

THE FINAL MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH

Scripture: Revelation 22:20a
 Matthew 24:44
 Hebrews 9:28

Introduction

There once was a king whose favorite court jester was a very foolish man. The King gave him a sceptre and sent him on a journey to find someone more foolish than himself, and upon finding him to give the more foolish one the sceptre.

While the jester was gone on his search, the king was taken with a terminal illness, and sent for the jester to return. When the jester learned that the king wasn't prepared to die, he gave him the sceptre.

I. Be ready

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Matthew 24:44

A. What shall I take with me?

1. Not my car
2. Not my Airstream
3. Not my clothes
4. I'd take my loved ones, friends, acquaintances

B. Am I ready to Go?

1. Are my sins forgiven?
2. Am I energized by the Spirit of holiness

II. Expect his return momentarily

So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Hebrews 9:28

- A. Note the deteriorating world situation
 - 1. Economic uncertainty
 - 2. Political instability
 - 3. Religious unconcern
- B. At such a time as this, He will return

Conclusion

The Pnomh Penh evacuation is such a parallel to the rapture. The city was surrounded, and the highway to the airport had been cut. The city's fate was sealed.

Suddenly helicopters carrying American Marines appeared. The Marines stood guard till every American was carried to safety.

- 1. This world is under Satanic Siege
- 2. It is in its death throes
- 3. Heaven's citizens are preparing for evacuation
- 4. Christ is coming to remove them from this world