



LIGHT NEWS

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SOUND THE TRUMPET

By Angela Spitzer

It has been nearly 2000 years since the disciples asked Jesus: "What will be the sign of your coming and the end of the age?" And today people still want to know.

End time prophecies have preoccupied the minds of believers since the days of Christ. For decades books and movies have been filled with images of people disappearing or being left behind and hunted down under the brutal regime of a one-world dictator known as the antichrist.

But recent technological advances along with nuclear concerns and global circumstances have infused new fervor into the quest for understanding. One significant indicator that has fired up interest is the recent call for a global currency which stirs up images of "666" and the prophecy that no one will buy or sell without this mark of the beast. (Rev. 13)

In his book, The History of Money, Weatherford wrote: "The great struggle of history has been for the control over money. It is almost tautological to affirm that to control the production and distribution of money is to control the wealth, resources, and people of the world."

Recent headlines read: *China Calls for New Global Currency*, and The Single Global Currency Association, which is dedicated to the goal of implementing a Single Global Currency managed by a Global Central Bank by 2024 claims "we shall achieve this goal through education and persuasion."

It is true that no one knows the day or the hour, but when asked by His disciples what the sign of His return would be Jesus did not rebuke or try to convince them not to be concerned. Instead He told them what to expect and instructed them to watch carefully for the signs: "learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender, and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; even so you too, when you see all these things recognize that He is near right at the door." (Matthew 24:32-33)

Some people are afraid to think about end-time events, others believe it is not important, but God would not have given us thousands of verses in His Word that deal with these truths if He did not think it was crucial for us to know and act upon them. It is imperative to remember that all Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. (2 Tim. 3:16)

So what does God want us to do? Well, Jesus answered with earnest clarity, and sober warning: "

Therefore be on the alert," "For this reason you also must be ready..." (Matthew 24:42, 44)

In Israel watchmen were appointed to sound the trumpet and alert the people of approaching danger so they had time to save their lives. God appointed Ezekiel to warn Israel to "turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die..?" (Ezekiel 33:7-11)

So too we have been appointed to be watchmen to this generation. God has not left us in the dark regarding His plan for earth history and His eternal kingdom to come. He is very patient "not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9) But He will not wait forever! God takes sin seriously and soon, maybe very soon, He is going to judge the world for its evil and the wicked for their iniquity. (Isaiah 13:11)

We must know what God's Word teaches about end-time events- the terror of the antichrist, judgment of sin, and the return of Christ – and then we must warn people and call them to repentance. In Matthew 3:2 John the Baptist said: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." In Mark 1:15 Jesus said: "The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe the gospel." In Acts 2:38

Peter said: "Repent, and let each one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins" And in Acts 17:30-31 Paul said: "God is now declaring that all everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness."

People are hurting, confused, discouraged, and scared. The world has disappointed them, people have betrayed them, their pursuits have let them down, and their prospects look dim. They can find new jobs, buy new houses, earn new money, and look for new friends, but what they really need is hope. Hope for their souls!! We sing it on weekends: "You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for... Oh, You rescue the souls of men.*" Do we really believe it?? Then let us tell them about Jesus, whose name is a strong and mighty tower, a shelter like no other, because nothing has the power to save but His name!***

"Blow a trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm on My holy mountain! For the day of the Lord is coming, Surely it is near... Now return to the Lord your God, For He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness" (Joel 2:1,13)

*Rodgers & Wyse, *Wonderful, Merciful Savior* **Anthony Evans *Your Name*

Coming July 10-12, 2009

END TIMES EXPECTATIONS

A Retreat for Women

held at The Stronghold Retreat and Conference Center in Oregon, Illinois

Leave your hectic life for an enriching weekend of delightful fellowship, great teaching from God's Word, and heartfelt worship. You won't want to miss this exciting retreat with eye-opening teaching on end-time events from the book of Revelation, lively group discussions, times for personal reflection, and beautiful grounds to enjoy God's presence.

For more information or to register go to www.lampstandretreatministries.org.

COMING NEAR YOU - 2 LOCATIONS and DATES

END-TIMES EXPECTATIONS

Bible Study Seminars for Men and Women

May 29-30, 2009 - held at Victory Rock Fellowship Church in Marengo, Illinois

August 22, 2009 - held at The Holiday Inn in Elgin, Illinois

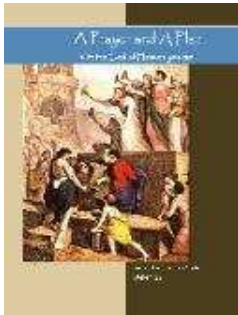
Since the day Christ left earth in a cloud believers have eagerly awaited His return. Jesus had reminded His followers often to keep alert and watchful, and through His Word He has revealed what we should expect preceding His return and how we are to live in light of it.

You won't want to miss this powerful, interactive seminar where we will read through the book of Revelation and other key end-time Scriptures and construct a complete time-line of end-time events and discover what we can expect from God, and what God expects from us in these last days.

Flyers and complete registration information available at www.lampstandretreatministries.org. Be sure to sign up early to secure your place as these exciting seminars will fill up quickly. To be the first to receive registration information for all upcoming events join our email list. Send your request to info@lampstandretreatministries.org.

BIBLE STUDY NOW AVAILABLE ...

A Prayer and a Plan by Angela Spitzer is now available.



A Prayer and a Plan is an inductive study guide that will escort you verse-by-verse through the book of Nehemiah to learn directly from God.

Get ready to encounter daunting situations, heartfelt prayers, unrelenting enemies, awe-inspiring actions, and astounding victories, as the Holy Spirit guides you into the life-giving, life-changing, living Word of God. In this six week study you will learn powerful lessons from the life, attitude, and actions of Nehemiah so that no matter what circumstances or enemies come your way you may be filled with great joy and walk in victory for

the glory of your great and awesome God!!

Easy to follow instructions guide you step by step in this exciting study. Each lesson includes Scripture memorization, challenging "Go Deeper" questions, and penetrating application questions. This a perfect study to do with your home or church small group too. *A Prayer and a Plan* retails for \$13.50 but is available now for only \$11.50 each plus tax and shipping. You can also purchase a download for just \$3.50 and make up to three copies for your group per download purchased. Buy it now at www.lampstandretreatministries.org. Questions? Email lightpublishing@ymail.com or call (847) 809-2055.

SEMINARS ON THE HILL

On a hill far away Paul boldly proclaimed that the one true God who made the earth and all things in it, the Lord of heaven and earth, was declaring that all men everywhere should repent because He had fixed a day in which He would judge the world (Acts 17:31).

Now the Lord has graciously provided a "hill" from which we too shall proclaim His excellencies and encourage all to live for His glory until He returns.

Our interactive, life-changing Bible study workshops and seminars to be held at *Hill Design, 5801 W. Hill Street in McHenry* will equip, encourage, and embolden you to live for His glory and purposes. Watch for information coming soon on these topics and more:

Bible Basics- June 6th, 2009

Learn the difference between the Old and New Testaments, different translations and more. Details and registration information at www.lampstandretreatministries.org

Opening Your Door to Opportunity

How to respond to Jehovah's Witnesses when they come to your door.

For more information on planning a seminar for your church, or friends and neighbors please contact us at info@lampstandretreatministries.org. or (847) 809-2055.

PRAY AND PLAY

Our hearts are burdened for souls of those we hold dear that have not come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please join us for an hour of intercessory prayer as we lift up the names of unsaved family members and friends to our Lord who rescues the souls of men, and then stay for a sweet time of fellowship and games.

When: Friday July 24th 6:45-9:00 p.m.

Where: Home of Jessica Spitzer

240 Evergreen Circle – Gilberts

You do not need to RSVP
just come and bring a friend!

If you will not be able to join us but would like us to pray for your family and friends please email your prayer requests to pray@lampstandretreatministries.org

WOMENS DAY RETREAT

Join us for

*A Saturday Afternoon in the Sun
Bloom Where You Are Planted*

*flourish, grow, and accomplish your purpose in
every place and circumstance*

Saturday June 20, 2009

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Cost: \$15.00 – includes lunch

Held at: the home of Jane Cassidy

18N608 Woodcrest

Dundee, Illinois

Learn more or register at
www.lampstandretreatministries.org.

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