

Be patient in tribulation until I come; and, behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me, and they who have sought me early shall find rest to their souls. D&C 54:10



Behold, I come quickly

It Becometh Every Man to Warn His Neighbor

One Sunday morning in Relief Society I participated in a discussion of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. In it we discussed the prophecies of Joel wherein he said the sun would be darkened and the moon turned to blood...and we wondered what that might look like when it happens. I vaguely recalled another discussion regarding this prophecy and after searching found President Hinckley's talk entitled "Living in the Fullness of Times" (given shortly after 9/11.) He said that this vision, along with the words of Malachi, have been fulfilled, **"The vision of Joel has been fulfilled** wherein he declared: 'And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. *And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come...*' (Joel 2:28-32)."¹



I wonder if the twin towers were the pillars of smoke spoken of in Joel's prophecy or whether the Gulf War may have fulfilled these or other prophecies. I do not know. However, knowing that the signs mentioned in the vision of Joel were fulfilled years ago makes me wonder where we are in time and how much longer we will have in order to prepare for the further prophecies of the last days.

Elder Henry B. Eyring once said, "Because the Lord is kind, He calls servants to warn people of danger. That call to warn is made harder and more important by the fact that the warnings of most worth are about dangers that people don't yet think are real...Here is the charge given to each of the members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

Saints: 'Behold, I sent you out to testify and warn the people, and it becometh every man who hath been warned to warn his neighbor'...It's easy to say, 'The time isn't right.' But there is danger in procrastination."²

My neighbors, I know that we are living in the fullness of times where the Lord has commanded us to prepare every needful thing because he loves us (D&C 109:8). He has directed us to, "Believe on

the name of the Lord Jesus, who was on the earth, and is to come, the beginning and the end... Behold, I am Jesus Christ, and I come quickly. Even so. Amen" (D&C 49: 12, 28).

While we are instructed to "watch with all perseverance" we should do it with faith...not fear. Elder Bednar gave us this guidance, "Now brothers and sisters, these teachings from modern and ancient prophets about latter-day tests and trials are sobering and solemn. But they should not be discouraging, and we should not be afraid. For those with eyes to see and ears to hear, *spiritual warnings lead to increasingly vigilant watching.* You and I live in 'a day of warning' (D&C 63:58). And because we have been and will be warned, we need to be, as the Apostle Paul admonished, 'watching ... with all perseverance' (Ephesians 6:18). *As we watch and prepare, truly we have no need to fear* (see D&C 38:30)."³

Our prophet, President Thomas S. Monson gave us "a word" at the end of General Conference in 2010, "My brothers and sisters, today, as we look at the world around us, we are faced with problems which are serious and of great concern to us. The world seems to have slipped from the moorings of safety and drifted from the harbor of peace...*My counsel...is to look to the lighthouse of the Lord.* There is no fog so dense, no night so dark, no gale so strong, no mariner so lost but what its beacon light can rescue. It beckons through the storms of life. The lighthouse of the

Lord sends forth signals readily recognized and never failing...The Lord loves us, my brothers and sisters, and will bless us as we call upon Him."⁴

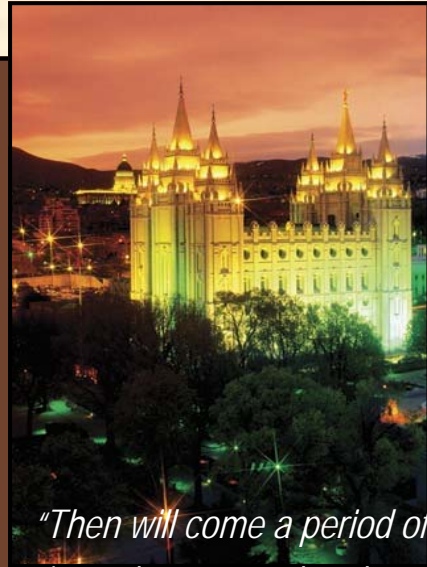
President Kimball in his book, "Faith Precedes the Miracle" wrote, "It is so hard to wait and be prepared always. But we cannot allow ourselves to slumber. The Lord has given us this parable as a special warning."

"I believe the ten virgins represent the people of the Church of Jesus Christ...they were knowing people who were foolishly unprepared for the happenings that were to affect their eternal lives... They were fools these five unprepared virgins." "Now, too late, they were becoming conscious of the tragedy of unpreparedness...The foolish asked the others to share their oil, but...they needed all their oil for themselves; they could not save the foolish. The re-

sponsibility was each for himself. This was not selfishness or unkindness."⁵

A year or two ago I heard a stake president tell us that at the regional leadership conference a general authority referenced President Hinckley's talk from 1998 regarding Pharaoh's Dream, the stormy weather ahead, and the need to have our houses in order. Then they were asked how many in attendance now wished that they had hearkened to President Hinckley's words?

Pharaoh's Dream is significant for our day. The first time President Hinckley mentioned Pharaoh's dream was in 1998 when he said, "I wish to speak to you about temporal matters. As a backdrop for



"Then will come a period of time where even the elect will lose hope if they do not come to the temples. . ."

what I wish to say, I read to you a few verses from the 41st chapter of Genesis. Pharaoh, the ruler of Egypt, dreamed dreams which greatly troubled him...And I saw in my dream...seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good: And, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them." Then Joseph's interpretation, "Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt: And there shall arise after them seven years of famine...And God will shortly bring it to pass (Gen. 41:20, 26, 30, 32). Now, brethren, I want to make it very clear that I am not prophesying, that I am not predicting years of famine in the future. But I am suggesting that the time has come to get our houses in order...*There is a portent of stormy weather ahead to which we had better give heed..*That's all I have to say about it, but I wish to say it with *all the emphasis of which I am capable.*" A portent means something of prophetic or ominous significance. President Hinckley also spoke of the fragile economy, how people are living off of their borrowings instead of earnings and how paying interest is financial bondage. He said that he *hoped* that there wouldn't be a depression...*twice*, but then said he was concerned about all the debt our members are carrying. He talked about how Elder Faust paid off his mortgage quickly, and how content that has made him.⁶

President Hinckley again referenced Pharaoh's dream just weeks after the 9/11 terrorist attack in his talk, "The Times In Which We Live." Pres. Hinckley said, "The economy is particularly vulnerable. We have been counseled again and again concerning self-reliance, concerning



debt, concerning thrift. So many of our people are heavily in debt for things that are not entirely necessary." Then he talked about getting a modest home and paying it off as quickly as possible. He said, "We cannot provide against every contingency. But we can provide against many contingencies. Let the present situation remind us

that this we should do. As we have been continuously counseled for more than 60 years, let us have some food set aside that would sustain us for a time in case of need..." He referenced Pharaoh's dream when he said, "I do not know what the future holds. I do not wish to sound negative, but *I wish to*

remind you of the warnings of scripture and the teachings of the prophets which we have had constantly before us. I cannot forget the great lesson of Pharaoh's dream of the fat and lean kine and of the full and withered stalks of corn. I cannot dismiss from my mind the grim warnings of the Lord as set forth in the 24th chapter of Matthew. I am familiar, as are you, with the declarations of modern revelation that

the time will come when the earth will be cleansed and there will be indescribable distress, with weeping and mourning and lamentation (see D&C 112:24). Now, I do not wish to be an alarmist. I do not wish to be a prophet of doom."⁷

Said President Hinckley in October Conference in 2005, "What [calamities] we have experienced in

the past was all foretold, and the end is not yet. Just as there have been calamities in the past, we expect more in the future. What do we do? Someone has said it was not raining when Noah built the ark. But he built it, and the rains came...We can heed warnings...the best storehouse is the family storeroom. In words of revelation

the Lord has said, ‘Organize yourselves; prepare every needful thing’ (D&C 109:8). Our people for three-quarters of a century have been counseled and encouraged to make such preparation as will assure survival should a calamity come. We can set aside some water, basic food, medicine, and clothing to keep us warm. We ought to have a little money laid aside in case of a rainy day...” This talk was given exactly seven years from the date that President Hinckley first gave (as I call it) his “seven years of plenty talk.” In it he again mentioned the dream of Pharaoh when he said, “Let us never lose sight of the dream of Pharaoh concerning the fat cattle and the lean, the full ears of corn and the blasted ears, the meaning of which was interpreted by Joseph to indicate years of plenty and years of scarcity.”⁸

President Eyring told us, “In our own time we have been warned with counsel on where to find safety...One of the keys to recognizing those warnings is that they are repeated.”⁹ President Hinckley warned us repeatedly because he could

not “forget” or “dismiss from his mind” the grim warnings of the Lord, he also told us of a “portent” of stormy weather ahead for which his warning was most emphatic.

It is interesting to note what was happening in Egypt during the “years of famine.” In Genesis 47:15 it says, “And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth.” As their money failed they gave the government all their remaining assets including their valuables, homes and lands in exchange for food and shelter. Eventually the people were gathered together and became slaves of the government.

We can see that financially we are in lean years and most agree that it will take years to come out of this downturn...but could we experience an actual famine where there is no food or we can’t afford the food that is available? If you have been watching the news you will have heard of the ex-

President Hinckley’s Warning References to Pharaoh’s Dream

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treme record breaking drought in Russia in 2009, at the beginning of 2010 we heard of a 200-year drought which affected China, and additional droughts which have ruined various crops in the United States, Europe, Africa and Argentina; also devastating floods and hurricanes have hit Australia, China, Pakistan, Brazil and Mexico, etc.; killer heat waves and record breaking freezes continue to destroy crops all over the world. The world population is currently eating more food than is being produced. We will be looking at famine that could “wax sore” if things don’t improve in the next few growing seasons. China, Russia and the Middle East continue to buy vast amounts of food and other commodities and even global farmlands. Other countries have been increasing their food stores to prevent hunger induced riots and chaos. Poor countries are begging to be given a bigger “piece of the pie” as their people starve because of failed crops and/or higher food prices.¹⁰ There are many other food related issues affecting the global food supply such as animal and plant diseases, insect, rodent and other plagues, plant fungi, increased transportation costs, volcanic ash, declining bee populations, increased prices for fertilizers and seeds, farmers who no longer have the financial means or access to credit, etc.

Unfortunately, years ago, the US government stopped storing emergency grain for its citizens. Fortunately, that doesn’t matter to those of us of the LDS faith because the Church has grains enough and to spare...at least that is what we tell ourselves. That is not what our leaders tell us however.

From President Faust we hear, "Every father and mother are the family's storekeepers. They should store whatever their own family would like to have in the case of an emergency...The Church cannot be expected to provide for every one of its millions of members in case of public or personal disaster. It is therefore necessary that each home and family do what they can to assume the responsibility for their own hour of need... I believe if we are provident and wise...and are faithful, God will sustain us through our trials."¹¹

A friend in Northern Utah was called as the ward employment specialist in his ward a few years ago when there were two men who were unemployed, two weeks later there were 11 families experiencing unemployment. Last we talked, he reported there were 56 members in his ward seeking employment. Our prophet President Thomas S. Monson once observed that, "Many more people could ride out the storm-tossed waves in their economic lives if they had their year's supply of food and clothing and were debt-free. Today we find that many have followed this counsel in reverse: they have at least a year's supply of debt and are food-free."¹²

Can the church feed us all? During the last recession Bishop Victor L. Brown told us, “Within the last twelve months, the distribution of fast offerings and commodities by the bishops has been alarming. At

the present rate of demand, the Church resources will be almost expended in a short time...It would appear that in altogether too many cases the teachings about preparedness have been either misunderstood or knowingly

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rejected. Many of our members appear to feel that when difficulty comes, the Church will come to their aid, even when they could have prepared themselves had their priorities been appropriate... the welfare program rests on the basic principle of personal and family preparedness, not on Church preparedness...I feel our anxieties are justified. *It is the opinion of many that more difficult times lie ahead.* We are deeply concerned about the welfare of our people and recognize the potential pri-



vation and suffering that will exist if each person and family does not accept the word of the Lord when he says, 'Prepare every needful thing' (D&C 88:119) and 'It must needs be done in mine own way' (D&C 104:16)."¹³ In order to feed the members of the Church "longer-term supply" bare survival rations for one year it would currently require around 5 BILLION pounds of grains and legumes.

Calamities can happen to us all...even the "Saintliest" of Latter Day Saints. President Ezra Taft Benson told of his experiences with the righteous Saints in war torn Europe, "I shall never forget the Saints of Hamburg who appeared on the verge of

collapse from starvation, or their small children... We saw the terrible physical and social side effects of hunger and malnutrition...Too often we bask in our comfortable complacency and rationalize that the ravages of war, economic disaster, famine, and earthquake cannot happen here. Those who believe this are either not acquainted with the revelations of the Lord, or they do not believe them. Those who smugly think these calamities will not happen, that they somehow will be set aside because of the righteousness of the Saints, are deceived and will rue the day they harbored such a delusion."¹⁴

Brigham Young warned of the consequences of failing to prepare adequately for the possibility of famine caused by insects in his day, "I can see death, misery and want on the faces of this people. But some may say, 'I have faith the Lord will turn them away.' What ground have we to hope this? Have I any good reason to say to my Father in heaven, 'Fight my battles,' when He has given me the sword to wield, the arm and the brain that I can fight for myself?...I can pray the people to hearken to wisdom, to listen to counsel; but to ask God to do for me that which I can do for myself is preposterous to my mind."¹⁵

The First Presidency told us in, "*The Family: A Proclamation to the World*," "By divine design, fathers are...responsible to provide the necessities of life and protection for their families."¹⁶

So what is our responsibility for ourselves and our family and what is expected of us? First we must gather a three-month supply of foods that we normally eat and a two week supply of water. Then we should gather a longer-term supply of grains and beans (as well as a financial reserve where possible.) What is meant by "longer-term" is left between us and the Lord. Brigham Young encouraged the Saints in his time to store seven years worth of

provisions, then it progressively declined over the decades to just one year of provisions.¹⁵ This counsel stayed the same for over 70 years. I have read that some Christian denominations plan on storing food to last through seven years of tribulation. Most in our Church would agree that that is overkill, but we need to be close enough to the spirit to discern how much the Lord would have us store for our families and for others.

According to the food calculator on provident living a family of 6 needs 300 pounds of grains and 60 pounds of beans or other legumes per person to stay alive for one year...that means that family would need a minimum of 2,160 lbs. of food. (I say minimum because 1,400 to 1,500 calories per day is considered bare survival for adults...particularly for those that must labor or might experience extreme temperatures, etc.)

The church also recommends that, "You...add other items to your longer-term storage such as sugar, nonfat dry milk, salt, baking soda, and cooking oil...[and] foods containing Vitamin C and other essential nutrients."

A year's supply of food currently is \$247 (for 12 "starter kits"...The starter kit is a one month supply of food for one person. Each box contains 2 cans wheat, 2 cans rice, 1 can oatmeal and 1 can of beans.) For a family of six this year supply would have 72 cases and would cost \$1,480 (if bought directly from the dry pack cannery.)

A lot of people think if the government and church can't feed their family they can turn to their neighbors for food; or that food will be "called in" and that there will be enough food to feed the ward or stake. This scenario is unlikely...even if your neighbor has a year supply of food on hand, a meal's ration of food is less than

a cup per meal (1/3 C Beans and 2 cups grains per day). Since in many wards there are only a handful of families with such supplies it is unlikely that they would be able to feed their extended family members...let alone their friends, ward members,



neighbors, work associates and all of the many other people that have said to them, "We know where to go when things get bad." In other words, if your neighbor, ward or stake feeding you or your children is your calamity survival plan, you need another plan!

Many believe that it is pointless to store food since it would be gone so quickly...to them it seems better to continue on and use their money to "eat, drink and be merry" as much as they can, while they can. The reason I would give to prepare is probably different from most others. I believe we should prepare because the Lord has lovingly commanded us to do so. Being obedient to the commandment to prepare may be one of those irrevocable laws upon which our future blessings are predicated. A few years ago, Elder McMullin told us to, "Be faithful. Unencumber your life. Lay up in store...As we do our very best, we can be confident that 'the barrel of meal shall not waste, neither

shall the cruse of oil fail.' We shall enjoy greater wisdom, security, peace of mind, and personal well-being. We shall be prepared, and because we are prepared, we 'shall not fear.'¹⁷ These are wonderful blessings!

Most people buy many types of insurance each year to help prevent unexpected loss, I would like to recommend a type of insurance that could actually save life. "Famine insurance" or food may not always be easily available or affordable. There is a saying that says, "I would rather prepare five years too early, than five minutes too late." It only takes hours to clean out grocery store's shelves when disasters are imminent... unfortunately we don't always get advanced warning regarding when a natural or man-made disaster will occur. Also, roads can be impassible, fuel can run out, truckers can strike, foods can be out-of-stock and power

outages can make food unobtainable in the stores as cards and registers cease to function. In many places the only local crop is hay...not fruit, vegetables or grains. It takes knowledge, good soil/land, water, fertilizer, seed, the right season and often many months to harvest your own food.

In 1856, Heber C. Kimball warned, "Yes, we think we are secure here in the chambers of these everlasting hills...but I want to say to you, my brethren, the time is coming when we will be mixed up in these now peaceful valleys to that extent that it will be difficult to tell the face of a Saint

from the face of an enemy against the people of God. Then is the time to look out for the great sieve, for there will be a great sifting time, and many will fall. For I say unto you there is a test, a test, a TEST coming."¹⁸

In April 2004, Elder Dallin H. Oaks declared, "Four matters are indisputable to Latter-day Saints: (1) The Savior will return to the earth in power and

great glory to reign personally during a millennium of righteousness and peace. (2) At the time of His coming there will be a destruction of the wicked and a resurrection of the righteous. (3) No one knows the time of His coming, but (4) the faithful are taught to study the signs of it and to be prepared for it." He goes on to say, "We are living in the prophesied time 'when peace shall be taken from the earth' (D&C 1.35), when 'all things shall be in commotion' and 'men's hearts shall fail them' (D&C 88:91)."¹⁹

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Heber C. Kimball

Elder Eyring speaking in 2005 believed, "The giant earthquake, and the tsunamis it sent crashing into the coasts around the Indian Ocean, is just the beginning and a part of what is to come, terrible as it was...and all things shall be in commotion; and surely, men's hearts shall fail them; for fear shall come upon all people (D&C 88: 88-91)...As the challenges around us increase, we must commit to do more to qualify for the companionship of the Holy Ghost."²⁰

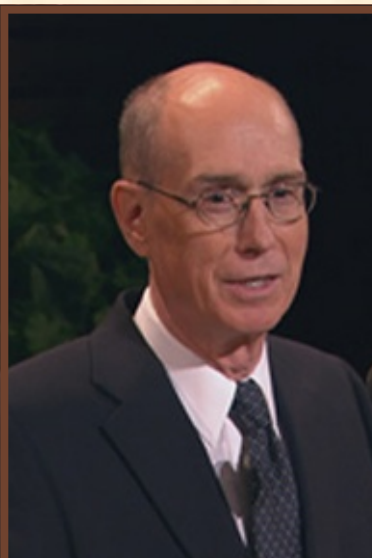
About that disaster Elder Boyd K. Packer said, "If 9/11 was a wake-up call, then the earthquake and tsunami in Southeast Asia, was a kick out of bed.

We need to pay attention to the Signs of the Times."²¹

In the June 2008 Ensign, President Eyring counseled us, "Another fallacy is to believe that the choice to accept or not accept the counsel of prophets is no more than deciding whether to accept good advice and gain its benefits or to stay where we are. *But the choice not to take prophetic counsel changes the very ground upon which we stand. That ground becomes more dangerous.*

days of Noah."²² The door of the ark was shut to those seeking entrance once the rains began, the door was also closed to the five foolish virgins (whom we are told represent some of the Saints of our day.) So...if doors were "shut" today for any reason would you be safely locked in? or would you be locked out?

Every prophet (until President Monson) over the last 70 years has talked about having the Church members get a bare minimum of at least one year's sup-



The failure to take prophetic counsel lessens our power to take inspired counsel in the future. The best time to have decided to help Noah build the ark was the first time he asked. Each time he asked after that, each failure to respond would have lessened sensitivity to the Spirit. And so each time his request would have seemed more foolish, until the rain came. And then it was too late."

How foolish do people who have stored a three-month supply of food and a longer-term supply for their families and others seem to you? Pres. Benson said, "The revelation to produce and store food may be as essential to our temporal welfare today as boarding the ark was to the people in the

ply of staple food items. This counsel has changed, the church now has put emphasis on gaining a three-month supply of foods your family will eat. To me this is interesting because twelve weeks is generally the accepted amount of time experts say most families would need to "shelter-in-place" in case of a pandemic. At the government pandemic flu site it says, "In an affected community, at least two pandemic disease waves (about 6-8 weeks each) are likely over several months."²³ Experts agree that it is only a matter of time before the next pandemic hits. The 1918 flu took one week to spread across the country...with today's travel it would be a matter of hours. It would be well if we were prepared to stay

safely “sheltering-in-place” at home should this occur.

The major change in what we should store occurred several years ago when a new pamphlet, “*All Is Safely Gathered In*,” was distributed. It was first talked about by the Presiding Bishopric, then it was

basic supply of food and water and some money in savings.

We ask that you be wise as you store food and water and build your savings. Do not go to extremes; it is not prudent, for example, to go into debt to establish your food storage all at once. With careful planning, you can, over time, establish a home storage supply and a financial reserve.



We realize that some of you may not have financial resources or space for such storage. Some of you may be prohibited by law from storing large amounts of food. We encourage you to store as much as circumstances allow.

May the Lord bless you in your home storage efforts. ²⁴

Brothers and Sisters, the Lord sent us down in this blessed but difficult dispensation for a purpose and He has a plan for us. President Benson told us, “For nearly six thousand years, God has held you in reserve to make your appearance in the final days before the Second

handed out to the Bishop’s to distribute to all the families in their wards, and later was included in the Ensign. It seems that it was important counsel meant for us to read and follow. The following message is from this pamphlet:

“Message from the First Presidency

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Our Heavenly Father created this beautiful earth, with all its abundance, for our benefit and use. His purpose is to provide for our needs as we walk in faith and obedience. He has lovingly commanded us to “prepare every needful thing” (see D&C 109) so that, should adversity come, we may care for ourselves and our neighbors and support bishops as they care for others.

We encourage Church members worldwide to prepare for adversity in life by having a

Coming of the Lord...the kingdom of God will remain intact to welcome the return of its head—even Jesus Christ. While our generation will be comparable in wickedness to the days of Noah...there is a major difference this time. It is that God has saved for the final inning some of his strongest children, who will help bear off the Kingdom triumphantly. And that is where you come in, for you are the generation that must be prepared to meet your God...Make no mistake about it—you are a marked generation. There has never been more expected of the faithful in such a short period of time as there is of us. Never before on the face of this earth have the forces of evil and the forces of good been as well organized...The final outcome is certain—the forces of righteousness will finally win. What remains to be seen is where each of us personally, now and in the future, will stand in this fight—and how tall we will stand. Will we be true to our last-days, foreordained mission?²⁵

Fortunately, we have been prepared to meet the challenges of our day. President Monson said in his closing remarks from the 2009 Fall Conference, "My brothers and sisters, *He has prepared us. If we heed His words and live the commandments, we will survive this time.*...He is ever mindful of us. He loves us and will bless us as we do what is right."²⁶ I also believe "He has prepared us" so that "we will survive this time" and as we obey and "do what is right" He will continue to bless us.

The Lord has lovingly commanded us to prepare every needful thing. May the Lord watch over us, direct us, guide us and bless us with His miracles as we do our very best to do so...

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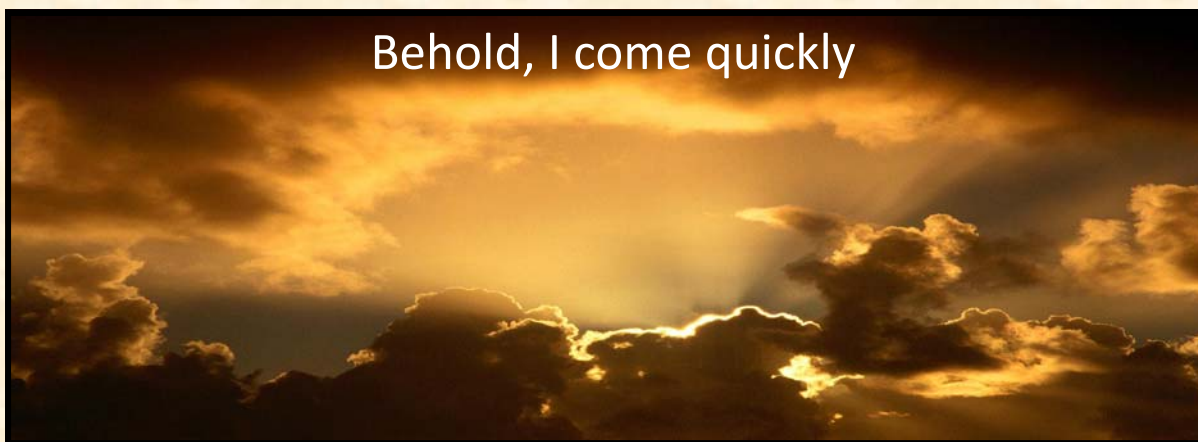
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