14:4, in the Greek, as those who were 'bought from the men' (who held them in dominion and idolatry) until they freed themselves to **diligently follow Jesus Christ and His direct teaching** in God's word, age and health permitting. Most of God's church will refuse to listen to that message today as they sit comfortably in peace among their brethren, **just as God has predicted**, we will shortly see from His word.

As a result, when they finally repent, they will find that it is too late to carry out God's plain scriptural commands. They will be unprepared, and so fail to enter into the marriage with Christ.

God has explained *who* will blow the trumpet of warning about these instructions. Who will tell God's people

what God requires of them in the End Time? Jeremiah 31:6-9. 'For there shall be a day, that **the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God. For thus saith the LORD; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither. They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.'**

(The last verse of the previous chapter also defines the End Time setting.) It is not a Manassite for a change, bringing this pre-tribulation message, not the idolatrous hierarchical church, but the watchmen **of Ephraim** who began their witness through the NW Church of God in Britain 30 years ago, and now cry out to the world with this warning message from Australia through the ozwitness website!

Who else over these years has warned that the dreams and visions which will reach every man and woman on earth will be the sign of the start of the last 7 years and the time to proclaim that message to God's people? Revelation 14:6-7, '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, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; **for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.'** (See the ozwitness 'End Time' tab.) Only they have explained to God's people that Revelation 18 is about the richest trading nation on earth, which, like its Israelite predecessor, has behaved like Babylon; that the US and Britain will fall shortly after those dreams and visions, and that Revelation 14 *also*

reveals that the First Resurrection occurs *before* the Great Tribulation.

It is understandable that no one in the US or Britain wants to believe that



God calls them Babylon, but Babylon is a system of idolatry and oppression that can appear anywhere, even in God's Church, and most of us have long known that Israel is to be taken into captivity for its sin. That is why God says his punishment upon Israel (even spiritual Israel) is our just reward—Jeremiah 6:10, 17, 19: 'To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it. . . . **Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken . . . Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.'**

Jeremiah calls Israel 'daughter of Babylon' in Jeremiah 50:42, 'They shall hold the bow and the lance: they are cruel, and will not shew mercy: their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses, every one put in array, like a man to the battle, against thee, **O daughter of Babylon,**' and in verse 33 says Judah and Israel were oppressed *together* in captivity. 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: The people of Israel are oppressed, and the people of Judah with them. All who took them captive have held them fast; they refuse to let them go.'

That has never happened in the past, but it *will* occur in the Tribulation according to this End Time chapter.

That Israel is called Babylon *at this time* by the Lord, is again confirmed in the recognised End Time chapter 2 of the book of Zechariah, verse 7, 'Up!

Escape to Zion, you who dwell with **the daughter of Babylon.**' As verse 10 shows, this is a physical nation here under discussion, from which God's people should flee.

So, when God warns His faithful people to leave 'Babylon' before its fall, they will comply, though the majority in the church will refuse to listen to the

watchman's trumpet, Revelation 18:4, 'Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, **my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues**"; Where should they go? Jeremiah 51:50, "You who have escaped from the sword, go, **do not stand still! Remember the LORD from far away, and let Jerusalem come into your mind.**' In fleeing, they will escape a divine punishment, Jeremiah 51:6 and 45, "Flee from the **midst of Babylon**; let every one save his life! Be not cut off in her punishment, **for this is the time of the LORD's vengeance, the repayment he is rendering her**" . . . "Go out of the midst of her, my people! Let every one save his life from the fierce anger of the LORD!"

But this is not simply to escape; they have a God given purpose, Jeremiah 50:28, "A voice! They flee and escape from the LAND OF BABYLON, **to declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God, vengeance for his temple,**' and 51:10, 'The LORD hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion **the work of the LORD our God.**' Once again we need to see plain scriptural evidence of our End Time role, so that it cannot be claimed that this message is merely personal interpretation of unclear prophecy. Isaiah 62:6-7, '**On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. You who put the LORD in remembrance, take no rest, and give him no rest until he estab-**

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**lishes Jerusalem** and makes it a praise in the earth.' Isaiah 40:1-11 tells us more about the message we must proclaim from Jerusalem. Verses 9-11 are best understood in a modern version. 'You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. **You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.**' NIV.

Also, a careful reading of Ezekiel 36 reveals more about a message which is only appropriate to the time after Israel has fallen, in the End Time, e.g. verses 24-28, 35. 'I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. **And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.**' . . . 'And they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.' The prophet Ezekiel never got to deliver this message of course, for he was in captivity, and Israel had migrated to NW Europe, but when the time is right, God's people will deliver it. The following chapter confirms the timing of this message. Read Ezekiel 37, especially verses 15-28, but notice God's instructions to His faithful in verses 19, 22, 24, and 27. 'Say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am about to take the stick of Joseph (that is in the hand

of Ephraim) and the tribes of Israel associated with him. And I will join with it the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, that they may be one in my hand. **And I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. And one king shall be king over them all, and they shall be no longer two nations, and no longer divided into two kingdoms. "My servant David shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall walk in my rules and be careful to obey my statutes. My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."** ' This is the message of the Kingdom of God.

Although in many ways the message we will deliver is the same as that brought by John the Baptist and Jesus Christ, it will have the added dimension and urgency of the nearness of Christ's return, first for His Bride, just before the Great Tribulation, Joel 2:31, 'The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, **before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes,**' and Matthew 24:29-31, 'Immediately after the tribulation of those days (see the previous Article on our website), the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. **Then** will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming **on the clouds** of heaven with power and great glory." And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will **gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other,**' then, after the Great Tribulation, and with His Bride on His final return at the Feast of Trumpets, Zechariah 14: 4-5, 'On that day his feet shall **stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, . . . Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.**'

In addition, we will need to warn the world not to worship the Beast, **before** he becomes all powerful during the Great Tribulation, Revelation 14:9-10, 'And another angel, a third,

followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.' Despite that warning, once again, many people will ignore it and pay the painful price, Revelation 13:4-5, 'And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and **they worshiped the beast,** saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?" And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for **forty-two months.**'

They are not alone in paying a painful price. God's faithful watchmen will also pay the price for the consequences of their boldness in warning against the growing power of the Beast, at the Fifth Seal, Revelation 6:9, 'When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne,' and Daniel 11:33, 35, 'And the wise among the people shall make many understand, though for some days they shall **stumble by sword and flame,** by captivity and plunder . . . and some of the wise shall stumble, so that they may be refined, purified, and made white, until the time of the end, for it still awaits the appointed time.'

Around the world in the captive nations of Israel, those who failed to flee from Babylon before its fall, will have years to repent first during the tribulation of those days and then during the Great Tribulation. After the Beast fails to capture those who have warned against him before they flee from Jerusalem, others, left behind in the nations of Israel, will become His target, Revelation 12:17, 'Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus . . .'

But this does not stop them determining to echo the warnings which

they have heard from Jerusalem and which are then continued by the Two Witnesses who preach from Jerusalem **in the last 3½ years** of the Great Tribulation, Matthew 10: 23, 'When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.' Many of them will give their lives in determination to make up for their previous failure in God's service, and they too will receive their reward, at the second resurrection, Revelation 7:13-14, 'Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones **coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**"

Now judge for yourself. Did you see clear scriptural instructions for God's people to witness to the world from Jerusalem at the End Time, even for some of them, at the cost of their lives? Well over half of this article is simply the plain words of God. No wonder we read that, as the beast's armies arrive to surround Jerusalem, those remaining faithful virgins who were capable of carrying out God's instructions, flee **from Jerusalem** towards the mountains of Jordan. Luke 21; 20-21, 'But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it . . .'

For what happens next please read our article 'From Jerusalem to the Sea of Glass,' but remember that God promised He would provide the watchmen **of Ephraim** to inform you of these things, and He has, for the churches have failed to do so. What you should do with this knowledge is yours to decide, but you don't need to be of Ephraim to help fulfil the watchman role **from Jerusalem.** God will provide those whose hearts are truly in His word and determine to make it known. Amos 3:7, 'For the Lord God does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.'

**'Because you have kept the word of my patience (patiently), I will also keep you from the hour of trial, which shall come upon all the world' (Revelation 3:10).**