



Arouse From Your Slumbers-Voice of Warning Part 1

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Prophecies were literally fulfilled in relationship to Jesus Christ. *“Behold,”* said the prophet, *“A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”* *Isaiah 7:14*

Bethlehem was to be the place of his birth; and Egypt, where he sojourned with his parents, the place of which he was called. If you had walked up and down with our dear redeemer during his whole sojourn in the flesh, and taken the pains to record the particular circumstances of his life and death, your history would not be a plainer one than the prophets gave of him, hundreds of years before he was born.

The Jews overlooked His first coming ... and were broken and scattered ... so the gentiles will overlook the prophecies concerning his second coming. His coming will overtake the world unawares, as the flood did the people in the days of Noah. The reason is they will not understand the prophets. They will not endure sound doctrine ... but thank heaven there are individuals in every sect who are humbly seeking the truth, and will know the voice of truth, and who will be gathered out and planted in the new and everlasting covenant and shall be adopted into the family of Israel, and will be gathered with them, and be partakers of the same covenant of promise.

O! My brethren according to the flesh, my soul mourns over you; and had I a voice like a trumpet, I would cry awake, awake, and arouse from your slumbers, for the time is fulfilled, your destruction is at the door. **The Lord is to come!** Zechariah chapter 14 has told us much concerning the great battle and overthrow of nations who fight against Israel ... Then will the Jews behold that long expected Messiah ... but what will be their astonishment when they see their deliverer and at once recognize Jesus of Nazareth ... the man so long rejected. He will forgive their iniquities and cleanse them ... Jerusalem shall be a Holy City from that time forth.

(Ladies, as we busy ourselves with preparations for Christmas let us keep in mind that the time of Jesus' Second Coming is at our doors and let us prepare also for His next appearance as King of Kings and Lord of Lords!)

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There will also be a city which is called Zion, which will be most beautiful, and the chosen city of God, as the prophet states, “I will lay thy stones with fair colors, and lay thy foundations with sapphires...and all thy borders of pleasant stones. And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord...In righteousness shalt thou be established;” Isaiah 54:11-17. In Isaiah chapter 60 we learn: First, that there is a city to be built in the last days, unto which not only Israel, but all the nations of the Gentiles are to flow; and that the nation and kingdom that will not serve that city shall perish and be utterly wasted. Second, that the name of the city will be Zion, the city of the Lord. Third, that it is to be the place of his sanctuary, and place of his feet.

The Psalmist David has told us concerning the time for the building of the city as follows: “But thou, O lord, shalt endure forever; and thy remembrance unto all generations. Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion; for the time to favor her, yea, the set time, is come. For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favor the dust thereof. So the heathen shall fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth thy glory. **When the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory... This shall be written for the generation to come; and the people which shall be gathered shall praise the Lord. To declare the name of the Lord in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem; When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms to serve the Lord.” Psalm 102**

From this prophecy we learn: First, that there is a set time to build up Zion...just before the second coming of Christ, and when this city shall be built the Lord will appear in his glory. Second, we learn that the people and kingdoms are to be gathered together to serve the Lord, both in Zion and in Jerusalem. Third, we learn that this Psalm was written expressly for the generation to come, and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord, when they read it and see it fulfilled.

