**These Perilous Times**

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**What Do God’s People Believe?**

**Part 25**

**Signs**

The unpredictability and tension around the world is undeniable. The atmosphere of violence is being realized by every person living on planet earth. Because of the unrestrained, antagonistic rhetoric between national leaders many fear a nuclear holocaust is inevitable.

**More Signs**

 There are more murders, rapes, robberies, drug addictions, and overdoses than ever before witnessed!

 The most destructive hurricanes, floods, and earthquakes and natural disasters ever recorded are happening one after another, harbingers of the end!

**What does this mean for us?**

**Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season**

 Jesus states in Matthew 24:33,”…when you shall see all of these things, know that it is near even at the doors.” God’s remnant people know, as students of Bible prophecy, that He was speaking of the end time, and His Second Coming!

 If a smorgasbord of crimes and physical disasters aren’t enough to evoke one’s attention, spiritual wickedness in high places [[1]](#footnote-1) is now running rampant, {especially among so-called religious leaders and politicians}!

 The news media has informed us that the leader of the Lutheran Church and Pope Francis are signing a **unity agreement** on Oct. 31 commemorating the 500-year anniversary of the reformation, {Mystery Babylon, The Great, The Mother of Harlots is calling one of her daughters back home}. [[2]](#footnote-2) This is just another facet of the “ecumenical movement” spawned by the Papacy.

 We have been warned to be ready. [[3]](#footnote-3) “…Now is the day of salvation…” [[4]](#footnote-4) Now is the time for preparedness!

**The Latter Rain**

 **“**When God gives the latter rain it will come suddenly, and everything will be over. It will be that quick! When the time arrives in the progression of the great controversy for the full display of God’s power and glory, His people will not have an opportunity then to make the preparations that should be in progress today. Be ready now or be left behind when Jesus comes for His people.” [[5]](#footnote-5)

 PLEASE REMEMBER and STUDY the parable of the ten virgins. FIVE WERE FOOLISH! They were not prepared to meet the BRIDEGROOM! [[6]](#footnote-6)

**Seventh-day Adventist Believe…**

**25. The Second Coming of Christ**

 “The second coming of ***Christ*** *is the blessed hope of the church*-The *grand climax of the gospel*. The *Saviour’s* coming will be **literal, personal, visible, and worldwide.** When He returns, the righteous dead will be resurrected, and together with the righteous living, will be glorified and taken to heaven, but the unrighteous will be destroyed.

 The almost complete fulfillment of most lines of prophecy, together with the present condition of the world, indicates that Christ’s coming is imminent. The time of that event has not been revealed, and we are therefore exhorted *to be ready at all times* [[7]](#footnote-7) {Titus 2:13; Heb. 9:28; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:9-11; Matt. 24:14; Rev. 1:7; Matt. 24:43, 44; I Thess. 4:13-18; I Cor. 15:51-54;

II Thess. 1:7-10; 2:8; Rev. 14:14-20; 19:11-21; Matt. 24; Mark 13; Luke 21; II Tim. 3:1-5; I Thess. 5:1-6 Emphasis supplied}.



1. Eph. 6:12 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Rev. 17:1-5 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Matt. 24:44 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. II Cor. 6:2 [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Gerald Wheeler & Bill Cleveland, Getting Ready To Meet Jesus, Review

 & Herald Publishing Assn., 1998, p. 91. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Matt. 25:1-13 [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Seventh-day Adventists believe, “A Biblical Exposition of Fundamental

 Beliefs,” Columbia , Md. General Conference of Seventh-day

 Adventists, 2005, pp. 371-386. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)