

Be Prepared Because Jesus Is Coming Back

Matthew 25:1-13

- 2 Peter 3:3-4 (NIV) **3**
Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. 4 They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.”

- 2 Peter 3:3-4 (LBLA)
*³ Ante todo, sabed esto: que en los últimos días vendrán burladores, con su sarcasmo, siguiendo sus propias pasiones,
⁴ y diciendo: ¿Dónde está la promesa de su venida? Porque desde que los padres durmieron, todo continúa tal como estaba desde el principio de la creación.*

- 2 Peter 3:10-11 (NIV2011)
... But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.
11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives.”

- 2 Peter 3:10-11 (LBLA)
¹⁰ Pero el día del Señor vendrá como ladrón, en el cual los cielos pasarán con gran estruendo, y los elementos serán destruidos con fuego intenso, y la tierra y las obras que hay en ella serán quemadas.
¹¹ Puesto que todas estas cosas han de ser destruidas de esta manera, ¡qué clase de personas no debéis ser vosotros en santa conducta y en piedad,

- Matthew 24:34
(NIV2011) 34
*Truly I tell you,
this generation
will certainly
not pass away
until all these
things have
happened.*

- **Matthew
24:34 (LBLA)**
34 En verdad os
digo que no
pasará esta
generación hasta
que todo esto
suceda.

- Matthew 24:36-44 (NIV2011)
“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man...”

- **Matthew 24:36-39
(LBLA)**

³⁶ Pero de aquel día y hora nadie sabe, ni siquiera los ángeles del cielo, ni el Hijo, sino sólo el Padre.

³⁷ Porque como en los días de Noé, así será la venida del Hijo del Hombre.

³⁸ Pues así como en aquellos días antes del diluvio estaban comiendo y bebiendo, casándose y dándose en matrimonio, hasta el día en que entró Noé en el arca, ³⁹ y no comprendieron hasta que vino el diluvio y se los llevó a todos; así será la venida del Hijo del Hombre.

- “*Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. 43 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.*

- **Matthew 24:42-44 (LBLA)**

⁴² Por tanto, velad, porque no sabéis en qué día vuestro Señor viene.

⁴³ Pero comprended esto: si el dueño de la casa hubiera sabido a qué hora de la noche iba a venir el ladrón, hubiera estado alerta y no hubiera permitido que entrara en su casa.

⁴⁴ Por eso, también vosotros estad preparados, porque a la hora que no pensáis vendrá el Hijo del Hombre.

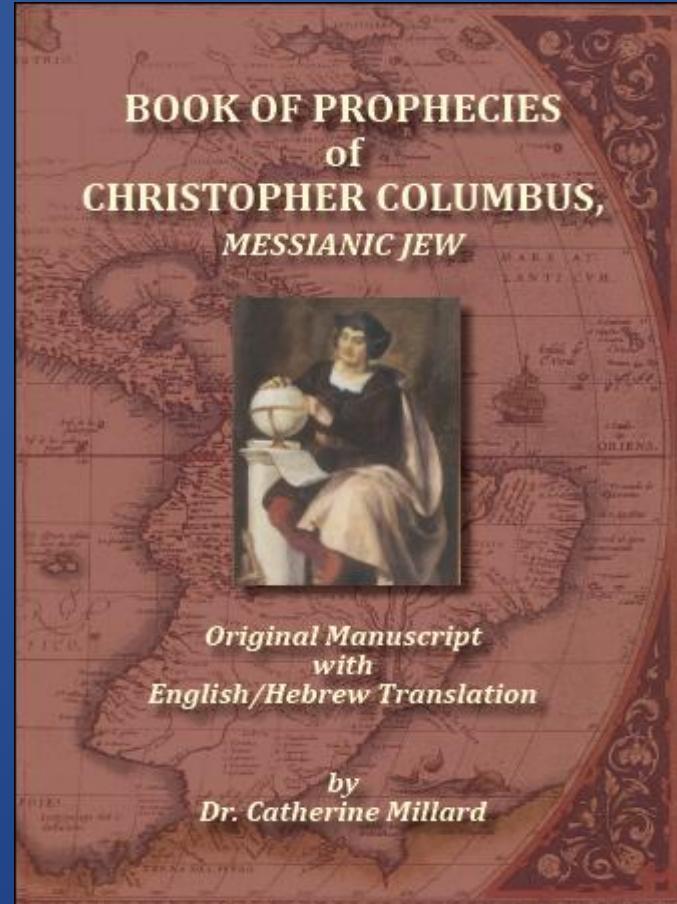


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- "*the last days are upon us. Weigh carefully the times. Look for Him who is above all time, eternal and invisible.*" Ignatius in 110 A.D.
- Hippolytus, wrote in the year 236 A.D. *that Christ was sure to return by 500 A.D.*
- "*There is no doubt that the Antichrist has already been born. Firmly established in his early years, he will, after reaching maturity, achieve supreme power.*" About 375 A.D.
- When the year **1000** arrived... Those years were filled with predictions about the imminent return of Christ - to the point where **Christians didn't plant crops** for the next year, **buildings weren't repaired**, and **the details of daily life were ignored**.

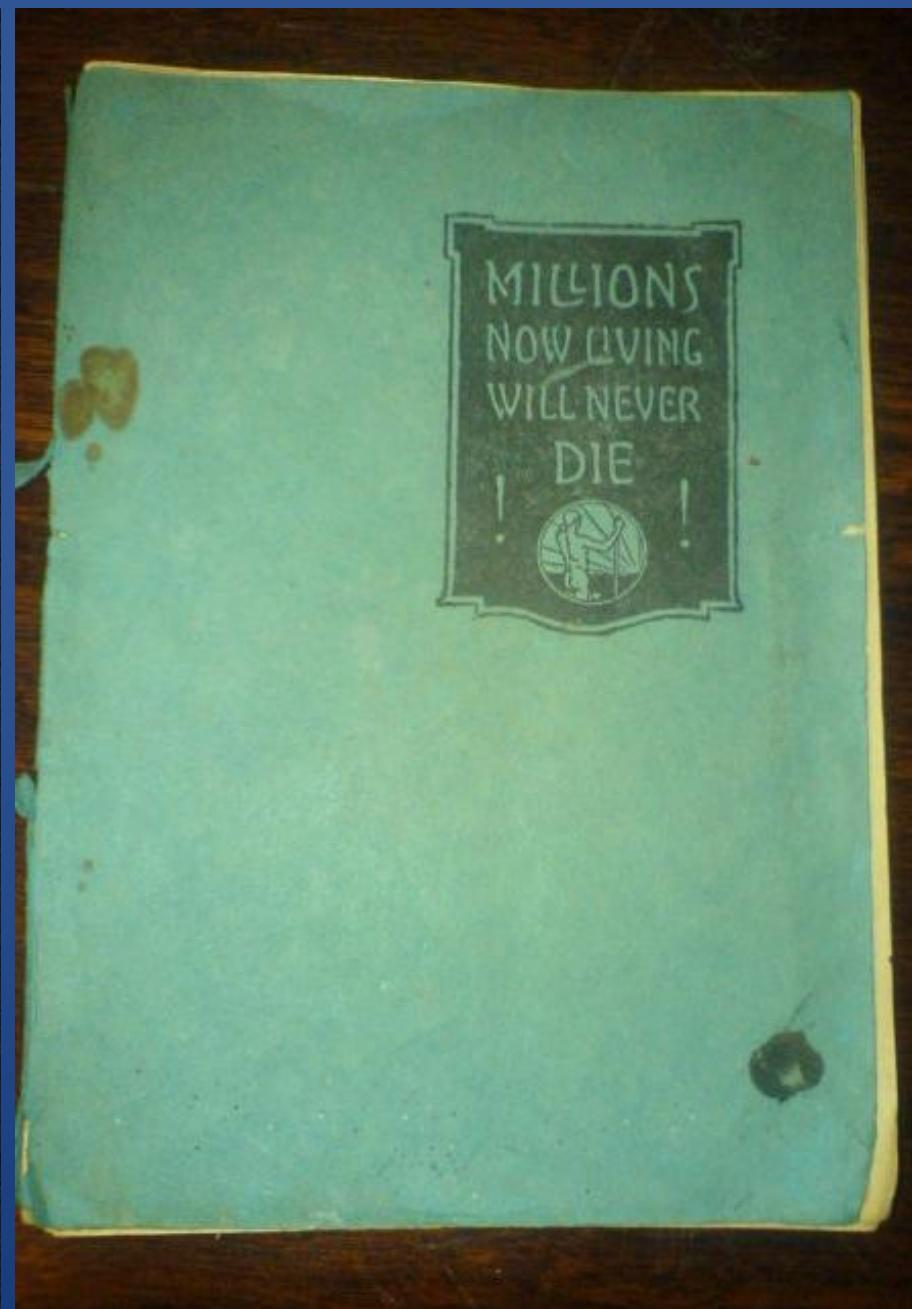
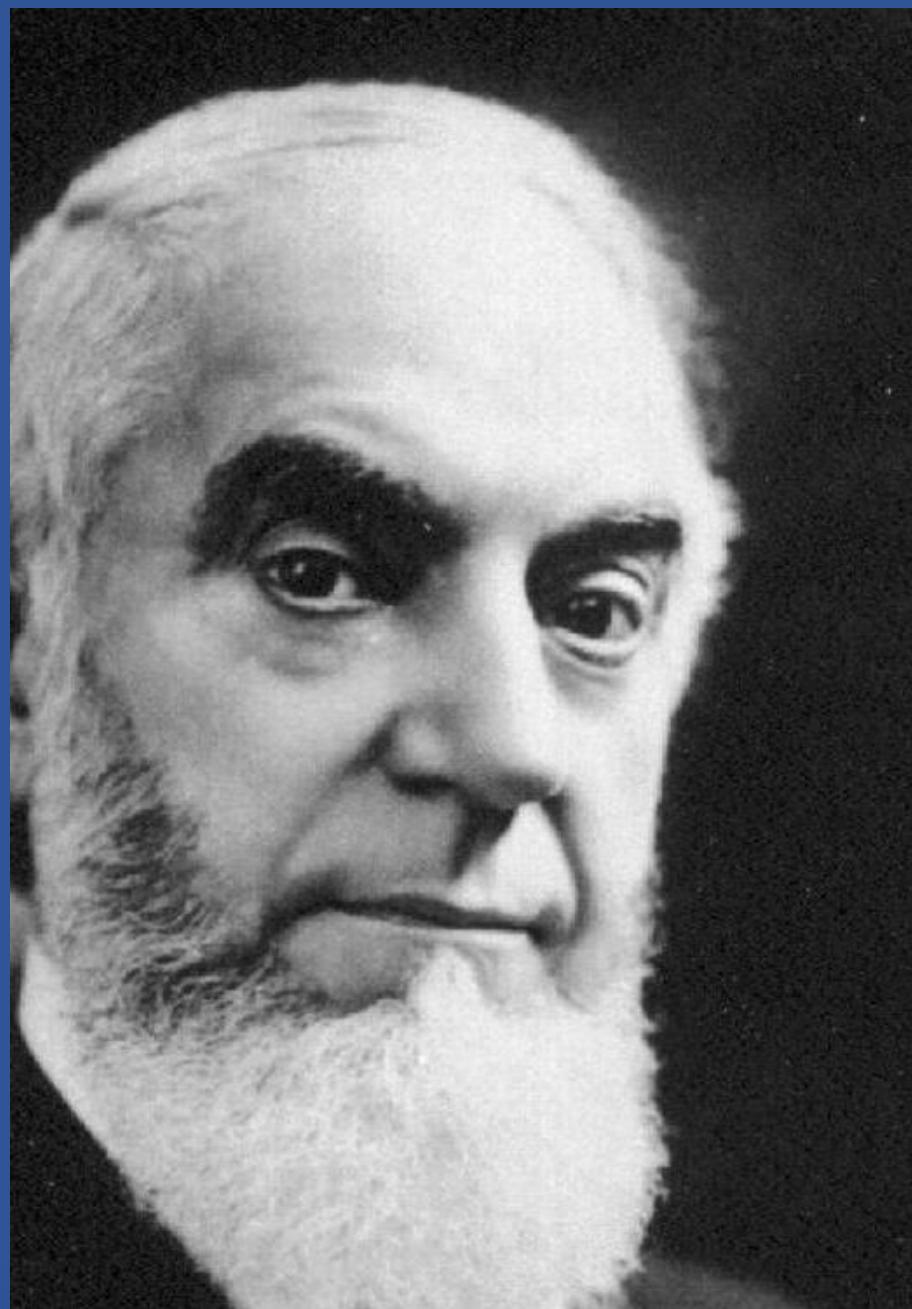


In the 1500's, Martin Luther wrote,
*"We have reached the time of the
white horse of the Apocalypse. This
world will not last any longer . . .
than another hundred years."*

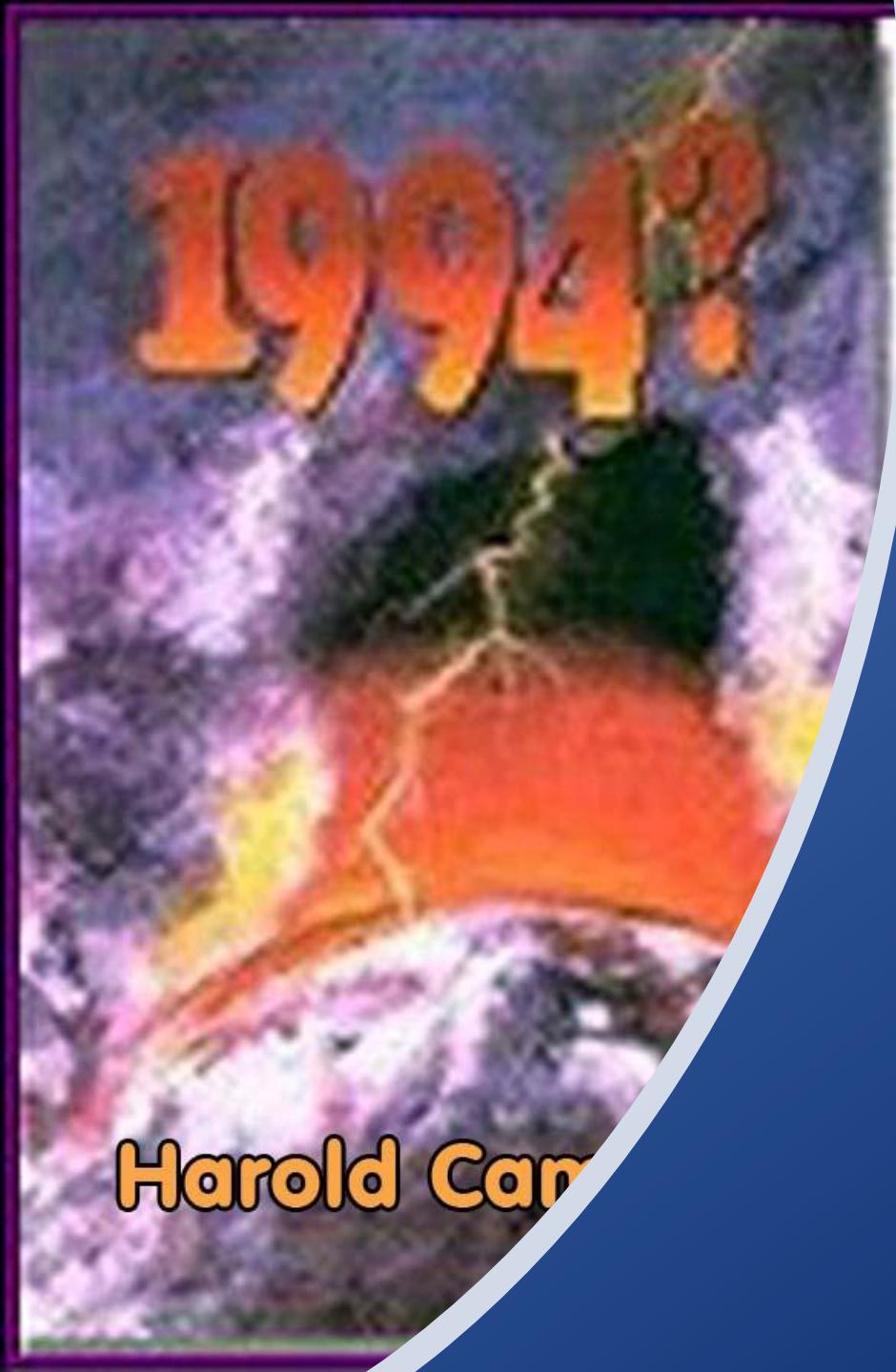


- In the year 1656. He wrote, "***there is no doubt that the world must end in one hundred fifty-five years.***"

- The year 1666 – “**666**” One preacher wrote in his journal that every time a storm hit that year, his people would go to the church building to await Christ’s second coming.
- In the 1800’s **William Miller** predicted the return of Christ. He said Jesus would return between March of 1842 and March of 1843.
 - In New Hampshire, in 1844, one of the brothers stood up and declared Christ’s return would be in the seventh month of the current Jewish year.
 - October 22 - the end of the world was pronounced. In ten weeks, the great day was at hand. In a Philadelphia store window this sign appeared, *"This shop is closed in honor of the King of Kings who will appear about the 20th of October. Get ready friends, to crown Him Lord of all."*
 - A group of about 200 left the city. They waited, but the days past and nothing happened. Five years later, another date was set, and another date passed.



- Revelation 1:7
(NIV2011) “*Look, he is coming with the clouds,” and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”; and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.” So shall it be! Amen.*
- Revelation 1:7
(LBLA)
7 HE AQUI, VIENE CON LAS NUBES y todo ojo le verá, aun los que le traspasaron; y todas las tribus de la tierra harán lamentación por El; sí. Amén.

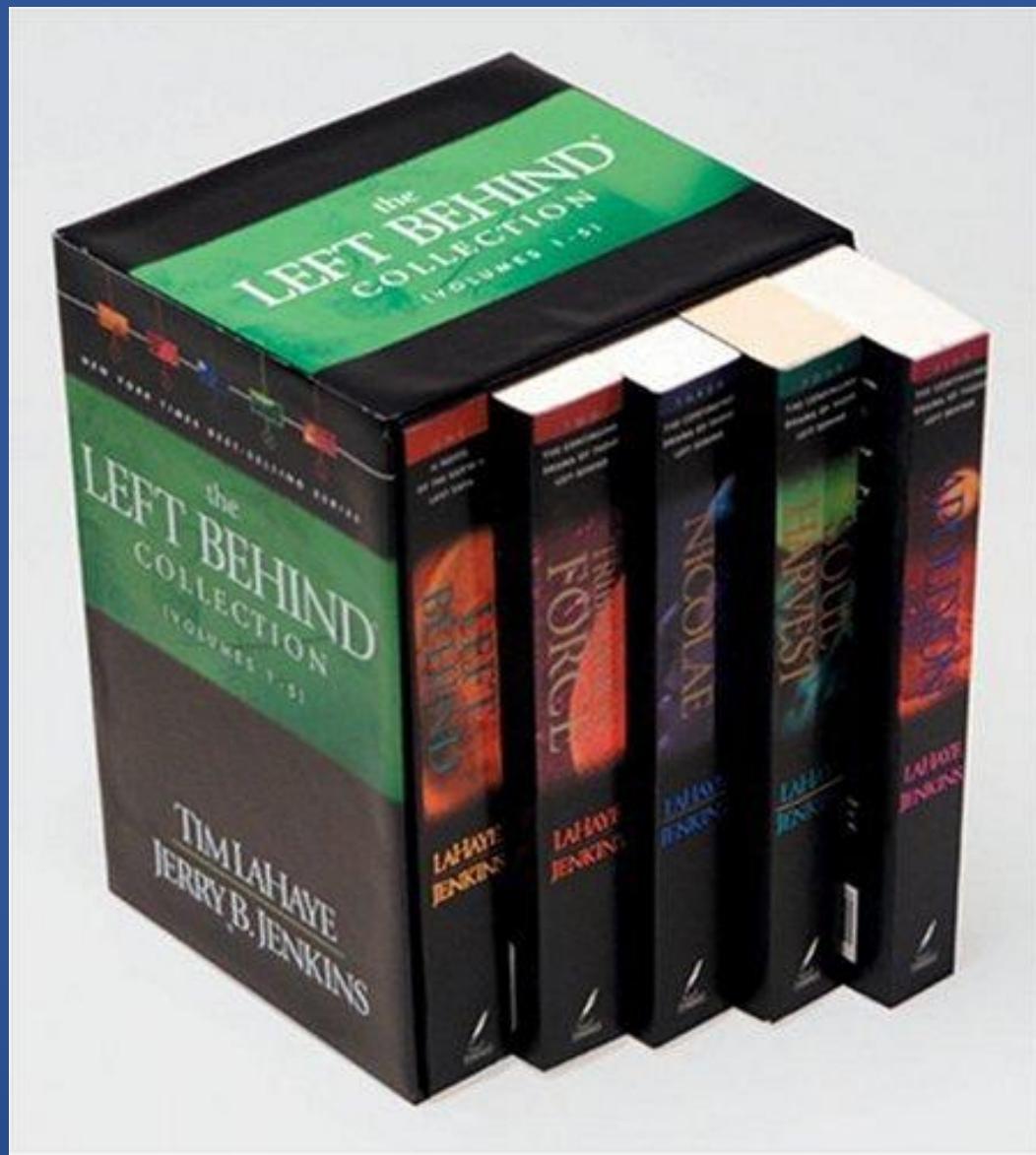


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- Matthew 25:1-13 - "*The kingdom of heaven can be illustrated by the story of ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. The five who were foolish took no oil for their lamps, but the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil. When the bridegroom was delayed, they all lay down and slept. At midnight, they were roused by the shout, 'Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and welcome him!' All the bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps.*

- Matthew 25:1-7 (LBLA)
¹ *Entonces el reino de los cielos será semejante a diez vírgenes que tomando sus lámparas, salieron a recibir al novio.*
² *Y cinco de ellas eran insensatas, y cinco prudentes.*
³ *Porque las insensatas, al tomar sus lámparas, no tomaron aceite consigo,*
⁴ *pero las prudentes tomaron aceite en frascos junto con sus lámparas.*
⁵ *Al tardarse el novio, a todas les dio sueño y se durmieron.*
⁶ *Pero a medianoche se oyó un clamor: "¡Aquí está el novio! Salid a recibirlo."*
⁷ *Entonces todas aquellas vírgenes se levantaron y arreglaron sus lámparas.*

- *Then the five foolish ones asked the others, ‘Please give us some of your oil, because our lamps are going out.’ But the others replied, ‘We don’t have enough for all of us. Go to a shop and buy some for yourselves.’ But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked. Later, when the other five bridesmaids returned, they stood outside, calling, ‘Sir, open the door for us!’ But he called back, ‘I don’t know you!’ So stay awake and be prepared, because you do not know the day or hour of My return.”*

- **Matthew 25:8-13 (LBLA)**

⁸ Y las insensatas dijeron a las prudentes: “Dadnos de vuestro aceite, porque nuestras lámparas se apagan.”
⁹ Pero las prudentes respondieron, diciendo: “No, no sea que no haya suficiente para nosotras y para vosotras; id más bien a los que venden y comprad para vosotras.”
¹⁰ Y mientras ellas iban a comprar, vino el novio, y las que estaban preparadas entraron con él al banquete de bodas, y se cerró la puerta.
¹¹ Después vinieron también las otras vírgenes, diciendo: “Señor, señor, ábreños.”
¹² Pero respondiendo él, dijo: “En verdad os digo que no os conozco.”
¹³ Velad, pues, porque no sabéis ni el día ni la hora.











Be Prepared Even Though He Delays

- "*I'm two hours late, and you're still not ready?*"

- 1 Thessalonians 5:2-4 -
"For you know quite well that the day of the Lord will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. When people are saying, 'All is well; everything is, peaceful and secure,' then disaster will fall upon them as suddenly as a woman's birth pains begin when her child is about to be born. And there will be no escape. But you aren't in the dark about these things, dear brothers and sisters, and you won't be surprised when the day of the Lord comes like a thief."

- **1 Thessalonians 5:2-4 (LBLA)**
 - 2 Pues vosotros mismos sabéis perfectamente que el día del Señor vendrá así como un ladrón en la noche;
 - 3 que cuando estén diciendo: Paz y seguridad, entonces la destrucción vendrá sobre ellos repentinamente, como dolores de parto a una mujer que está encinta, y no escaparán.
 - 4 Mas vosotros, hermanos, no estáis en tinieblas, para que el día os sorprenda como ladrón;

Be Prepared Because There Are Some Things You Can't Borrow



*"I used to think that way too,
but not anymore."*



"No paper work is so important that it can't wait until tomorrow."

- **Matthew 7:21-23, "Not all people who sound religious are really godly. They may refer to Me as 'Lord,' but they still won't enter the kingdom of heaven. The decisive issue is whether they obey My Father in heaven. On judgement day many will tell Me, 'Lord, Lord, we prophesied in Your name and cast out demons in Your name and performed many miracles in Your name.' But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Go away.'"**

- **Matthew 7:21-23 (LBLA)**

²¹ No todo el que me dice: “Señor, Señor”, entrará en el reino de los cielos, sino el que hace la voluntad de mi Padre que está en los cielos.

²² Muchos me dirán en aquel día: “Señor, Señor, ¿no profetizamos en tu nombre, y en tu nombre echamos fuera demonios, y en tu nombre hicimos muchos milagros?”

²³ Y entonces les declararé: “Jamás os conocí; APARTAOS DE MI, LOS QUE PRACTICAIS LA INIQUIDAD.”

Creaster

- It's a reference to people who go to church Christmas and Easter

A photograph of a man with glasses and headphones, speaking into a microphone. A blue speech bubble contains the text.

**“Go to church
this weekend...”**

- Hebrews 3:7,8,15 - "*the Holy Spirit says, ‘Today you must listen to His voice. Don’t harden your hearts against Him as Israel did when they rebelled’ . . . But never forget the warning: ‘Today you must listen to His voice. Don’t harden your hearts against Him’ . . . ”*

"I am at present selling furniture at the address below. You may judge my ability as a salesman if you will stop in to see me at any time, pretending that you are interested in buying furniture. When you come in, you can identify me by my red hair. And I will have no way of identifying you. Such salesmanship as I exhibit during your visit, therefore, will be no more than my usual workday approach and not a special effort to impress a prospective employer."



"and the door was shut."

- Heb. 9:27 says, "***And just as it is destined that each person dies only once and after that comes judgement.***"
- **Hebrews 9:27 (LBLA)**
²⁷ Y así como está decretado que los hombres mueran una sola vez, y después de esto, el juicio,

If you knew that tomorrow
would be your last day on
earth, what would you do
differently?

- **Titus 2:11-13 - "For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with self-control, right conduct and devotion to God, while we look forward to that wonderful event when the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, will be revealed."**

- **Titus 2:11-13 (LBLA)**
¹¹ Porque la gracia de Dios se ha manifestado, trayendo salvación a todos los hombres,
¹² enseñándonos, que negando la impiedad y los deseos mundanos, vivamos en este mundo sobria, justa y piadosamente,
¹³ aguardando la esperanza bienaventurada y la manifestación de la gloria de nuestro gran Dios y Salvador Cristo Jesús,

- Hebrews 9:28 - "*He will bring salvation to all those who are eagerly waiting for Him.*"

- **Hebrews 9:28
(LBLA)**
28 así también Cristo, habiendo sido ofrecido una vez para llevar los pecados de muchos, aparecerá por segunda vez, sin *relación con* el pecado, para salvación de los que ansiosamente le esperan.

- 1 Cor. 1:7 - "*...as you eagerly wait for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.*"
- **1 Corinthians 1:7 (LBLA)**
7 de manera que nada os falta en ningún don, esperando ansiosamente la revelación de nuestro Señor Jesucristo;

- Revelation 16:15 -
"Take note: I will come as unexpectedly as a thief! Blessed are all who are watching for Me, who keep their robes ready so they will not need to walk naked and ashamed."

- **Revelation 16:15 (LBLA)**
15 (He aquí, vengo como ladrón. Bienaventurado el que vela y guarda sus ropas, no sea que ande desnudo y vean su vergüenza.)