

MARANATHA

Scripture:

Revelation 22:16-20

Introduction

If there is ever a message that the Devil would like us to forget, it is the message of the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ. If he can do this he can rob the church of its hope and as a result, its vision and victory.

The Lord's final words to the church as recorded in my text were, "Surely I come quickly". Friend, Jesus is coming! Every sign points to it, humanity groans for it. THE LORD COMETH!

I. Sin abounding

A. Prophecy concerning condition of age

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

For people will love only themselves and their money; they will be proud and boastful, sneering at God, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful to them, and thoroughly bad.

They will be hardhearted and never give in to others; they will be constant liars and troublemakers and will think nothing of immorality. They will be rough and cruel, and sneer at those who try to be good.

They will betray their friends; they will be hotheaded, puffed up with pride, and prefer good times to worshipping God.

They will go to church, yes, but they won't believe anything they hear.

(Living Letters) II Timothy 3:1-5

- I. Sin abounding
 - B. Sinful conditions
 - 1. Spirit of lawlessness
 - 2. Lowering of moral standards
 - 3. Increased use of drugs
 - a. LSD and peyote
 - b. Marijuana
 - c. Heroin
 - d. Pep pills (Benzidrine and dexadrine)
 - e. Tranquilizers
 - f. Sleeping pills
 - C. Sin preferred

They were fully aware of God's death penalty for these crimes (i. e. sins), yet they went right ahead and did them anyway, and encouraged others to do them too.

(Living Letters) Romans 1:32

My people love to have it so.

Jeremiah 5:31