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## Behold, the Bridegroom Cometh! Or, Promises to Behold His Coming

"And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him"  
(Matthew 25:6).

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- (Psalm 50:3) "Our God **shall come**, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about Him. 4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people. 5 **Gather My saints together unto Me; those that have made a Covenant with Me by sacrifice.** 6 And the heavens shall declare His righteousness: for God is Judge Himself. Selah."
- (Psalm 37:28) "For **the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not His saints**; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off."
- (Psalm 145:20) "The LORD **preserveth all them that love Him**: but all the wicked will He destroy."
- (Psalm 91:14) "**Because he hath set his love upon Me**, therefore will I deliver him: I will **set him on high**, because he hath known My Name."
- (Psalm 9:10) "And they that know Thy Name will put their trust in Thee: for **Thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek Thee.**"
- (Psalm 96:12-13) "Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice Before the LORD: **for He cometh, for He cometh to judge the earth**: He shall judge the world with righteousness, and **the people with His Truth.**"
- (Psalm 98:6) "With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King. 7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. 8 Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together 9 Before the LORD; **for He cometh to judge the earth**: with righteousness shall He judge the world, and **the people with equity.**"
- (Isaiah 25:9) "And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; **we have waited for Him, and He will save us**: this is the LORD; **we have waited for Him, we will be glad** and rejoice in His Salvation."
- (Psalm 20:5) "We will rejoice in Thy Salvation, and in the Name of our God we will **set up our banners**: the LORD fulfil **all** thy petitions."

- (Isaiah 8:17) "And I will wait upon the LORD, that hideth His face from the house of Jacob, and **I will look for Him.**"
- (Isaiah 30:18) "And therefore will the LORD wait, **that He may be gracious unto you**, and therefore will He be exalted, **that He may have mercy upon you**: for the LORD is a God of judgment: **blessed are all they that wait for Him.**"
- (Isaiah 33:2) "O LORD, **be gracious unto us; we have waited for Thee**: be Thou their Arm every morning, our Salvation also in the time of trouble."
- (Isaiah 33:22) "For the LORD is our **Judge**, the LORD is our **Lawgiver**, the LORD is our **King**; **He will save us.**"
- (Isaiah 35:4) "Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; **He will come and save you.**"
- (Isaiah 52:10) "The LORD **hath made bare His Holy Arm** in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth **shall see** the Salvation of our God."
- (Isaiah 40:9) "Lift up thy voice with strength; **lift it up, be not afraid**; say unto the cities of Judah, **Behold your God!**"
- (Isaiah 26:8) "Yea, **in the way of Thy Judgments**, O LORD, have we waited for Thee; **the desire of our soul is to Thy Name, and to the remembrance of Thee.**"
- (2 Peter 3:9) "The LORD **is not slack** concerning His Promise, as some men count slackness; but is Longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish**, but that all should come to repentance."
- (Psalm 98:2) "The LORD **hath made known** His Salvation: His righteousness hath He **openly showed** in the sight of the heathen."
- (Isaiah 45:22) "**Look unto Me, and be ye saved**, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else."
- (1 Corinthians 10:11) "Now all these things happened unto them **for ensamples**: and they are written for our admonition, **upon whom the ends of the world are come.**"
- (1 Corinthians 7:29-30) "But this I say, brethren, **the time is short**: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none; And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not."
- (Mark 13:34) "For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left His House, and gave authority to His servants, and to every man his work, **and commanded the porter to watch**. 35 **Watch ye therefore**: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at

midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: 36 **Lest Coming suddenly** He find you sleeping [SINNING- Amos 6:1 'Woe to them that are at ease in Zion']. 37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, **Watch.**"

- (Luke 12:54) "And He said also to the people, When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it is. 55 And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat; and it cometh to pass. 56 Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but **how is it that ye do not discern this time?** 57 Yea, and why even of yourselves judge ye not **what is right?**"
- (Habbakkuk 2:3) "For The Vision is yet for an Appointed Time, but at the end It shall speak, and not lie: **though It tarry, wait for It; because It will surely come, It will not tarry.**"
- (Hebrews 10:35) "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath Great Recompense of reward. 36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might **receive The Promise.** 37 For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry. 38 Now **the just shall live by faith:** but if any man draw back, My Soul shall have **no** pleasure in him. 39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that **believe to the saving of the soul.**"
- (Hebrews 10:25) "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but **exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.**"
- (Romans 13:11) "And that, **knowing the time,** that now it is High Time to awake out of sleep: for now is our Salvation **nearer than when we believed.**"
- (Luke 12:36) "And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their LORD, when He will return from the wedding; that when He cometh and knocketh, **they may open unto Him immediately.** 37 **Blessed** are those servants, whom the LORD **when He cometh shall find watching:** verily I say unto you, that He shall gird Himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. 38 And if He shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, **blessed** are those servants. 39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house **had known what hour the Thief would come, he would have watched,** and not have suffered his house to be **broken** through. 40 Be ye therefore **ready** also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not." [If you're NOT "ready", Christ will come when you don't expect Him. Your house will "be broken through" by the Unexpected "Thief", and you will be left destitute.]
- (Revelation 3:3) "Remember therefore **how** thou hast received and heard, and **hold fast,** and repent. **If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a Thief, and thou shalt NOT know what hour I will come upon thee.**"
- (Revelation 1:3) "**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.**"

- (Luke 11:28) "But He said, Yea rather, **blessed** are they that hear the Word of God, and **keep** It."
- (1 Thessalonians 5:1-3) "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, **ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly** that the day of the LORD so cometh as a thief in the night [to the non-watchers]. For when they [the non-watchers] shall say, Peace and safety; then **sudden destruction** cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall **not escape**."
- (Revelation 16:15) "Behold, I come as a Thief. **Blessed is he that watcheth**, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."
- (1 Corinthians 16:22) "If any man love not the LORD Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha [literally, 'Accursed. The LORD comes'] ."
- (Revelation 3:11) "Behold, I come quickly: **hold that fast which thou hast**, that no man take thy Crown."
- (Revelation 22:10) "And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the Prophecy of This Book: for **the time is at hand**."
- (Revelation 22:12) "And, behold, I come quickly; and My Reward is with me, **to give every man according as his work shall be**."
- (Revelation 19:7) "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the Marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself **ready**. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. 9 And he saith unto me, Write, **Blessed** are they which are called unto the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the True Sayings of God."
- (John 3:29) "**He that hath the bride is the Bridegroom**: but the friend of the Bridegroom, which standeth and heareth Him, rejoiceth greatly because of the Bridegroom's voice: this my Joy therefore is fulfilled."
- (Ephesians 5:23) "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as **Christ is the Head of the Church**: and **He is the Saviour of the Body**... 32 This is a Great Mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the Church."
- (Revelation 22:7) "Behold, I come quickly: **blessed** is he that **keepeth** the sayings of the Prophecy of This Book."
- (Revelation 22:20) "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come **quickly**. Amen. **Even so, come, LORD Jesus**."

### Matthew 24:37-25:30

Matt. 24:37 "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the Coming of the Son of man be. 38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, 39 And **knew not until the flood came, and took them all away**; so shall also the Coming of the Son of man be. 40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your LORD doth come [The reason you "watch" is because "ye know not"]. 43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house **had known** in what watch the Thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. [If you're NOT "ready", Christ will come when you don't expect Him. Your house will "be broken through" by the Unexpected "Thief", and you will be left destitute.] 44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not [in the natural, unwatchful thinking] the Son of man cometh. 45 **Who then is a faithful and wise servant**, whom his LORD hath made ruler over His Household, to give them meat in due season? 46 **Blessed** is that servant, whom his LORD when He cometh shall find so doing. 47 Verily I say unto you, That He shall make him ruler over all His Goods. 48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My LORD delayeth His Coming; 49 And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; 50 The LORD of that servant **shall come in a Day when he looketh not for Him, and in an Hour that he is not aware of**, 51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion **with the hypocrites**: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matt. 25:1 "Then shall the Kingdom of Heaven be likened unto Ten Virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the Bridegroom. 2 And five of them were Wise, and five were Foolish. 3 They that were Foolish took their lamps, and took **no Oil** with them: 4 **But the Wise took Oil** in their vessels with their lamps. 5 While the Bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. 6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him. 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the Foolish said unto the Wise, Give us of your Oil; for our lamps are gone out. 9 But the Wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. 10 And while they went to buy, the Bridegroom came; and **they that were ready went in with Him** to the Marriage: and the door was shut. 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, LORD, LORD, open to us. 12 But He answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. 13 **Watch therefore, for ye know neither the Day nor the Hour wherein the Son of man cometh**. 14 For the Kingdom of Heaven is as a Man travelling into a far country, Who called His own servants, and delivered unto them His goods. 15 And unto one He gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took His journey. 16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. 17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. 18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his LORD's money. 19 After a long time the LORD of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. 20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, LORD, Thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. 21 His LORD said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the Joy of thy LORD. 22 He also that had received two talents came and said, LORD, Thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. 23 His LORD said unto him, Well done, good and faithful

servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the Joy of thy LORD. 24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, LORD, I knew Thee that Thou art an hard man, reaping where Thou hast not sown, and gathering where Thou hast not strowed: 25 And I was **afraid**, and went and hid Thy talent in the earth: lo, there Thou hast that is Thine. 26 His LORD answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strowed: 27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put My money to the exchangers, and then **at My Coming I should have received Mine own** with usury. 28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. 29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. 30 And cast ye the **unprofitable** servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

### **The Resurrection of the Just followed by the Pre-Wrath Rapture**

(Revelation 21:2) "And I John saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her Husband... 9 And there came unto me one of the Seven Angels which had the Seven Vials full of the Seven Last Plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the Bride, the Lamb's Wife."

(John 5:28-29) "Marvel not at this: for the Hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His Voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the Resurrection Of Life; and they that have done evil, unto the Resurrection Of Damnation."

(1 Thessalonians 4:13) "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others **which have no hope**. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. 15 For this we say unto you by the Word of the LORD, that we which are alive and remain unto the Coming of the LORD shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the LORD Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the Trump 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."