

THE GET READY SERIES  
A PROPHECY UPDATE FOR JUNE 29, 2008  
A LOOK AT THE CURRENT EVENTS  
OF THE MIDDLEAST IN LIGHT OF BIBLE PROPHECY

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**Part 2**

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**THE GET READY SERIES:**

**“DON’T WORRY BE...”**

*UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES AND KNOWING WHAT TO DO*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Prophecy, Middle East, War, Faithfulness, Being Ready**

**Introduction to the Text: 2 Peter 3:11**

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

“...But Jack, What Happened To Those Kids at The Beach?”

The tide rose so slowing and the waves continued until  
one wave came and knocked the kids end over end and wiped out their castle.

**IN A SECOND OF TIME, THE CASTLE WAS GONE —**

Some of the kids cried, some just looked down at what was once there

Concerning Earthly Events, the Christian Need Not Worry,  
but rather to rejoice in that our God is in Control, and everything is falling into place.

**John 14:1**

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God,  
believe also in Me.

**THE GET READY SERIES:**

**“DON’T WORRY BE...”**

**1.) Be encouraged in God**

**1a.) Because the Bible is speaking to us**

## DON'T WORRY BE...

### 2.) Be **separated** to God

#### Luke 21:34-36

“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life and that Day come on you unexpectedly. :35 For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. :36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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

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

## Part 2 Begins Here

## DON'T WORRY BE...

### 3.) Be **busy** by God

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

#### Repeat Verse - 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.

#### 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's 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*.

**As Christian's – We've Got to Get Dressed Every Day for the Battles that Await Us**

The Christian is "At War"  
at their **work**, in their **homes**, in their **community**.

*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*

**Galatians 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 Any of Our Prayer Meetings;  
The **Watchmen** Ministry or the **Rise** Outreach

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 and the stability of the world.

In the last three 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 gas?

### If Iran attack's Israel or when Israel Stops Iran from Attacking?

It has only been in the 60 years  
that war in the Middle East has meant so much to the world.

As God began to Regather His People **Israel** back Into Their Land, The Stage was Set for What  
is Called “The Last Days” Events of the Bible.

### Ezekiel 34:13, 37:14

And I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country... **Ezek. 37:14** I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and I will perform it," says the LORD.' ”

### 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,

The Bible has gone out of its Way to answer our questions about Future Events; “Just What the Future Holds & What We're to Do as Christians in This World.”

As human beings, we are either curious to know what the future holds or respond in the opposite direction by hiding our heads in the sand - - both are real, human reactions

**It's For That Reason -  
as each year passes, the middle east becomes a greater  
and greater factor in World Politics.**

Until Israel as a Nation, and the Jews as a People  
will eventually stand alone in the world -

### 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 (southern regions of what was once the soviet union) 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. – All Muslim Nations, Islamic Doctrine

### Guard

מִשְׁמָר mishmar, mish-mawr´  
a supplier, a defender, a mother to them

### Ezekiel 38:8-9

...In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword *and* gathered from many nations 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 people 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 nations... :16 You will come up against **My people Israel** like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in **the last days**...

## **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***

**To the church @ Ephesus Jesus said;**

**Revelation 2:4-5**

***Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love. :5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.***

## **Who's the Person Watching For God?**

**1Thessalonians 5:1-11**

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. :2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. :3 For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. :4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. :5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. :6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be sober. :7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. :8

But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation....

...:9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, :10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. :11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

## BE WATCHING FOR GOD

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

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

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.

Confirm Today That Jesus Christ *IS* Your Personal Lord & Savior

## 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...*