

"For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the Coming of the Son of man be. – Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not The Son Of Man Cometh." Matthew 24:27, 44 KJV



Lightening is sudden and instantly known. It is no secret that lightening is striking somewhere. The lightning always precedes the thunder. The light illuminates even the darkest night and turns midnight into daylight! The Book of Zechariah tells us of Christ's return. *"Then shall the LORD go forth, and Fight against those nations, as when He Fought in the day of battle. And His Feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and THE LORD MY GOD SHALL COME, and all the saints with Thee."* It will be no secret when our Lord returns, but it will catch many off guard. *"In such an hour as ye think NOT the Son of man Cometh."* He will not be expected, but He will Come, and when He does the whole world will know. He will Come in clouds of glory just as He left. *"And [Jesus] said unto them, 'It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His Own Power.' And when He had Spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as He Went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, 'Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, SHALL SO COME IN LIKE MANNER as ye have seen Him go into heaven."* This passage is not dealing with the catching away of the Church. It is speaking of the moment Christ Bodily Returns to Rule and Reign from Jerusalem with a "rod of iron" as the prophets predicted. His enemies will melt at the Sound of His Word, and Peace will be the order of the day.

Prophets in days of old foretold,
He will be seen like lightning bold,
To bring His sheep in from the cold,
And reign while Majesty unfolds. –CGP

Are we ready? You are not ready to see your KING if there is "just one more thing" you have to do. Did you expect Him to return yesterday? Do you expect Him to return today? He'll come when you least expect it. When He is the farthest thing from your mind, He will Return. Believers need not worry, because God's Word teaches us that the Lord will come and catch us away Himself in the air to be with Him forever. The question is, "Will we be looking back?" If you are not with Him, you are against Him. When He Returns, will you be friend or foe? Let's review:

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