

## Chapter 12 – Preparation For Days Ahead

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The Church is at the closing stages of this current dispensation and Jesus Christ is getting ready to return for His faithful Bride. Many in the Church have been unfaithful and not been obedient to the Lord and His Word. The Lukewarm Believers are in for a big surprise when Jesus comes to take His wise followers home.

This study of the prophecies in Daniel and Revelation should awaken those foolish virgins who have been lulled to sleep by the ***Left Behind*** mindset which tells them Jesus is coming to Rapture all Believers and you don't need to be concerned. The time of the end is at hand and Jesus is returning for those who are "*looking for Him*" and those who are "*filled with the Spirit.*" Those Believers who have not been obedient and allowed their carnal nature to rule their lives will be left behind when Jesus comes for His devoted Bride. Have you responded to His Wedding Invitation?

### A Wedding Invitation

The Great God of Heaven has announced in His Holy Word that a grand wedding is about to take place. Mankind's time on this earth is about up, and the Bridegroom is getting ready to return for His Bride. Are you part of the Bride of Christ? Will you be ready when Jesus returns?

Who is it that is invited to the wedding banquet? It is those described in Revelation 19:7 & 9:

*"...For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready...Then the angel said to me, "Write: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" And he added "These are the true words of God."*

Notice that the above verse says, "*The bride made herself ready...*" How did she make herself ready?

*"Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear. (Fine linen stands for the **righteous acts** of the saints)"*

(Revelation 19:8)

The Bride made herself ready for the wedding by obtaining her fine linen. This was her reward for her righteous deeds after she was saved. The original Greek confirms that this fine linen is not the righteousness that is imputed to every believer in Christ, but represents the **righteous acts** or the **righteous living** of the believer following their salvation. This same teaching was confirmed for us by Jesus when He taught about the ten virgins:

*"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. (v.2) Five of them were foolish and five were wise. (v.3) The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. (v.4) The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. (v.5) The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep<sup>10</sup>.*

*(v.6) "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'" (v.7) "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. (v.8)The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' (v.9) "'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves' (v.10) "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The **virgins who were ready** went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut." (Matt. 25:4-10)*

Here we see that only the five wise virgins who were ready went into the wedding. All 10 virgins were Christians because all did possess their oil which represents the Holy Spirit who was given to each of them upon their conversion. The 5 foolish virgins, however, did not carry along the extra measure of oil that the 5 wise virgins carried in their jars. The 5 wise virgins were ready because they were obedient to the Word of God which commands us to be *"filled with the Spirit"* (Ephesians 5:18). Because the 5 wise virgins were filled with the Spirit, they allowed Him to direct and empower their life. As a result, they were ready when the Bridegroom came at the midnight hour. Are you a wise or foolish

virgin today? If the Bridegroom came today, would you be ready to go into the wedding? Will you accept the invitation? Why not make the following prayer the prayer of your heart right now:

*“Dear God in Heaven, I realize that I have not been living my life for you. I humbly turn to you right now and ask you to forgive me. Dear Jesus, please rule and reign in my heart and life. Please help me to live for you for whatever time remains. I pray that I may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that I may be able to stand before you when you return for me. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen”*

Our prayer is that many in the Church will pray this prayer and ask the Lord to help them be prepared for the days ahead. We do not know for certain when Jesus will return and which, if any, of the **Endtime Timelines** may be correct.

We really need to be ready and watching every day because we do not know for sure. We are also praying that this study will provoke you to examine the Scriptures on your own and motivate you to search out all the Holy Spirit wants to show you in the wonderful Bible. There is an old acronym that may seem corny, but it’s true:

B – Basis  
 I – Instruction  
 B – Before  
 L – Leaving  
 E – Earth

All Christians would do well to pay attention to this simple acronym because all Believers will be required to appear before the Judgement Seat of Christ. The Bible has all the answers Christians need. Let’s look at what lies ahead for every Believer:

*(9) Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. (10) For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. (II Corin. 5:9-10)*

## JUDGEMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

As we approach the time of the Rapture, we would be remiss if we did not mention what lies ahead after we are taken to be with the Lord. Notice that the above Scripture says we will all appear before the Judgement Seat of Christ. This is a Judgement Seat before our Lord to give an account for our lives and all that we have done, whether good or bad.

### Shock And Surprise

While we long to be with our precious Lord and Saviour, we wonder how many are really ready to face the Judgement Seat of Christ? We even ask ourselves, are we really ready to meet Jesus?

After the Rapture takes place, many Christians will experience a great deal of shock and surprise. The Lukewarm believers will be left on the earth to face their time of testing under the Antichrist; while the faithful, wise believers will be taken to be with the Lord forever!

What is it that distinguishes between these two groups? Why were some wise and why were some foolish? Why were some ready, while others taken by surprise like a thief?

### Doctrine of Rewards

One of the biggest failures of the modern day Church has been not teaching on rewards. Most Christians believe they automatically will receive rewards due to the fact they have been saved. They have not been properly taught what the Word of God actually says:

***Salvation is by grace, but rewards are given according to works!***

The misunderstanding over the doctrine of grace and the doctrine of rewards has robbed the Church of the many prizes that God wants to give out.

The Judgement Seat of Christ is the time when faithful Christians

will be rewarded for their faithfulness. Likewise, for the unfaithful and foolish Christians, the Judgement Seat will also be a time of great disappointment for many:

*“Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men...”*. (II Corinthians 5:11)

The Church loves to hear sermons on the Love of God, but few pastors and teachers are brave enough to talk about the “*terror of the Lord.*” The Judgement Seat of Christ will not be a pleasant experience for those Christians who have been living unfaithful lives. All deeds, true motives and designs will be laid bare before the Lord. The Christian “Ministry” of many believers will be revealed as a means to further their own personal aspiration of wealth and fame rather than bringing Glory to the Lord. Everything that is hidden now will be brought to light before our Lord (see Jeremiah 17:10).

Now is the time all Christians should be living their lives in view of the Judgement Seat of Christ and the rewards (Crowns) that can be earned for their faithful lives. Jesus warned us ahead of time that many will try to take these crowns from the Believers:

*“Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.”* (Revelation 3:11)

### 5 CROWNS

Jesus was telling his Church to hold on to that “*which thou hast*” so that it would not lose their Crowns. The Word of God shows there are 5 different Crowns that are possible for Christians to earn. All Christians should be earnestly striving for these rewards so they may cast them unto Jesus in the very near future:

*“The four and twenty elders fall before him that sat on the throne and worship him that liveth forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”* (Revelation 4:10-11)

What a glorious day that will be when we are able to worship our great God! Will you have crowns to lay at His feet? Let's see what the 5 possible Crowns are and how they can be obtained.

## CROWN OF LIFE



*"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the **crown of life**, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."* (James 1:12)

The Crown of Life is the first and basic crown. It is given to those Christians who truly love Jesus. Because they love Him, they are faithful to Him. When trials and tests arrive in their life, they remain true to Him. They are overcomers who endure temptations and win this crown for remaining faithful to Jesus.

## INCORUPTIBLE

## CROWN



*"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an **incorruptible**. I therefore so run... But I keep my body and bring it into subjection...lest I be a castaway."*

(I Corinthians 9:24-25)

The Incorruptible Crown is awarded to the Christian who wins the spiritual race that is set before each believer. It is a daily race in which the sins of the flesh must be put off by allowing the Holy Spirit to take control. It is not won until the race is over, and even Apostle Paul was concerned that he might not win this prize. Yes, even Paul was concerned that he might be a castaway. This should be a lesson for everyone who says it doesn't matter how you live after you are saved. Even the great Apostle Paul was concerned

for his own life.

To win this crown, the believer must be successful in "*crucifying the flesh*" as is described in Galatians 5:16, 19-26, and by turning from the things of this world.

### **CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**



*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a **crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only but unto all them also that love his appearing."* (II Tim. 4:7-8)

The Crown of Righteousness is the next level of reward. It is given for keeping the true faith, ie., keeping God's Word. Directly associated with keeping the faith is "*loving his appearing*". Living in the Endtime, you would think that all Christians would receive this crown. And yet, very few modern day Christians even care to discuss the return of the Lord. Paul is saying that those Christians who are alert to and anxiously looking for the Lord to return are the ones who are keeping the faith. Those who long for that great day are given the wonderful promise of receiving the Crown of Righteousness.

### **CROWN OF REJOICING**



*"For what is our hope, or joy, or **crown of rejoicing**? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his Coming? For ye are our glory and joy."*

(I Thessalonians 2:19-20)

The last two crowns are the highest rewards of the five crowns. The Crown of Rejoicing is also known as the soul winner's crown.

In the above verse, Paul was referring to the very faithful Christians from Thessalonica. Paul was instrumental in helping them become faithful Christians who were counted worthy of entering the Kingdom. Because of this, they are seen as Holy evidence before Jesus Christ at His return. Their faithfulness to this high calling provided their entrance into the Kingdom, and, as a result, Paul saw their faithful lives as a Crown of Rejoicing when the Lord returns.

Likewise, those Christians who teach others and lead others into a deeper relationship with Jesus will also receive the Crown of Rejoicing when the Lord comes. While winning people into a saving knowledge of Christ is important, this crown is given to those who are actually helping other Christians become faithful disciples. Solomon put it this way:

*"...he who wins souls is wise."* (Proverbs 11:30)

## **CROWN OF GLORY**



*"Be shepherds of God's flock that tis under your care, serving as overseers, not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears you will receive the **crown of glory** that will never fade away." (I Peter 5:2-4)*

The Crown of Glory is given to the faithful under-shepherd who properly feeds the sheep. It is any Christian who has matured in the faith and who is teaching others the true teachings from the Word of God. When Jesus comes, they will receive the Crown of Glory.

Let briefly review the 5 possible Crowns and how they are earned.



## **THE 5 CROWNS**

### **CROWN OF LIFE**

Repent and be baptized. Patiently endure the present trials and testings in life. Die to self.

### **INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN**

Be filled with the Spirit. Put off fleshly desires.

### **CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

Mature in the Word. Keep the faith. Love His appearing.

### **CROWN OF REJOICING**

Be a soul winner. Lead other Christians into the deeper relationship with Jesus.

### **CROWN OF GLORY**

Know the Scriptures. Nourish the flock of God with the deeper truths from God's Word.

As mentioned earlier, Jesus warned us not to let any man take our crowns. Let's look at each crown, and see how others can make us lose our crowns.

### Crown of Life

The Crown of Life is given to those who patiently endure the present trials and tests that come in this life. Those who are overcomers will receive this crown as a reward for their faithfulness. Others can take this crown from the believer through false teaching. Most of the Church has not been taught what it really means to be an overcomer. By so doing most Christians will not gain this most basic crown.

Most believers feel that they are automatically overcomers by virtue of their salvation. They have never allowed the Holy Spirit to teach them how to really experience His overcoming power in

their life. Sadly, false teaching has robbed most of the Church of this most basic reward.

### Incorruptible Crown

The incorruptible crown is given to those faithful believers who allow the Spirit to be the master over their flesh. Others will try to take this crown from you by telling you it doesn't matter how you live after you are saved. They will say, "Go sow a few wild oats," or "You are saved by Grace, don't worry about it."

The worldly Laodicea church age is filled with Christians that have given into the desires of the flesh. Don't listen to them, don't let them take your crown. The small pleasures this world has to offer, pail in comparison to the many astounding things God has awaiting His faithful.

### Crown of Righteousness

This crown is given to those who keep the faith and love His appearing. Others will try to take this crown from you by trying to get you to give up looking for the Lord's return. This can happen in two ways. Most in the Church are not interested in speaking about the Rapture. By so doing, these believers can discourage your faith and hope in the Lord's coming; thereby causing you to lose your crown. The second way is through the many false alarms that have sounded. Don't give up on Jesus! He said He is coming again, and He will return at just the right time, and not one day late! Don't let others take this crown from you.

### Crown of Rejoicing

The soul winners crown is given to those who are actually leading other Christians into a deeper relationship with Jesus. This crown has been stolen from most in Church today because the doctrine of Rewards is not understood or taught. Don't let this keep you from earning this reward. Help others be faithful disciples of Christ.

### Crown of Glory

The Crown of Glory is given to those who are found nourishing God's flock. Others will try to take this crown from you by telling you that it is reserved for the Pastor. Sadly, many Pastors

are not properly feeding the flock of God today. This Crown is God's reward to those who know and love God's Word enough to teach others the real truth. Be faithful to Him, and He will give you this reward very, very soon!

All Christians should be actively seeking all of the above crowns. These crowns are rewards for faithfully serving the Lord.

Many Christians will arrive at the Judgement Seat of Christ without even one crown. These Christians will be saved, but they will not receive any rewards due to their unfruitful and unfaithful life. Now is the time to repent, while there is still time!

### Come to Repentance

*“But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness, but is **long-suffering toward us**, not willing that any should perish, but that all should **come to repentance**.”* (II Peter 3:8-9)

Speaking through the Apostle Peter, the Lord is trying to teach Christians (toward us) a very important lesson. First of all he is admonishing the Church not to be ignorant of one important fact regarding His return. Speaking in the context of the Day of the Lord and the judgement to come, Peter is telling the Church that 1 day to the Lord = 1,000 years.

Students of Bible prophecy are well aware of the importance of this. Hosea's prophecy tells us:

*“I will go and return to my place...**after two days** will he revive us; in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.”* (Hosea 5:15-6:2)

Hosea was speaking of the 2 day period between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> comings of the Lord. The Bible quite clearly tells us that there is to be a 2,000 year period between the time Jesus leaves until he

returns. This is a very important fact that the Lord does not want His people to be ignorant of. He is trying to tell the Church when He is coming and what they should do before He comes!

Peter plainly tells us we are not to be ignorant of how God measures time. Most Believers have very little interest in the subject of eschatology and they don't want to be around those who discuss a possible timing of when the Lord is going to return. Because of this, many in the Church will completely miss out because of their ignorance to what the Word of God says!

We firmly believe that the Lord is getting ready to return. Before He comes; however, He wants as many Believers as possible to **come to repentance**. If the Believer fails to repent before He returns, the above Scripture indicates that they will "perish." Yes, this verse is telling the Believer that if they fail to come to repentance in time then they will perish! We believe this is further confirmation to the message in this book where we show that there will be a great separation in the body of Christ. Those Firstfruit Believers represented by the wise virgins are looking for the Lord to return and will come to repentance and be ready when He comes. However, the rest of the Church (pictured as foolish virgins) will fail to hear the clear warning in Scripture and will perish in the Tribulation period if they fail to come to repentance.

The wise virgins come to the Lord on a regular basis confessing their sins:

*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

(I John 1:9)

By keeping short accounts before the Lord, the Bride's wedding garment is kept clean and spotless:

*(25) Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; (26) That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the **washing of water by the word**, (27) That he might present it to himself a glorious*

*church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.”*

(Ephesians 5:25-27)

The process of sanctification comes about by a daily washing by the word that allows the Holy Spirit to point out areas that need cleansing. The wise virgins then humbly come to the Lord asking for forgiveness that can only be provided by the precious blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Are your wedding garments spotted today? Have the cares of this world, the pride of life and the lusts of the flesh caused your wedding gown to become soiled? Now is the time to come to the Lord and make sure your life is without spot or wrinkle. The Bride of Christ is living the holy and blameless life separated from the darkness of this dying world. She longs to be with her Bridegroom and wants to make sure she is ready whenever He may arrive.

**We cry out to the Church today: Repent, Jesus is coming back again very soon! Make sure you are really ready to meet the Bridegroom!**

### Greatest Revival in History

The Word of God records one of the greatest revivals in all of history in the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of the book of Jonah. Notice why this revival occurred:

*“And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying, Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey. And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and **he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown. So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.** For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid*

*his robe from him, and covered [him] with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he caused [it] to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water. But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and **cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that [is] in their hands.** Who can tell [if] God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not? **And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way;** and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did [it] not” (Jonah 3:1-10).*

Notice that Jonah warned the great city of Nineveh that God was going to bring Judgment if they failed to repent. But the people of Nineveh believed God, and as a result, they cried out to God in true repentance. God saw this true repentance by the fact that they all turned from their evil ways and because of this, He did not destroy the city. This story shows that one of the greatest revivals in all of history took place when the people **listened to God** and **believed** Him. They got serious with God and true repentance was the result.

Like Jonah, we believe God has given us an important message to deliver to the Church. The Word of God says that Jesus is coming back after 2,000 years, but before He returns He wants all Believers to come to repentance. Yes, he wants Christians to repent and to turn from our wicked ways.

*“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and **turn from their wicked ways**, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land” (II Chronicles 7:14).*

**Please, please, please....listen to the message God has in His Word. This is not some message we have made up. This message comes directly from God's Holy Word.**

Blameless – Counted Worthy

Finally, let's see how Peter ends his 2<sup>nd</sup> letter of admonition to the Church:

*“Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, **be diligent** that ye may be found of him in peace, **without spot, and blameless...**” “Ye therefore, beloved, seeing that ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ...”*

(II Peter 3:14, 17-18).

Peter reminds us that we diligently need to continue to be found blameless and without spot. This reminds us of the promise found in Daniel 12:9-10: *“And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. **Many** shall be **purified**, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the **wise** shall **understand**.* Peter rightly warns the Believer to continue to be diligent so we may be found blameless and Daniel confirms that those who are wise will understand.

As a result of reading this book, we hope it will motivate many Christians to examine their lives now to make sure they are truly ready for what lies ahead. It is our hearts desire that this book will result in many appearing before the Judgement Seat of Christ and receiving all of the five crowns discussed earlier. By faithfully living a life that is pleasing to the Lord and continuing in the Lord's service until He returns, may he find each of us diligently striving to delight Him in order to hear Him say:

*“Well done, thou good and faithful servant... enter into the joy of thy Lord” (Matthew 25: 21).*

As we approach the time of our Lord's return, our prayer is that the Church will heed the warnings given in this book. May all Believers come to true repentance and turn from our wicked ways and continue to pray the Lord counts us worthy to escape the

coming Tribulation period that is about to ensnare this world. Jesus is coming very soon and we need to get ready and wake up the rest of the Church before it is too late! And let us never forget the prayer for watchfulness that our Lord instructed us to pray:

*“And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For like a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. **Watch ye, therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man”** (Luke 21:34-36).*



## Reference Notes

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### Chapter 12

10) Lyn Mize's article on the *Ten Virgins* has an excellent explanation for Matthew 25:5 found at:

[www.ffruits.org/firstfruits/tenvirginsarticle.aspx](http://www.ffruits.org/firstfruits/tenvirginsarticle.aspx)

The following is a brief excerpt from this article:

*“While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered (3573) and slept.”* (Matt. 25:5)

“This verse has been grossly mistranslated, and the translation is misleading. This parable thus far has provided two antithetical groups of people (i.e., wise and foolish virgins). There is a difference in the reactions between the wise and the foolish virgins. The antithesis continues in this verse, but the translators failed to see this. A correct paraphrase of this verse...is as follows: (Mat 25:5 LMP) *While the Bridegroom tarried in His coming, all of the ten virgins **either beckoned for him to return or they fell asleep.***

An accurate, literal word-for-word translation of this verse is as follows: (Mat 25:5 LMV) *While the bridegroom tarried, they all beckoned or slept.*

The Greek word that has been translated slumbered literally means to nod in signaling or beckoning for what one desires to be done.

The five wise virgins are beckoning for Jesus to return, but the five foolish virgins have fallen asleep. This is precisely the situation in the Church today. The Philadelphia church is wide awake signaling, praying, beckoning, pleading for Jesus to return, but the remainder of the Church is fast asleep, and oblivious to the signs of the times. The word “maranatha” is a beckon for Jesus to return.”

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Ezekiel 33

<sup>1</sup>"A message came to me from the Lord. He said, <sup>2</sup>"Son of man, speak to the people of your own country. Tell them, 'Suppose I send enemies against a land. And its people choose one of their men to stand guard. <sup>3</sup>He sees the enemies coming against the land. He blows a trumpet to warn the people. <sup>4</sup>'Someone hears the trumpet. But he does not pay any attention to the warning. The enemies come and kill him. Then what happens to him will be his own fault. <sup>5</sup>He heard the sound of the trumpet. But he did not pay any attention to the warning. So what happened to him was his own fault. If he had paid attention, he would have saved himself. <sup>6</sup>'But suppose the guard sees the enemies coming. And he does not blow the trumpet to warn the people. The enemies come and kill one of them. Then his life has been taken away from him because he sinned. But I will hold the guard accountable for his death.' <sup>7</sup>"Son of man, I have appointed you as a prophet to warn the people of Israel. So listen to my message. Give them a warning from me. <sup>8</sup>"Suppose I say to a sinful person, 'You can be sure that you will die.' And suppose you do not try to get him to change his ways. Then he will die because he has sinned. And I will hold you accountable for his death. <sup>9</sup>"But suppose you do warn that sinful person. You tell him to change his ways. But he does not do it. Then he will die because he has sinned. But you will have saved yourself.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE WEDDING?



***“The Spirit and the Bride say, Come...”***  
(Revelation 22:17)