

THE GET READY SERIES
A PROPHECY UPDATE FOR JUNE 22, 2008
A LOOK AT THE CURRENT EVENTS
OF THE MIDDLE EAST IN LIGHT OF BIBLE PROPHECY

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

THE GET READY SERIES:

“DON’T WORRY BE...”

UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES AND KNOWING WHAT TO DO

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Introduction to the Text: 2 Peter 3:11

This Past Week Lisa and I Went to The Beach and It was a Perfect Summer Day. I Love “Beach” Stuff - The People Sounds, the Birds, The Feel of the Water... and the kids, kids are great to watch at the beach. But on this particular day, there was a little group of them building a sandcastle thing.

**But I Knew A Few Things
That Those Kids Perhaps Didn’t Know.**

1. There was a storm going on between California and Hawaii, so...
2. The waves were huge!
3. High tide was going to be just before noon.
4. You can’t expect things built on sand to survive.

They had no idea that the beauty of the day drove them too close to the edge in the same way, the bible has given us wonderful and awesome indicators about what to be looking for regarding “End Time Events” or “Global Warnings”

*Regarding “End Time Events” or “Global Warnings”
The Apostle Peter Had This to Say;*

2 Pet. 3:11

Therefore, since all these things will be **dissolved**,
what **manner of persons** ought you to be in holy **conduct** and **godliness**,

Conduct

To busy yourself, to be occupied with, to be dedicated to God.

Godliness

To be living for a single purpose. To be holy devoted, to be given over to.

Why? - Because It's Becoming Loose

Dissolved

is the verb **lu/w luo**, to loosen, to untie, to come apart, to wash or blow away in time. To go from firm to weak until nothing remains.

How - How is This Life to be Lived?

Manner

The type, the kind, the genre, the style of living life.

Ephesians 4:23-24

and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, :24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

IT'S BEING BORN ANEW OR FROM ABOVE

John 3:3,5-8

“...I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God....” - unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.... - That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, “You must be born again.” The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

THE GET READY SERIES: “DON'T WORRY BE...”

1.) Be encouraged in God

1a.) Because the Bible is speaking to us

AND IT'S SPEAKING ENCOURAGEMENT

Phil. 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ;

Jude 24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present *you* faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

Hebrews 7:25

Therefore he is able to save completely (*beyond the vanishing point*) those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

John 14:26

...for the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

A personal example

On Monday, June 16th, the decisions of the four California Supreme Court judges went into effect by stealing from God and defining the spiritual institution of marriage.

This was My Bible Reading for the Day.

Isaiah 10:1

“Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees,
Who write misfortune, which they have prescribed

DON'T WORRY BE... BE ENCOURAGED IN GOD

1b.) Because there's a clear challenge before us

The Mission of Jesus Christ was To Fulfill the Old Testament

Matthew 5:17-18

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. :18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

This World and It's System is Against God & The Bible

1John 2:15,17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. :17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

1John 2:18

Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, **by which** we know that it is the last hour.

These Challenging Days Will Open Up Divine Appointments

Luke 21:13

But it will turn out for you as an **occasion** for testimony.

BE ENCOURAGED IN GOD

1c.) Because the invitation is to come from us

I Want to Encourage You Christian;
These Are The Days That The Lord Has Ordained for You.

Many “Christians” today are **lazy and apathetic and bored**,
but that’s only because their not walking with God or in the Things of God.

He Wants to Use Each of Us
to put out the call to those we meet.

Ephesians 5:15-16

See then that you walk (*to walk or march with a purpose*) circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, **:16 redeeming the time**, because the days are evil.

2Corinthians 5:17-20

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. **:18** Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, **:19** that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. **:20** Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.

DON’T WORRY BE...

2.) Be separated to God

1Peter 1:15-16

but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, **:16** because it is written, “*Be holy, for I am holy.*”

This “Holy” means Separated to God.

Holy

ἅγιος **hag(i)os**, from the root “hagos” (**something condemned or damned. an awful thing**) now that which is sacred (separated, pure, blameless, consecrated): — (most) holy (one, thing), saint.

BE SEPARATED TO GOD

2a.) Because what you believe matters

We are **governed** by what we believe.

Does your belief in God shape your life?

Mark 11:22

So Jesus answered and said to them,
“**Have faith in God.**”

Faith is that dependence, rest, assurance, confidence in God alone

If Your Faith is a Biblically Based Faith – It will Show

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service.* :2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

BE SEPARATED TO GOD

2b.) Because what you **endure** matters

In Every Walk of Life, “Temptation” Is Becoming More Constant

1Peter 5:8-9

Be sober, be vigilant; because your **adversary the devil** walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. :9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your Brotherhood in the world.

2Timothy 3:12

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

Mom, Dad – have you warned you kids about temptation?

1Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.

Matthew 5:11-12

“Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. :12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. – *what a badge of honor !!!*”

John 15:18

“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you.”

DON'T WORRY BE...

...SEPARATED TO GOD

Because what you **endure matters**

BE SEPARATED TO GOD

2c.) Because what you **are** matters

Titus 3:4-6

But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, :5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, :6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

Listen, Don't Fool Yourself

1John 1:6-7

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. :7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

What You Are, Matters – You're a Child of the Living God!
and it shows, we can tell...

DON'T WORRY BE...
...SEPARATED TO GOD
Because what you **are matters**

DON'T WORRY BE...

3.) Be **busy** by God

3a.) Because evil is **marching**

1. The breakdown of civil **laws** and governments on a global scale
2. The weakening of **currencies** around the world
3. The **redefining** of marriage globally (since California)
4. The revival of **Islam** around the world
5. The lack of national **leaders** worldwide
6. The worship of nature around the world

Repeat Verse - Eph. 5:15-16

See then that you walk (*to walk or march with a purpose*) circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, :16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Matthew 24:36-39

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. :37 But as the days of Noah *were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

:38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, **:39** and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Noah's Days Were Marked By Violence (Genesis 6:5)

Luke 17:28-29

Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; **:29** but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed *them* all. **:30** Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

Lot's Days Were Marked By Homosexual Activity (Genesis 19:5)

BE BUSY BY GOD

3b.) Because you're in a war

Like an Odorless, Tasteless Poison, **Deception** is Here and it is Coming with Greater Power.

I Often Encourage You to "Be In Your Bibles" because it is the only thing that can save you in the day of trouble.

2Corinthians 10:3-5

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. **:4** For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, **:5** casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

Ephesians 6:10-12

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. **:11** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **:12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

At your **work**; in your **homes**; in your **community**; in the powers that are and in the powers that want to be.

It's a 100% - 24/7 - 365 spiritual war that's happening all around you. The battle over thoughts, politics, society, culture, for your children

BE BUSY BY GOD

3c.) Because you're under orders

Those orders are from Jesus himself
(They are to finish the race. Fight the fight)

2Timothy 2:3-5

You therefore must endure **hardship** (*seasons of pain and difficulty*) as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. :4 No one engaged in warfare **entangles** himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. :5 And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

2Corinthians 5:9-10

Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. :10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Matthew 24:45-46

"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? :46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.

DON'T WORRY BE...
...BUSY BY GOD
Because you're under orders
DON'T WORRY BE...

4.) Be ready when God

4a.) Allows the next event

Matthew 24:44

Therefore you also be **ready**
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

John 14:29

"And now I have told you **before it comes**,
that when it does come to pass, you may believe.

Matthew 24:25

Behold, I have told you **beforehand**.

Luke 21:36a

Watch therefore, and **pray always** that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass..."

Matthew 24:42

Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.
being vigilant, on guard, at your post, at the ready. a sentry

Gal. 5:5

For we through the Holy Spirit **eagerly** wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

Titus 2:13

Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

How Exciting Is That?

BE READY WHEN GOD

4b.) **Calls** for us to take a stand

Matthew 5:14-16

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. **:15** Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. **:16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Get Involved In the **Watchmen** Ministry or the **Rise**

At This Hour of History, We're to Be
Like the Watchmen of The Old Testament

tsaphah, tsaw-faw'; to lean forward, to peer into the distance;
to wait by watching ahead – to be discerning of what's happening next.

Isaiah 62:6

I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, **do not keep silent**,

BE READY WHEN GOD

4c.) **Fulfills** bible prophecy

We are being given global warnings right now about the Middle East.

In the last two weeks **Iran's leadership** has announced to its' people;

“Watch Israel, soon it shall be removed from the earth in a glorious way”
It is rumored that Iran has set three possible dates for a nuclear attack on Israel.
Between two weeks ago and November.

Can you begin to imagine the price of oil
if Iran tries to attack Israel?

Ezekiel 37:25

Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children,

Ezekiel 38:1-7

Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, :2 “Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, :3 and say, “Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Behold, I *am* against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. :4 I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company *with* bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords. :5 **Persia**, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them *with* shield and helmet; :6 Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah *from* the far north and all its troops—many people *are* with you. :7 “Prepare yourself and be ready, you and all your companies that are gathered about you; and be a **guard** for them.

Guard

מִשְׁמָר *mishmar, mish-mawr*

A supplier, a defender, a mother to them

Ezekiel 38:8-9

After many days you will be visited. In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword *and* gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely. :9 You will ascend, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud, you and all your troops and many peoples with you.”

Ezekiel 38:14-16

“Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, “Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘On that day when My people Israel dwell safely, will you not know *it*? :15 Then you will come from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army. :16 You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes.”

DON'T WORRY BE...

5.) Be **watching** for God

DON'T WORRY BE... BE WATCHING FOR GOD

5a.) We're to be **watchful** for His return

That means I'm "**not to be living for**" the pleasures of this life.

To the church @ Sardis Jesus said;

Revelation 3:2

Be **watchful**, and strengthen the things which remain

Who's the Person Watching For God?

Romans 13:11-14

And *do* this, knowing the time, that now **it is high time to awake out of sleep**; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed. :12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. :13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. :14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts.

BE WATCHING FOR GOD

5b.) We're to be **faithful** at fellowship

That means that we're to be expectant about his return

Confirm Today That Jesus Christ is Your Personal Lord & Savior

Who's the Person Watching For God?

Hebrews 3:12

Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in **departing** from the living God;

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, :25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

**<< DECIDE NOW TO GO PLACES
AND TO DO THINGS THAT BUILD YOUR FAITH >>**

BE WATCHING FOR GOD

5c.) We're to be loving upon all people

Who's the Person Watching For God?

Matthew 5:43-45

*"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'
:44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those
who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, :45 that
you may be sons of your Father in heaven;*

Christian, Your Love Proves That Jesus is Your Lord

2Peter 1:10

Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if
you do these things you will never stumble;

John 15:17

These things I command you, that you love one another.

**Well, O.K. Fine Pastor Jack
But what am I supposed to do?**

It's Just The Beginning...