

# Be Warned and Avoid Judgment— Part 2

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**Jer 23:14** *the prophets of Jerusalem are even worse*  
**Isa 13:9** *Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel*  
**Matt 24:37** *As the days of Noah were, so also will*  
**Matt 24:7** *For nation shall rise against nation, and*  
**1 Cor 15:51** *Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall*  
**1 Cor 11:31** *if we would judge ourselves, we would*  
**1 Thess 4:14** *if we believe that Jesus died and rose*  
**2 Thess 2:10** *they received not the love of the truth*

## Theme: Heed warnings and make changes

- 1 Accepting the *warnings* God has given in Scripture is the plan to avoid the *judgment* that is coming!
- 2 The only *way out* is the one *way in* through faith and “*being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus*” **Romans 3:24**.
- 3 Warnings in Scripture are vitally important and must be taken seriously. If we were driving on a dark road at night and a bridge up ahead had been washed out by a flood, it would *not* be judging to

warn a driver of certain destruction if he stayed on that road.

4 If church members are *not taught* to trust God for life issues; if they are *not taught* to obey the teaching of the New Testament; and if they are not willing to allow God to teach them spiritual lessons of faith and trust, then the evil nature is still in control, and they would *not* be ready to see Jesus.

5 **NLT Jeremiah 23:14** “*Now I see that the prophets of Jerusalem are even worse! They commit adultery, and they love dishonesty. They encourage those who are doing evil instead of turning them away from their sins. These prophets are as wicked as the people of Sodom and Gomorrah once were.*”

6 Rejecting God’s Truth and accepting false teaching that says God does not *do* things for us today—is the *reason* for the *judgment* of the world.

The Bible predicts there will be very few believers in the end times—**NKJV Matthew 24:37** “*As the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.*”

7 When we commit our life to God—we enter a spiritual race—and the mandate of any competition is that we abide by the rules to make progress—if we do not, we could be disqualified. **NIV 1 Corinthians 9:24** “*Run in such a way as to get the prize.*”

8 After qualifying—by a sincere repentance—it is possible that later—through wrong choices, wrong decisions, and lack of spiritual growth, to not be trusting God anymore.

We may have allowed **NKJV Matthew 13:22** “*The cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches,*” *choke the Word,*” resulting in being disqualified.

9 Israel wanted a king so the prophet warned the people **NKJV 1 Samuel 12:14** “*If you fear the Lord and serve Him and obey His voice, and do not rebel against the commandment of the Lord, then both you and the king who reigns over you will continue following the Lord your God.*”

15 *However, if you do not obey the voice of the Lord, but rebel against the commandment of the Lord, then the hand of the Lord will be against you, as it was against your fathers.*”

We can *qualify* now but be *disqualified* later by not obeying the Word of God.

10 The condition of life’s race is to *trust and obey* God—*do* what He says; *follow* His precepts; *trust* on His power in faith, and all will be well.

If Israel rebelled, they would reap what they sowed **Galatians 6:7**.

11 God has *warned*, so we must *listen* to avoid the coming judgment of a wicked and defiant world. The Rapture will happen—it is predicted—we must be ready by an enduring faith and trust on God.

12 **AV Isaiah 13:9** “*Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.*”

11 *And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the*

*arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.”*

**13** Jesus predicted the same and warned of signs  
AV **Matthew 24:7** “*For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.*”

**14** The horrible spiritual condition of the world in general; the political situation; the greed, immorality, hatred, and hostility among so many today—along with many other signs, indicates that the earth is ripe for the judgments of a righteous God.

**15** These supernatural judgments are the *fruits* of Adam’s sin—people following every plan imaginable to be healed; to be protected; to get justice for wrongs done to them; and to find happiness—but *not* trusting God in faith for those things, which is a requirement to enter His kingdom.

**16** Our only concern here is to be *ready* for the appearing of Jesus soon and suddenly to translate the living saints and bring back the righteous deceased.

NKJV **1 Corinthians 15:51** “*Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.*”

**17** The preparation for the return of Jesus is the most important thing we could possibly consider—and the Bible gives the *standard* for entering God’s kingdom. It is very different from what most proclaimed Christians think God’s requirement for Heaven to be.

**18** Three things we must know in being prepared for eternity!

**1** To be sure we are forgiven of our sins—which is a gift and an Atonement *right* for any repenting soul who places 100% of their faith in His atoning sacrifice.

**2** To give our life totally to *God* for His *will* and *Word* to be in control of our life. When we confess our sins, God erases them **1 John 1:9**, and we are given the gift of His Spirit.

NKJV **Luke 11:13** God is just waiting to “*give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!*”

**3** To be willing to learn spiritual lessons of faith and trust under the personal teaching of God Himself. It is *accepting* what His Word says, *believing* what it says, and *obeying* it concerning everything.

**19** Most people *say* they are followers of Jesus, but many churches do not teach that their happiness *today* depends on a right attitude to God’s Word *now*.

Any happiness today and our hope of Heaven later depends on our being scriptural in every area of our life—finances; healing; attitudes toward people; and everything else.

**20** God is not asking us to obey His Word in *our* strength, as we could not do it—but He provides the *ability*, the *light*, and the *wisdom* in obeying it. We just ask for *His* strength and be *willing* to do what His Word says.

**21** If we begin the Christian life in this way—following the sequence of those *three steps*—being *forgiven* by God; being *committed* to trust

Jesus; and *learning* under God’s teaching to trust Him for everything—we will be blessed in this life and ready for the next.

**22** The coming Tribulation is a *warning* of the horrible consequences for anyone not giving their life to God without compromise!

It is a much-*needed* warning—and is *not* judging anyone, because we are to only judge *ourselves*.  
AV **1 Corinthians 11:31-32** “*For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged—along with the world.*”

**23** It is difficult to think about and to ponder, but *most* people are *not* ready to face the Judge of everyone—most will *not* *escape!*

It is not a matter of *if* judgment will begin, but *when!* AV **2 Peter 3:10** “*As a thief in the night*”—suddenly and completely by surprise!

There will be a loud *noise*; *fire* will destroy the elements—and everything “*shall be burned up.*”

**24** Are you ready? Vs **11** “*Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives.*”

***Be Warned and Avoid the coming Judgment!***



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