

“ARISE, LET US GO HENCE”

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On April 20, 2023 during my morning Bible study, I received an amazing revelation from the Holy Spirit. During these end times it seems each new day brings new understanding that is above and beyond my wildest imagination! It is so exciting to realize that Jesus truly is at the door! Mysteries long hidden in plain sight are being brought to light as we see the day approaching of His promised return for His Bride. I know I often tend to go into great depth with the Bible studies I share, but I promise to keep this one as brief as possible. I don't think it will need much explanation. However, to 'SEE' this revelation requires reading the scriptures given very CLOSELY, or you may miss 'it'!

I was first led to look again at the words of Jesus in **Luke 11:28b-36**. These verses are about the Sign of Jonah, the only sign that will be given to an evil generation. It continues seamlessly at verse 33 into the discourse about the candle that is put on a candlestick so that all may see. This is NOT a separate topic from the Sign of Jonah! I have been shown previously that Just as Jonah preached repentance to the people of Ninevah, and Jesus Himself was the 'sign of Jonah' for His generation . . . there will also be a 'sign of Jonah' for this end-time generation. A big clue as to who might be that 'sign' can be found in **verses 34-36: “The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single (clear, good), thy whole body is full of light; but when thine eye is evil (dark, bad), thy body also is full of darkness. 35) Take heed therefore that the light that is in thee is not darkness. 36) If thy body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the WHOLE BODY SHALL BE FULL OF LIGHT, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.”** These verses speak to the separation between light & dark, good & bad. It speaks to the fact that when we are born-again we are CHANGED! Paul (formerly known as Saul) who was blinded by the light of Jesus on the road to Damascus later confessed, 'I was blind but now I see.' Likewise, our perspective . . . in fact, our entire lives . . . are transformed after becoming a true believer and follower of Jesus Christ. Just as Jesus IS the Light of the world (**Gen. 1:3, John 1:1-12**), so likewise will His followers be carriers of that marvelous Light!

Let's check out another prophecy in **Daniel 12:1-3**. Verse 3 speaks of a group of people that I refer to as the 'Shining Ones.' "And they that be WISE shall SHINE as the brightness of the firmament; and they that TURN MANY TO RIGHTEOUSNESS as the stars for ever and ever." I believe this to be the Bride of Christ, the Firstfruits, also known as the 144,000 (**Rev. 14:4**). Just as Jesus Christ commissioned His servant Paul to go unto the Gentiles . . . **“To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in Me.” (Acts 26:18)**, so will the 144K be commissioned to 'run to the darkness' and seek out His lost sheep. This is the group whose whole body will be full of light as the bright shining of a candle (see above, **Luke 11:36**). They are the harvest workers, the ones who will do the greater works than Jesus did (**John 14:12**). They are the ones who will take the gospel of the kingdom to the ends of the earth, preaching REPENTANCE just as Jonah did to Ninevah . . . just as Jesus did to His generation.

What I am about to share with you is one of the most amazing 'aha moments' I have experienced during my study. As I was reading **John 14**, the Holy Spirit began to reveal a deeper meaning than what I had

perceived before from the same scriptures. This chapter is one of my favorites in the entire Bible, perhaps because it speaks of our heavenly home where Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us. The whole chapter is absolutely wonderful! I was quite surprised to find something I had never SEEN before. The Holy Spirit had me focus on **John 14: 22-31** and especially highlighting **vs. 22**:

Here it comes, the **BIG QUESTION!** “Judas saith unto Him, not Iscariot,

Lord, how is it that Thou wilt manifest Thyself UNTO US, and NOT unto the world?”

Ok, read that again with your ‘spiritual eyes.’ Look closely at the answer Jesus gave to that disciple. Every bit of His answer is a promise . . . not only for his followers then, but particularly for His followers who would be living on the earth in the LAST DAYS. These scriptures have an underlying meaning that do not become fully evident until a few scriptures later. Here’s a few tidbits of some of what the Holy Spirit highlighted: 28) . . . **“I go away and come again unto you.** 29) . . . **I have told you before IT COME to pass, that when IT IS COME to pass ye might believe.** 30) . . . **the PRINCE OF THIS WORLD COMETH, and hath nothing in Me.** (Here comes my ‘aha’ moment!) 31) **But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, even so I do. ARISE, LET US GO HENCE.”**

QUESTION #1: Who is the prince of this world? We know that prince to be Satan, aka the dragon, that old serpent the Devil (**Rev. 12:9**). And he WILL COME and indwell the Anti-Christ who will take control over the earth for his allotted time of 42 months (**Rev. 13:5**). This information opens up a new understanding of the **EVENT** we are actually looking at!

QUESTION #2: What specific commandment was Jesus referring to that He had received from the Father? He always follows His Father’s commandments, but in the context of this verse, look what the Holy Spirit showed me! Focus in on **John 14:31**. Jesus said, “. . . **as the Father gave me commandment, even so I DO. ARISE, LET US GO HENCE.”**

The command that I believe Jesus is referring to is found earlier in **John 10:15-18** (This chapter is about Jesus as the Good Shepherd & The Door) – **“As the Father knoweth Me, even so know I the Father, and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16) And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd, 17) Therefore doth my Father love Me, because I lay down My life, that I might take it again. 18) No man taketh it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have the power to take it again. This COMMANDMENT have I received of My Father.”**

QUESTION #3: In light of this new understanding, what then is the **‘IT’ EVENT** that He has told us about beforehand, that **WHEN ‘IT’ COMES** to pass we might believe? What is the promise that we are all waiting for, right NOW, this very moment? What event have the wise virgins prepared for by trimming their lamps & carrying extra oil? Are you ready for your Bridegroom’s return? He is about to fulfill His promise in **John 14:3** . . . **“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”** He is going to DO IT! There is an appointed time when the Father will give the command for Jesus to go and get His children. Will you be ready, will you be listening for His words when He finally SPEAKS them forth?

Take a second look at the BIG QUESTION above. The word ‘manifest’ has several meanings, but the most appropriate in this context is ‘readily perceived by the senses, and especially **BY SIGHT.**’ Folks, there is just no other conclusion to reach . . . the **‘IT’ EVENT** that Jesus is going **TO DO** is the **‘CATCHING AWAY.’**

Jesus was not beating around the bush when He answered the disciple's question as to 'how He would manifest **TO US**, and **NOT unto the world.**' When Jesus comes to 'catch away' His Bride not everyone will be prepared. Some will not have sufficient oil in their lamps (**Matt. 25:1-13**).

JESUS CHRIST is the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE and no man comes to The Father except by Him (**John 14:6**). He is the only begotten Son of The Father, the Lamb of God and the ONLY acceptable sacrifice for sin. He came to earth in the fashion as a man, lived a sinless life, and died on the cross for all mankind. His precious blood was shed in our place as He took our sins upon Himself so that we might be covered by His righteousness and presented to His Father without spot or blemish. He laid in the grave 3 days, during which time He went into hell and took the keys! He ROSE AGAIN victorious, and because HE LIVES, so can we. His gift of GRACE awaits you, but this gift must be accepted by FAITH in Him and His finished work on the cross. Choose Him as your Lord and Savior TODAY! Repent of your sins and ask for His forgiveness. He will save you! Confess Him with your mouth to someone OR everyone (**1 John 1:9, Rom. 10:9-10**)! Commit to follow Him with your whole heart with every breath you take from now until you enter eternity with Him.

Please don't put this decision off thinking you will do it later. There is truly no more time left! This may not be the best example but think of it this way. What if you were given a scratch-off lottery ticket that held the winning numbers to the biggest jackpot of all time? What good would that ticket do you if you didn't bother to scratch it off to see if you were a winner? NONE! The prize would go unclaimed! What a crying shame that would be! The truth is . . . that is similar to what has been done for everyone reading this message. Your ticket has already been purchased! Paid for in full by the precious blood of Jesus! You have nothing to lose and everything to gain! Are you going to be so foolish as to not even bother or flatly refuse such a gift when your eternal destiny is at stake? Any day now the Father could issue the command for Jesus to go and get His children. Will You be left behind OR will you hear His voice? Unfortunately, those that belong to this WORLD, those not of His sheepfold, will not hear His shout . . . **"ARISE, LET US GO HENCE."** Oh friend, do not let that be you. Choose Jesus!

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