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"BEING A RESTORED HUMAN"



"THAT PURIFYING BLESSED HOPE" EZEKIEL, MATTHEW 24:29-31, 37-44 PART 13: "THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN"

- I. Jesus tells of His coming in glory
 - A. Immediately after the tribulation of those days last half of Daniel's 70th week or the last 7 year period of time determined for Israel and Jerusalem to accomplish certain tasks (must be after abomination); this is the desolation Daniel described
 - B. The <u>sign</u> of the coming of the **Son of man** will appear in heaven; it will not be a happy occasion for the bulk of the people of the world.
 - 1. They had asked for the sign and He is giving the sign of His coming. It is the prelude
 - 2. Revelation 6:12-17 Sixth seal signs
 - 3. Joel 2:28-32 Great revival for some followed by great cosmic signs
 - 4. Revelation 12:7-17
 - 5. The 7th seal and all that follows
 - C. His angels are coming to the earth to make a great gathering of His elect
 - D. For many, it will catch them unexpectedly as they continue as if life was all normal; compare 1 Thess. 5:1-11; 2 Pet. 3:10-13
 - E. The gathering will be immediate and with total surprise Compare with Joel 3 and Matthew 13:36-43

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II. JESUS AS THE SON OF MAN; UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST COMING

- A. Jesus spoke of Himself as the Son of man over 80 times; He spoke of Himself as the Son of God about half a dozen times of the 39 times it is found in the gospels. The other times, it is the confession of someone else. The epistles used Son of God 16 times and Son of man 0 times! In the letters, it is the confession of faith that saves a man's soul
- B. The other place this term, Son of man, is used is in the book of Ezekiel. Ezekiel was referred to as the Son of man 93 times in 48 chapters! In each of the occasions he is either given a task to do or a message to understand. It was done with complete obedience just as it was with the Lord Jesus Christ!
- C. The message of Ezekiel was to uncover the sin of Israel, warn against it and seek repentance. He was given much information of the restoration of the disobedient Israel and the institution of a New Covenant with them. He was given one of the most awesome visions of God recorded.
- D. It is no mistake that Jesus chose the title He had given Ezekiel, for Jesus' message was one of warning, proclaiming the restoration, seeking the lost ones to be regenerated in the new restoration. He came in complete humility as it was with Ezekiel with a powerful, final message from God
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