

As a Thief in the Night

Scripture reading: II Peter 3:10

II Peter 3:10, *"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."*

Brethren, what is Brother Peter talking about? Brother Peter is saying that Jesus Christ is going to come in you like a thief in the night. And when you come forth in the power of God, you are going to execute judgment upon the world through the Spirit. You are the stone that is cut out of the mountain without hands, rolling down the mountain into Babylon, and smashing the image of Babylon and crushing it (Daniel 2:44-45). When these people, these first fruits people come forth in the power of God, that is when the battle of Armageddon will be fought. The earth then will burn with fervent heat, because as the Beast Government and the sinners with the mind of the devil come against God, fire will consume them. This is the fire God says the two witnesses spoke from their mouth (Revelation 11:5). This is the flaming sword that God is putting into the hands of His people. This is the deliverance of the Sons of God which Romans 8:19-23 is talking about when it says, *"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. 20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope; 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."*

Then will Jesus come, when the job is done, because He is coming to reign as King. Some of our brothers are preaching that we are going to be caught up in a rapture before the tribulation. Well, let me tell you, Jesus is not coming before the tribulation and it is right here before your eyes.

Matthew 24:29-30, *"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken; 30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."*

Could you want anything clearer than that? It says, *"Immediately after the tribulation,"* Jesus Christ will come in power and great glory, and the moon shall not give her light and the stars shall fall from heaven. This I see as the end of the tribulation when the sons of God will be slain and lie down in the streets of Babylon (the world of rebellion against God) for three and a half days. That will be the time of darkness, real darkness, because even the saints will be afraid. They will say, "Well, we were depending on these people! We thought they were the ones." Just like in the time of Jesus, when Jesus died and lay in the tomb, the heart of the saints failed them. And then shall the morning break. Amen. Praise be to God.

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