

Song of Solomon (2-3-13)

Song of Solomon Series

THE VEILED COMING: (THE PRE-TRIB RAPTURE IN SONG OF SOLOMON)

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TEXT: Song of Solomon 2:8 The voice of my beloved! behold, he **cometh** leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.

9 My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he **standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice.**

10 My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

11 For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

13 The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

17 **Until the day break, and the shadows flee away...**

"In 1833 I heard [the secret coming] publicly and definitely maintained...When proofs have been asked for the doctrine of the secret advent...certain supposed analogies have been sometimes presented...Some, indeed, ask, 'Have you not overlooked **how plainly the secret rapture of the Church is set forth in the Canticles [Song of Solomon]?'...**"

(S.P. Tregelles, *The Hope of Christ's Second Coming*)

Matthew 24:48 But and if that evil servant shall say **in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;**

50 The lord of that servant shall come **in a day when he looketh not for him**, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Nothing stands between us and the summons of God; no premonitions, no warnings, no signals, no prophecies."

(D.M. Pantou)

"Do you think a man who is really looking to be caught up in the twinkling of an eye will care to face the risk of being caught up from...the theater...? No, no; Christians who have such company dread this practical truth...Do you eat and drink with the drunken...?"

(Mackay)

The Coming of the Lord is Imminent (At Any Moment):

Mark 13:35 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

36 Lest **coming suddenly** he find you sleeping.

Revelation 2:16 Repent; or else **I will come unto thee quickly**, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

Revelation 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, **I will come on thee as a thief**, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Matthew 24:37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also **the coming** of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 **And knew not** until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

40 **Then** shall two be in the field; the one **shall be taken**, and the other left.

41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

42 Watch therefore: for **ye know not** what hour your Lord doth come.

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

Taken:

Genesis 5:24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God **took him**.

Hebrews 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

"...In the first place, it is evident from the text, that as the church of Philadelphia, in preserving the word of patience, refuses to let it go; so her being preserved from the hour of trial is not her being enabled to bear it, but her being exempt from undergoing it: she shall not share in that trial of the world...it is our calling to lay hold on the promise of translation; for if we lay not hold upon it, we cannot inherit it...They shall have a place of refuge [Prov. 14:26]: they shall run into the name of the Lord as a strong tower, and be safe [Prov. 18:10]: they shall hide themselves, foreseeing the evil [Prov. 22:3]: in the time of trouble God shall be the refuge of the oppressed, and shall hide them in his pavilion, in his chariot of clouds, in the secret of his tabernacle [Ps. 9:9; 18:11; 27:5]: in the secret of his presence shall they be hid from the pride of man, in a pavilion from the strife of tongues [Ps. 31:20]: he shall compass them about with songs of deliverance [Ps. 32:7]: they that dwell in his secret place shall abide under his shadow...When our Lord cometh out of his place in judgment, we, his people, shall enter into our chambers, and shut our doors about us; hiding ourselves, as it were, for a little moment, until the indignation be overpassed [Isa. 26:20; 32:18]: for we are the wise virgins, though the foolish be virgins too [Matt. 25:1]... they shall seek us, as they sought Him, but shall not find us; and where we go, thither they cannot come. He that walketh uprightly shall dwell on high: his place of defense shall be the munitions of rocks [Isa. 33:15]. We, who wait upon the Lord shall renew our strength, mounting up with wings as eagles [Isa. 40:31]...We shall be hid in the day of the Lord's

anger; for God hath promised that by watchfulness and prayer we shall escape all those things that shall come to pass, and stand before the Son of Man [Luke 21:36; Zeph. 2:3]..."

(Morning Watch, December, 1831)

"'Watch, therefore, for ye know not what hour the Lord doth come' (Matt. 24: 42). The sudden and unexpected manner in which God's people will be gathered unto himself, previous to his epiphany, or manifestation unto the world, is thus described: 'In that night, two shall be in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other left...' Now this language seems to imply that there shall be no outward or visible sign of the separation about to take place; that men will be engaged in their various occupations in life as they now are."

(Morning Watch, 1832)

"The **morning** of the **day of the Lord** reveals Christ and **his hidden ones** in the clouds of heaven, and reveals on the earth that wicked one, the son of perdition, whom, when his iniquity is full, the Lord shall consume with the breath of his mouth, and destroy with the brightness of his coming. To share in the blessed reign of Christ, and escape the rage of antichrist which shall come as a snare upon all the dwellers on the earth, we are called to watchfulness and prayer [Luke 21:36]..."

(Morning Watch, 1832)

Luke 21:34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

The Second coming will likewise have various stages:

Isaiah 63:1 Who is this that **cometh from Edom**, with dyed garments from Bozrah?...

2 Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?

Malachi 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly **come to his temple**, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

John 7:10 But when his brethren were gone up, then **went he also up** unto the feast, **not openly, but as it were in secret.**

11 **Then the Jews sought him** at the feast, and said, Where is he?

12 And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him...

14 Now about the midst of the feast Jesus **went up into the temple**, and taught.

MORNING STAR BEFORE FULL SUNRISE:

John 20:1 The **first day** of the week cometh Mary Magdalene **early, when it was yet dark**, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

Matthew 28:1 In the end of the sabbath, **as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week**, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

Acts 26:13 At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above **the brightness of the sun**...

2 Thessalonians 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, **until he be taken** out of the way.

8 And **then** shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with **the brightness of his coming**:

Revelation 2:26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

28 And **I will give him the morning star**.

2 Peter 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and **the day star arise** in your hearts:

"The second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, while spoken of as one great event, has two separate parts. It is of the utmost importance to distinguish, and never to confound them...**In the first, *The morning star*. Rev. xxii: 16. In the second, *Sun of righteousness*. Mai. iv: 1, 2...**In the first, *Into the air*. I Thess. iv: 17. In the second, *descends to the Mount of Olives*. Zech. xiv: 3, 4...The first stage is called '*Our gathering together unto him*.' II Thess. ii: 1. The second stage is...*the revelation of Jesus Christ from heaven*. II Thess. i: 7...**The first stage or part is called the *Coming*...The second stage is called the '*Brightness of his coming*'..."**

(Isaac Massey Haldeman, 1904)

"The Scriptures teach that while the coming of Christ is one great event, it has two distinct parts or stages...The symbols proclaim it. **The morning star is a symbol. The rising sun is a symbol. The morning star comes before the sun. It gives no shattering, awakening signs of its coming.** It comes at the hour when the night is disputing with the morn. It comes when all the lowlands are in depths of darkness, when the mountain peaks stand out against a tremulous sky, and the myriad stars seem like the eyes of watchers waiting for the dawn...Shadows and shapes come and go...The star has come and gone and the interval between the star and the sun is on. The sun comes after the star has gone...**The coming of the day has been one, but the manner of its coming has been two.** These symbols have been applied by Divine authority to the Coming of Christ. His Coming is compared to the morning star. Hear His own Word: 'I am the

bright and morning star.' Revelation 22:16. He will come like that bright and morning star... Then He will withdraw as the morning star seems to fade away, and the interval between star-rise and sunshine will be on. His Coming is compared to the sunrise. Hear the words of the prophet: 'But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in his wings.' Malachi 4:2... The Coming of the Christ of God will be but one coming, but the manner thereof will be two. **It will be as star-rise and sun-rise**... the Coming of Christ has two distinct parts; one part in which He is manifested; another part in which He is unmanifested..." (I. M. Haldeman, *The Two-fold Coming and the Imminency*, 1906)

"...the truth of our Lord's 'presence' in the heavenlies, as **the junction** of the dispensations of grace and judgment, is **the keystone** in the arch of prophecy which alone adjusts, into an intelligible whole, the events of the coming crisis." (D. M. Panton)

Matthew 24:43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch **the thief** would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

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

"The thief waits till he can come unseen and unexpected. In **the darkness** his proceedings are not seen..." (Robert Govett)

Revelation 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will **keep thee from** the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. 11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

"Enoch prophesied of the Lord's coming in wrath, as so was not overtaken by the Flood. This is a comfort to us who testify of the Lord's coming in judgment. Some will escape the dread trial: Rev. 3:10. Christ will then leave the throne of God for the air; and we who are approved shall be caught away out of the earth into the air. So shall we be taken out of the sins and woes of men in that day..." (Govett)

"The presence then of Christ's obedient and watchful ones on earth hinders the forth-coming of the Defiant Blasphemer... But the apostle had testified, that this Hindrance would be removed... superseded by the Day of Wrath and Tribulation... Before the war of God begins, His ambassadors must be removed to Christ, who has come down to take them out of the hour of the temptation that is to assail the whole habitable earth..." (Govett)

Matthew 6:13 And lead us not into temptation...

Luke 22:33 And he said unto him, **Lord, I am ready to go** with thee, both into prison, and to death.

Exodus 19:8 And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do...

1 Corinthians 10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation...

Matthew 26:43 And he came and found them asleep again...
56...Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

Luke 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and **pray always, that** ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

"To wish to be in earth in that day, when Christ calls His people to pray that they may escape it, is worse than folly."

(Govett)

Amos 5:18 Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you?...

19 As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.

Can the Lord's *Coming* Temporarily Cease in Motion?:

2 Kings 24:11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon **came** against the city, and his servants did besiege it.

2 Kings 10:15 And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab the son of Rechab **coming to meet him:** and he saluted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give me thine hand. And he gave him his hand; and **he took him up to him into the chariot.**

16 And he said, **Come with me,** and see my zeal for the LORD. So they made him ride in his chariot.

17 And when he came to Samaria, he slew all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria...

Luke 21:27 And then shall they see the Son of man **coming in a cloud** with power and great glory.

John 11:11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but **I go**, that I may awake him out of sleep.

20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that **Jesus was coming**, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house.

28 And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The **Master is come**, and calleth for thee.

29 As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and **came unto him**.

30 Now **Jesus was not yet come into the town**, but was in that place where Martha met him.

32 Then when **Mary was come where Jesus was**, and saw him, she fell down at his feet...

38 Jesus therefore again groaning in himself **cometh to the grave**...

"Our Lord descends from Heaven invisibly; His people go up to Him 'in clouds' - invisibly. He does not manifest the glory of His presence, nor descend from air to earth, till the reign of the Man of Sin is concluded. The *Presence* [in the clouds] must therefore be of more than three and a half years' duration...and may last...thirty, forty, or fifty years."

(Govett)

Psalms 31:20 Thou shalt hide them in the **secret of thy presence** from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them **secretly in a pavilion** from the strife of **tongues**.

Revelation 13:6 And he opened his mouth in **blasphemy** against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and **them that dwell in heaven**.

Psalms 18:9 He bowed the heavens also, and **came down**: and **darkness** was under his feet.

10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings **of the wind**.

11 He made **darkness his secret place**; his **pavilion round about him were dark** waters and **thick clouds** of the skies.

Psalms 27:5 For in the time of trouble he shall **hide me in his pavilion**: in **the secret** of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs...Until the day break, and the shadows flee away...