

WHERE ARE WE?

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INTRO: I try not to let a year go by without speaking about the Lord's return and found I have not done so yet this year. I have titled this message: Where Are We? What I want to focus on is this: where are we in time; where are we with regard to truth; and where are we with regard to the spiritual realm? I want to seek to show us briefly where we are today, and in another message, where we are with regard to the Lord's coming for the Church and how we should live in light of where we are.

In the past last year we have seen changes in one year that surpass all we have seen in our time and it may be that we have come to a turn in the road of history. Things are moving at breakneck speed so that one cannot keep up with what is all happening. A lot goes by us and we don't even notice it is happening. I tried to get a handle on a few things but there is so much conflicting information one hardly knows what to believe.

I had an e-mail that questioned whether the things claimed of Ravi Zacharias are true. His wife and son believe it is not true. When I first heard about Ravi's apparent fall, I did not give credibility to it. Later, when I read a thorough report and a letter of repentance by the ministry leaders, I thought it must be true. I was greatly shocked. I do hope it is not true. But I see how careful one must be in accepting things as true. We find ourselves in a time when we hardly know what to believe. Paul said in the last days perilous times would come.

From all appearance the world is now being conditioned to let government run their lives. In Canada and the United States, at this point we have government heads who seem to have little or any godliness left in their world views. They have also surrounded themselves and put in positions of authority the same kind of people.

I want to speak briefly about three areas: Where are we regarding time? Where in that which has past, which is present, and which is to come; where are we? Where are we regarding truth? Where are we regarding Satan and demonism? Where are we with relation to God's program in what lies before us? I am giving this simply as a reminder.

I. REGARDING TIME

Well, where are we with regard to time? We have come past 6,000 years of history. Mankind has spread out across the globe. We have come past the OT time and we are in the time we know as the Church age. And in the Church age, as I view Revelation 2-3, we are in the time of the church of Laodicea, and it is the picture of the Church in a luke-warm state, with the Lord standing outside, seeking entrance.

In the Church in general, there is very little understanding of biblical prophecy. There are very few in the professing church of today who see where we are because prophecy has been neglected. Turn to Matthew 24 to see where we are. Just before Jesus was crucified Jesus gave one of the most amazing prophecy passages of the NT. We begin in verse 1:

1 Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple.

If these buildings were standing today, they would be one of the seven wonders of the world. Herod, a master builder, had beautified the temple and it was magnificent. So the disciples went to point out these buildings to Jesus.

Verse 2:

2 And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

So Jesus told them what would happen. These buildings would be taken apart stone by stone and they were. This happened about 40 years later.

From here Jesus now goes up the Mount of Olives. And as they went, Jesus told them many things that would happen. We learn this from verse 25, where, as I understand the verse; Jesus is saying, "I told you all this earlier." So as they were walking He has told them many things that would happen.

Verse 3:

3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

The disciples asked Jesus three questions. 1 When will these things be? 2 What will be the sign of Your coming: 3 And what will be the sign of the end of the age?

4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

5 "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

6 "And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

As I understand this chapter, these are things that happen before the tribulation. Verse 8 says that all these things are the beginning of sorrows. The idea is that of birth pangs. We are in those times right now and we are finding them a bit painful. As I see it verse 9 is the beginning of the tribulation. That is what lies just before us now. Verse 15 brings us to the middle of the tribulation.

What is happening right now, as it seems to me, we are being conditioned for a one world government. When verse 9 takes place, there will be a world government. By the time it reaches verse 15, this world dictator will set himself up as God. It is then that the number 666 begins.

Verse 29 brings us to the close of the tribulation.

29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

30 "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, 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.

In my understanding Jesus has told them when all these things would come to pass. They are given in the order in which they occur. The second question was, "What will be the sign of Your coming? I understand that to refer to the first phase of His coming, which is the rapture. So Jesus said, "...when you see all these things, know that it (His coming) is near, at the doors! Now when you see all these things, His coming is not near, it is here! But the words, "when you see," the verb to see is an aorist. I believe it means, "when you see all these things begin to come to pass."

Turn to Luke 21:21-28. He says this:

27 "Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

28 "Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

So we ask now, when do these things begin to come to pass? Well, go back to Matthew 24:4-8. They begin in verse 4:

4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

5 "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

6 "And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

8 "All these are the beginning of sorrows.

In my understanding, this is where we are. We have been here for some years now and we stand now at the very threshold of the catching up of the Church. We'll talk about that in the next message. I fully believe the Lord will catch up His Church before the tribulation begins, and in Matthew 24 the tribulation begins in verse 9.

Not only are we in verses 4-8, I believe we are in the last part of those signs.

II. REGARDING TRUTH

Second, we ask, where are we with regard to truth? When Moses led the Israel through the wilderness his father-in-law came to see him. When he saw Moses busy judging all the people he said to Moses, "It is too much for you. You need to assign some leaders to help you judge. They can judge the lighter cases and you judge just the heavy cases. Exodus 18:19-21 says this:

19 "Listen now to my voice; I will give you counsel, and God will be with you: Stand before God for the people, so that you may bring the difficulties to God.

20 "And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do.

21 "Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

These three things would qualify these men who would be leaders in judgment. First, they must fear God. The reason we are where we are today is first, because there is little fear of God inside the Church and much less outside. Second, truth is not an important issue. Third, there is a scramble for unjust gain. Those who judge righteously fear God, have high regard for truth, and they hate unjust gain.

Deuteronomy 32:4 says of God:

4 He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.

In Isaiah's day, Israel had departed from God. And in 59:14 Isaiah says:

14 Justice is turned back, And righteousness stands afar off; For truth is fallen in the street, And equity cannot enter.

With regard to truth, we are again at such a time. Truth has fallen in the streets. It has fallen in our homes, in our schools, in the streets, in our governments and many times in our churches.

In a message I did on truth and the emergent Church in 2013 I said this under the point, "Post-modernism and truth":

"That brings us to our present day and the view that is now sweeping through our schools, higher institutes of learning and even the Church. Pre-modernism said both general and special revelation were important for man's well-being. Truth must be gleaned from both realms. Reason had its place, and so did revelation. Then came modernism and they said, reason rules, and divine revelation is obsolete. Man can discover all the truth he needs through empiricism and man can control his own destiny. He does not need God. This conclusion has led millions to a Christless eternity, including many men like Charles Darwin and their followers.

"But the worst was yet to come. When man had deserted that incredible source of truth available through special revelation, or the Word of God, he began to reject truth altogether, and post modernism was born. One article I read said, 'Postmodernism (is) the contemporary philosophical perspective that rejects revelation and reason - takes this process to an extreme conclusion by denying the validity of all comprehensive truth systems, or what it calls metanarratives.'"

"...So, what happened to man when he began to reject divine revelation and turned entirely to reason and the five senses? What happens when you exalt human reasoning above special revelation? Well, what happened is that the younger generation began to reject both spiritual and scientific truth, and we entered the post-modern era. And what do post modernists believe regarding truth? Well, they believe that such a thing as absolute truth, cannot be known. Chuck Missler says, 'Post modernism denies that absolute truth can be known, or even that it is desirable that it should be known. The process of learning or discovery is the important thing to postmodernity; the end point of this process should never be reached.' " End quote.

The instruction Moses got was to choose men *such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness*. Because we have failed to bring people to fear God, we now are rejecting scientific truth. We have rejected spiritual truth and it leads to a rejection of scientific truth which leads to full-fledged selfishness; covetousness.

Where are we today on truth? We have moved so far on truth that we deny objective, scientific truth. A missionary friend just told me that in Saskatchewan a pastor is going to court for saying the Bible says there are only two genders. Today we are told that when a child is born you do not know what gender they are. A man in BC was put in jail without bail for using feminine genders for his daughter. The courts have ordered that she will undergo hormonal change when she is 14. And the dad has a gag order. He is silenced. This is British Columbia Canada!

The Federalist Papers say this: **Noted psychologist and author Jordan Peterson [tweeted](#) about the case repeatedly last Thursday, [pointing out](#) that he had predicted such imprisonment was “inevitable” back when he took his stand against the “pronoun laws” in Canada’s Bill C16.**

He said that 5 years ago. It was denied. Today this man is in jail. The man of this daughter said, “What kind of father would I be if, let’s say in 5, 10 years my daughter is detransitioning, and she turns to me and says... ‘Why did none of you do anything to stop this? I was a child. None of you stuck your neck out for me back then. You just let me do it because I was a... immature kid, thinking this was something great,’” he said in an interview. “When my daughter asks me that question, I’ll say... ‘I did everything that I possibly could.’”

“Whatever happens to me pales in comparison to what’s already happened to my daughter,” [he said](#) then.” End quote.

Jack Hibbs, pastor of a Calvary Chapel mega church in California is dead serious when he says he expects to go to jail for preaching. He has stood boldly and his church has been open throughout the time of covid.

A guest columnist for onenewsnow said in an article on February 9, 21 called: *Mad Science and the Fight for*

Truth: "When cultures no longer believe that truth is important or even attainable, they devolve into "might makes right" authoritarianism. That's what the Church, and anyone of sound mind, is facing now. With Biden/Harris ensconced in the White House, we're being instructed to cheer the return of "science" as a guide to public policy."

But we ask, where is the science on masks and shutdowns? I am not trying to provoke anyone. I am asking for honest, objective thinking. Our Alberta government put a pastor in jail for violating covid restrictions. Whatever you may think about his actions, you know the actions of the government are an injustice. He was put in solitary confinement for over a month when he had turned himself in. They have fenced his church in. They would not allow him to get out on bail. Then they released him and dropped most of the charges. What is one to make of this?

Now he will go to court, and what did the judges of Alberta say? Listen to an article from April 16th:

The [Justice Centre](#) today announced that the trial of Pastor James Coates, of Grace Life Church, [will proceed](#) on May 3, 2021 at Provincial Court in Stony Plain, however **the Court granted the Government's request that Pastor Coates not be permitted to challenge the constitutional validity of Dr. Deena Hinshaw's orders at the trial.** The government will not be required to produce scientific evidence in support of Dr. Hinshaw's orders. Government lawyers told the Court that the Alberta Government could not produce any scientific evidence in support of Dr. Hinshaw's orders in time for the May 3 trial.

But we have shut down the country before we could even produce scientific evidence? Why would the court grant the Alberta government that they do not need to give scientific evidence for what they are doing? If you had the evidence, would you not jump at the chance to nail this pastor with evidence? And what this says is that without scientific evidence the government has shut the province several times.

So I ask, where is truth in all of this? Where is the science? Have we really returned to science? How can a nation say we are following the science when the same nation denies biology, dna, and observable facts in gender. If the government denies truth in that which has not only evidence but full proof, how can they be trusted with that for which they cannot give scientific evidence?

Could we ask, where is truth with regard to vaccines? Listen to Bill Gates: "The world today has 6.8 billion people. That's heading up to about 9 billion people. Now if we do a really great job on vaccines, health care, reproductive health services, we could lower that by perhaps ten or fifteen percent."

But Bill Gates insists he doesn't want to lower the world population by causing death. He wants to do it by helping more children stay alive. Can we believe that? How does figure this? Here is what he says:

"In society after society, he saw, when the mortality rate falls—specifically, below 10 deaths per 1,000 people—the birth rate follows, and population growth stabilizes. 'It goes against common sense,' Gates says. Most parents don't choose to have eight children because they want to have big families, it turns out, but because they know many of their children will die."

His wife says, "If a mother and father know their child is going to live to adulthood, they start to naturally reduce their population size." Must a logical person not ask: What is the truth in this matter? Must we not ask, why he wants to reduce the population?

If our government rejects truth in an area where science is so very obvious, the gender issue, how are we to trust anything in the more subjective areas where science cannot prove the claims of government? I have heard that there are now, supposedly, over 500 genders. May I ask you, where do children get the idea they may not be the gender all objective, scientific, evidence says they are? They do not get those ideas by themselves. They are getting it where they are supposed to be learning science; at school. Children have to be told such things or they would be ashamed if you called them a gender they are not.

Listen to Jeremiah 6:15 as he speaks to his nation in a time like we are now:

*15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed; Nor did they know how to **blush**. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; At the time I punish them, They shall be cast down," says the LORD.*

We are now told you cannot know if a child is male or female at birth. And the truth about what biology so obviously tells us is given this twist. "You may not be the gender you were assigned at birth." And here is my question, "What is the subject of the verb 'assigned'? Who assigned this gender?" If it is assigned, the verb must have a subject. But by this subtle twist of language you can now reassign as you will.

Where are we on truth? Isaiah says in 5:20:

20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Would the Lord not say to us: Woe to those who call a boy a girl and a girl a boy; a man a woman, and a woman a man, if they claim otherwise. Woe to those who say it is good to abort babies, and a woman has a right to do with her body as she wishes. Woe to them!

Now I ask, does our government call evil good? Yes! They say if you are a biological woman and feel you got the wrong body, and if you say you are a man, you are a man. It is now bad to call you a woman, and it is good to call you a man. And if someone calls you a woman, they may now be charged by the law. A boy is called a girl, a girl a boy; a woman is called a man, and a man a woman, and this is all good. And it is evil to call them what they are. This is where we are on truth! Our government is there! Our schools are there!

Many of you might know of the singer, John Lennon. Jack Hibbs quotes this song that Lennon wrote in 1971. That is forty years ago. It goes like this:

Imagine there's no heaven
It's easy if you try
No hell below us
Above us only sky
Imagine all the people
Living for today... Aha-ah...

Imagine there's no countries
It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for
And no religion, too
Imagine all the people

Living life in peace... You...

You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people
Sharing all the world... You...

You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will live as one

Today we are scrambling as fast as we can to get there. There is much talk about the great reset. Let me share a little of what Jack Hibbs said. He said, "We didn't make up the Great Reset. They did. They will milk the covid 19 thing as long as they can. They need it. If it dies, they will find another one." He said the UN is talking about bringing the world together economically to press the great reset. He also said, Boris Johnson is joining 23 world leaders and calls for treaties to prepare for the next pandemic.

Klaus Schwab of the World Economic Forum said, "The pandemic represents a rare but narrow window of opportunity to reflect, reimagine, and reset our world."

What will happen from all this? We do not know. If the pandemic dies down, what will come next? World Net Daily had an article the other day titled: CNN hosts climate-change event after leak of plan to sell 'climate fear.' The article said:

CNN is hosting a live climate-change townhall in the wake of a staffer disclosing in a hidden-camera exchange with Project Veritas that the network plans to pivot its focus from COVID-19 to climate change, noting "fear sells."

Moderated by CNN anchor Dana Bash, "The Climate Crisis" will air Friday night, featuring Biden climate envoy John Kerry, White House National Climate Advisor Gina McCarthy, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Michael Regan and Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm.

Project Veritas published conversations with CNN technical director Charles Chester, who said the network will "start focusing mainly on climate." The focus over the past four years, he acknowledged, was "to get Trump out of office."

Jan Markel commented like this: "One of the troubling things is the conditioning that is going on. People don't even seem to know that they are being conditioned. Some of them are going like lemmings over a cliff. It concerns me."

If we are right, the tribulation lies just before us. When it begins the world has already been conditioned to accept one man as the government of the world. And then, only 3 ½ years later the world will be ready to accept him as God! If we are close to the tribulation right now, the conditioning has had to be going on for some time now.

Hibbs also said: "Because of what is being planned some things stand in the way and the US constitution is one of them and it has to go. We have to cancel faith in God and reappoint that to faith in government. I just heard it yesterday, 'We need to trust in our government.' The cashless system is already here," end quote.

Where are we on truth? We have rejected spiritual truth and we are fast rejecting scientific truth. What can man do with man when truth is irrelevant? It is scary and we are there.

III. REGARDING THE SPIRITUAL WORLD

Last, I ask, where are we with regard to the spiritual world? What we know, if we believe the Bible, is that there is a battle going on in the unseen world. It is a spiritual battle, and we know who the opposing armies are, and we know where the battlefield is. On the one side is God Almighty and his army. These are God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, good angels, and saved mankind. On the other side is the devil, his host of fallen angels, and all unsaved mankind. We know that is true, but we need to be reminded.

And where is the battlefield? It is in the mind of man. You and I are part of the battlefield. It is a battle for the mind. I probably cut a whole message out of this message. I didn't want to spend much time here. But it is

evident to me that we are rushing headlong into highly demonic times. Today, Satan is on the march as never before.

Turn to Revelation 12. In this chapter we are at the mid point of the tribulation. And verse 12 says this:

12 "Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

If the Lord should come for the Church soon, the time spoken of in that verse is as little as four years from now. At that time Satan is removed from heaven. Today he still has access to heaven and no doubt he knows that his time is running short there as well and he is working endlessly to destroy as much as he can. If we don't see ourselves in a time of an all out demonic attack, we are not likely ready for what is coming.

One of the most important things in war is to know your enemy, but I say without hesitation, most of the Church knows very little of the enemy. I hear time and again that Christians cannot have demons. I would venture to say this, that those who say such things have never personally worked with those who are troubled by demons.

Furthermore, I have no doubt at all those who are involved in this gender change have given heed to doctrines generated by demons and almost, if not all those have demons present in their lives. It is beyond question that many in government are led by demons. Their information comes from demons. This is reality. We need to realize we are in a real battle.

Turn to 1 Timothy 4. Jack Hibbs, pastor from California mentioned this passage and pointed out what I have been pondering for some time now. We'll begin in verse 1:

1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

3 forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

These latter times began in the Church age. The thing Paul points out that has caused more sins in the Roman Catholic church, I suppose, than any other teaching they have held to is forbidding priests to marry. But all through the Church age, this passage has held true.

Verse 1 says, "The Spirit speaks expressly." That is, He speaks in express words and that is that some will depart from the faith. And what will cause this? They will give heed to deceiving spirits. What is that? Demons! They will be listening to and believing the demons. There is no doubt that in schools all across our land children are listening to deceiving spirits and because of this they want to undergo a gender change. There is no doubt that many if not all those who undergo a so-called gender change are demonized.

But notice it says that they give heed to doctrines of demons. That is not doctrines about demons. That is doctrines, or teachings that come from demons! This needs a whole message. There are doctrines that have their source in demons in the Church and multiplied many more outside the Church. Our public schools are heaping up teachings that have their source in demons. For at least 100 years the public schools of our land have slowly infiltrated the minds of students in various ways. Today these teachings do not even need sheep's clothing. To a very large extent, these schools have been a place for Satan to slip in doctrines of demons. Men like John Dewey of the past and many others greatly helped to bring it there.

We flippantly say God is in control. God is in control of the universe, but He is not in control over the vast majority of mankind. He has ultimate authority over them, and He will ultimately judge all, but He controls very few people. Even many Christians are not fully controlled by God. They are only controlled as far as they are filled with the Spirit and obedient to God.

Turn to James 3. Verses 13-16 say this:

13 *Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.*

14 *But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.*

15 *This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.*

16 *For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.*

Our world is filled with bitter envy and self-seeking. And those who are like that have something they hate bitterly. What is it? The truth! There is nothing that stands in the way of envy and self-seeking like the truth! In my reading, time and again I came across the view that in order for the world to progress the USA as we know it has to go. A question every student of prophecy must ask is this: Why is the Bible so silent on the USA?

And so we ask, what operates those filled with envy and self-seeking. There is a wisdom that operates it. And what kind of wisdom is it that operates it? It is a wisdom that is earthly, sensual, and demonic. It is earthly, because it is not heavenly. It comes from worldly wisdom. It is man's wisdom. Then it is sensual. The word translated *sensual* is literally *soulish*. It describes where in man it originates. It is not spiritual, it has its source in central core of man, the soul. The senses and the mind are part of the soul. Here is described the wisdom of Adolf Hitler, Karl Marx, Lenin, Stalin and a host of others. Here is the wisdom that runs most of the politics of Canada and the United States.

And last, but not least, this wisdom is demonic. Now we are at the ultimate source.

Who can make all these things work together for evil: Democracy; Black lives matter; open borders; Greta Thunberg; Woke; 500 genders; our present pandemic; cancel culture; climate change; US election; Marxism, January 6, 21? What do all these things have in common? Satan!

And I ask, is our world filled with confusion? Study covid 19 on the internet. Study the new vaccines. And what is

the common denominator? Confusion. I believe the reason for that is that behind it all is one mind, the mind of Satan, and he brings about confusion. Do we believe there are two huge armies; God and Satan? Do we believe there is a demonic world and it is real and that it is right here?

Now listen to verse 16:

16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

I ask you, in all the things I listed, is there confusion? Is there evil of every description? Jack Hibbs said that when a male wanted to be a female and vice versa, for decades or maybe even centuries it was called gender dysphoria. That means it was viewed as a kind of mental illness. That is what doctors called it. Now it has been changed to something positive. By whom? By politicians!

And I ask you why? Why does the government want to pay for a gender change? Have you studied what is involved? It is horrific. It cannot be but that it is demonically induced!

CONCL: So where are we today? We are in the last days before the tribulation begins. These days are described in Matthew 24:4-8. The things mentioned there are the beginning of sorrows, like early birth pangs. That is what the word "sorrows" speaks of. The Church is luke-warm. The Lord is standing outside, desiring to enter, but we don't need Him. I am speaking in general, of course.

Where are we with regard to truth? By and large we have rejected truth in the spiritual realm and we are now rejecting truth in the realm of science. We are post-modern. My truth may not be your truth and objective truth is impossible.

Where are we with regard to the spiritual world? I see it as a time of great confusion. The world is being conditioned for a one world government. We are almost ready to welcome the antichrist.

But we do not despair. We have a blessed hope. The more we see happening, the better that hope looks. In the midst of sorrow there is joy for those who find the Lord as their Saviour and Master. It is not a time to weep. It is a time to lift up our heads. Jesus said in Luke 21:28 that when we see all these things begin to come to pass, lift up your heads for your

redemption draws near. Our eyesight is so dim, we may be so saturated with the things of this world that we have a hard time rejoicing. But there is joy for those who know their Master well!

So we say Maranatha! O Lord come! Even so, come Lord Jesus!