## When Ye Think Not

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**Luke 12:39-40**, "And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

Those words were said a long time ago. They have not been hidden, nor kept in secret from the world. Even so, it is surprising that so many don't seem to see the signs of the Lord's return. We don't see many speaking about he coming King. There is a lot more talk about the problems of life. Complaining and fear of what is taking place around the world. Why can't people see that many of the things that are taking place, and those that will take place in the future, are foretold by Jesus. We shouldn't be surprised that his word is coming true, for his word always comes to

**Luke 21:33-34**, "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. 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." Have you ever thought of what the Lord said in relation to today? It is easy to read the bible and to picture the people taking care of sheep, vineyards, fishing, buying and selling, and all the other, simpler, things that they did in those days. To some it doesn't seem to fit the fast paced life of today, with our cell phones, internet, and all the other modern things that we have to deal with. Yet, man's needs are still exactly the same.

We still need to follow the word of God and to worship him and not the material things of this world. When a person dies he will still leave all the things here that he had in this life. Lying, stealing, hate, and all the things that God calls sin are still sin, no matter that some churches are not calling them sin any longer. The Lord hasn't changed his word, or his will. Judgment is still coming to the people of this world, along with the return of Jesus.

The evil one still fights to turn men away from the knowledge of God and the faith of Jesus Christ. Satan has been very successful in keeping people busy and distracted from thinking about God. Looking at all the unrest and trouble of this day and age, few are looking

for the coming of Jesus. For those who know and believe the scriptures the things that are going on today are those that were foretold in the bible. They are the signs of the return of Jesus. Yet, for many, he will come in an hour that they are not looking for him.

We know that there are a lot of people who don't believe, or at least don't obey, the gospel. These folks are not looking at anything but what they see in this world. Things of the spirit don't interest them much, if at all. It is somewhat like being near sighted, they only see what is right in front of them and not much else. Then there are those who say that they believe and might go to church at times and offer lip service to God. They may not be bad sinners, just people who have too much interest in the things that affect this life. Too many things keep them busy and distracted from their spiritual life.

Life is complicated and there is many things that call on our time and energy. There are things we have to do, things we need to do, along with the things we want to do. It takes a lot of effort to make time for worship and prayer. If we are too busy with the distractions of life we may not be aware, or even ready, when the Lord comes back for his people. Are we watching the world or watching for the Lord?

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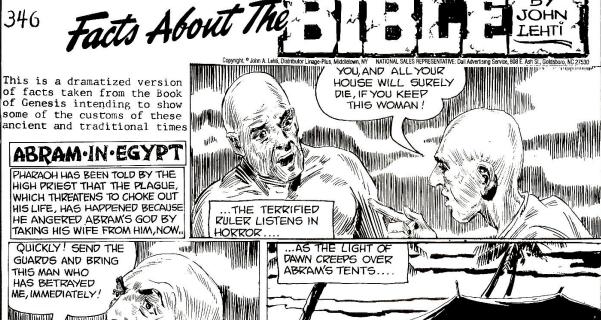
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