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A TIME TO BE WATCHING – PART 2

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The Book of Revelation is God's Final Announcement to Mankind.
And that final Announcement can be summed up in Just a few short words,
The Unveiling of Jesus Christ!

A TIME TO BE WATCHING

I.) *Because the world is being prepared* vs.12-14

1st *The Rise of Asia and the Great River Euphrates*

2nd *The rise of satanic powers and demonic activity*

II.) *Because It's what God's people do* vs. 15

:15 “Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed *is* he who watches,
and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”

1st *We watch with joyful expectation* v.15

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If Someone is Watching, A Thief Has no Chance

The World Out There; is Seen as Those Who are Not Urgent About Christ's Return
they are pre-occupied, burdened, distracted, and self-righteous

The Christian On the Other hand,

is Seen as One Who is Very Excited About Christ's Return
and so by nature he is watching, waiting, and looking

There are Two Very Key Words Here
That I Want You to Connect With.

Blessed & Watching

Blessed is he who watches,

Blessed

maka₂rioß makarios, mak-ar'-ee-os; to be supremely blest;
happy, well off or very well situated

Watching

grhgoreu/w gregoreuo, gray-gor-yoo'-o; from 1453; to keep awake, i.e. watch (literally or figuratively): — be vigilant, wake, (be) watch(-ful).

1 Thessalonians 1:10

and to **wait** for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Hebrews 9:28

Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who **eagerly wait** for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Matthew 24:42-44

Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. **:43** But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. **:44** Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Matthew 25:13

“Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

There Are Those Who Are Giving Up On Waiting for Jesus

Matthew 26:41

Watch and **pray**, lest you enter into temptation.
The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.”

Mark 13:33.35-37

Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is..... :35 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— :36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. :37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!”

But What About Me?

what does watching look like?

It looks like this:

DEFENSIVELY

You're on the defensive regarding what your eyes see
You're on the defensive regarding what your ears hear
You're on the defensive regarding what your mind thinks
You're on the defensive regarding what your spirit eats

what does watching look like?

It looks like this:

OFFENSIVELY

You're Taking In More of the Bible
You're Praying About Everything
You're Keeping a Light Touch on This World
You're Doing Your Part to Advance the Kingdom of God

Verse 15

I am coming as a thief

True - For Those Who are Not Watching and are Blessed About It.

2 Peter 3:10

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night,

1 Thessalonians 5:1-5

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. :2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. :3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. :4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. :5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

Because It's what God's people do

2nd We guard with firm assurance

v.15b

Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments,

The Picture is This; That The Lord Gives Those Who are His, Special Garments!
(**(This is An Encouragement)**)

When Jacob Wanted to **Visibly Bless** His Son Joseph,
He Had Made For Him a Coat of Many Colors

Genesis 37:3

Because He loved Joseph, he made him a tunic of *many* colors.

Romans 13:11-14

And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed. :12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. :13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. :14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts.

Matthew 22:11-13

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. :12 So he said to him, "Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?" And he was speechless. :13 Then the king said to the servants, "Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Colossians 3:9-10

Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, :10 and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

Galatians 3:27

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Waiting, Watching and Being Eager for Jesus' Return,
Keeps Your Mouth Clean / Keeps Your Garment Clean

1 Corinthians 1:7-8

...eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, :8 who will also confirm you to the end, *that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

A TIME TO BE WATCHING

III.) *Because evil has an appointment with God vs. 16-21*

:16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon. :17 Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!" :18 And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. :19 Now **the great city** was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. :20 Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. :21 And great hail from heaven fell upon men, *each hailstone* about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

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But What About Me?

IT'S A TIME TO BE WATCHING:

Luke 21:34-36

“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. :35 For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. :36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

SO BE ENCOURAGED BY THE FACT THAT,
JESUS HAS CALLED YOU INTO HIS FAMILY.
THAT HE HAS GIVEN YOU A NEW GARMENT.
THAT AT THE CROSS YOUR SINS WERE FORGIVEN.
AND THAT WE HAVE THE JOY OF WATCHING!

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