



# Readiness For His Return

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You have probably heard that “Proper Preparation Prevents Poor Performance”. No where is this more important than in the preparation for eternity, that will be ushered in at the return of Christ. As the prophecies regarding the first coming were all fulfilled, in the same way shall those regarding the second coming be.

“Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. 25 Behold, I have told you before. 26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. 27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. 29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: 33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. 34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. 35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. 36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 38 For as in the days that were before the flood

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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. 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. 44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh” (Matthew 24:23-44).

Observe the following salient points:

- 1) False Christs will deceive many (vs 23-26)
- 2) His return will be manifest to all (vs 27-28)
- 3) Signs preceding His return (vs 29)
- 4) His return (vs 30)
- 5) The gathering of the elect (vs 31)
- 6) Sign of the fig tree (vs 32-33)
- 7) Certainty of the prophecy (vs 34-35)
- 8) Exact date unknown (vs 36)
- 9) As the days of Noah (vs 37-39)
- 10) Rapture of the ready (vs 40-41)
- 11) The call to watchfulness.

The events of our time confirms that the return of Christ is imminent. It is incumbent upon the wise to awake out of sleep, watch and pray and be ready for the return of Christ. “Behold, I have told you before” (vs 25). To be forewarned, is to be forearmed. Jesus’ message should make us all sit up and seriously prepare to make the rapture.