

Lift Up Your Heads

Luke 21

20 “When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near. **21** Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. **22** For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written. **23** How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people. **24** They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

25 “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. **26** People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. **27** At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. **28** When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Currently now, many countries are expressing solidarity with Palestine, Mean while Iran is one of the countries actually standing with Hamas.

Protesters to Israel striking back have taken to the streets in:

Amman, Jordan

Istanbul, Turkey

Doha, Qatar

Beirut, Lebanon

Iraq

Egypt

Syria

Certain Cities & Universities in America & Others

Right now this saying is being heard around the world; “Free Palestine and an end to Israeli occupation”.

Vs. 20

“When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near.

- This is a clear warning from Jesus of a sign of the last days...
- My prayer is that this conflict in Israel will be settled quickly...
- My concern is that it could escalate...

Vs. 22,23

For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written. 23 How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people.

- A Jewish Person needs forgiveness just as much as you and I...
- A Jewish Person, though they are a part of God’s chosen people, is still sinners in need of a Savior...
- We are living in an hour when I pray the hearts of Jewish people will turn to Jesus...
- Even as Muslims are having dreams of Jesus and turning to Jesus, my prayer is; Lord will you show yourself to yourself to Israel, one more time... Let this Generation encounter you...

Vs. 25

25 “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea.

Oct. 14, 2023 There was a full eclipse shadow from the moon. The eclipse itself was visible — specifically in Oregon, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, Texas, parts of California, Idaho, Colorado and Arizona.

This happened last Saturday. I was studying end time scripture in relation to everything going on with Israel and the sunlight outside turned strange.

I'm thinking Jesus is coming any minute...

Vs. 26-28

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This is what I see as the 1,2,3 of the last times...

1. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. vs. 26

2. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. vs. 27

3. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” vs. 28

Jesus says when all these things happen...

Lift Up Your Heads, because your redemption is drawing near...

Friends Jesus doesn't discourage the believer...

Jesus says lift up our heads...

When people are looking downs, we should look up...

Everything will try to turn your head away...

But Jesus says lift up your heads...

Look Up...

Your Redemption is drawing near...

Colossians 3

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. **3** For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Jesus warns

Vs. 34

“Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. **35** For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth.

1 Thessalonians 4

15 According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16** For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

Church in times like this Pray, Trust God and be Encouraged...

We have a Blessed Hope

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God... we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds

Our Hope is in the Lord...

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?

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My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Isaiah 40

31

but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Closing Song

Romans 8

31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

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35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

36 As it is written:

*“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”*

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38** For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, **39** neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.