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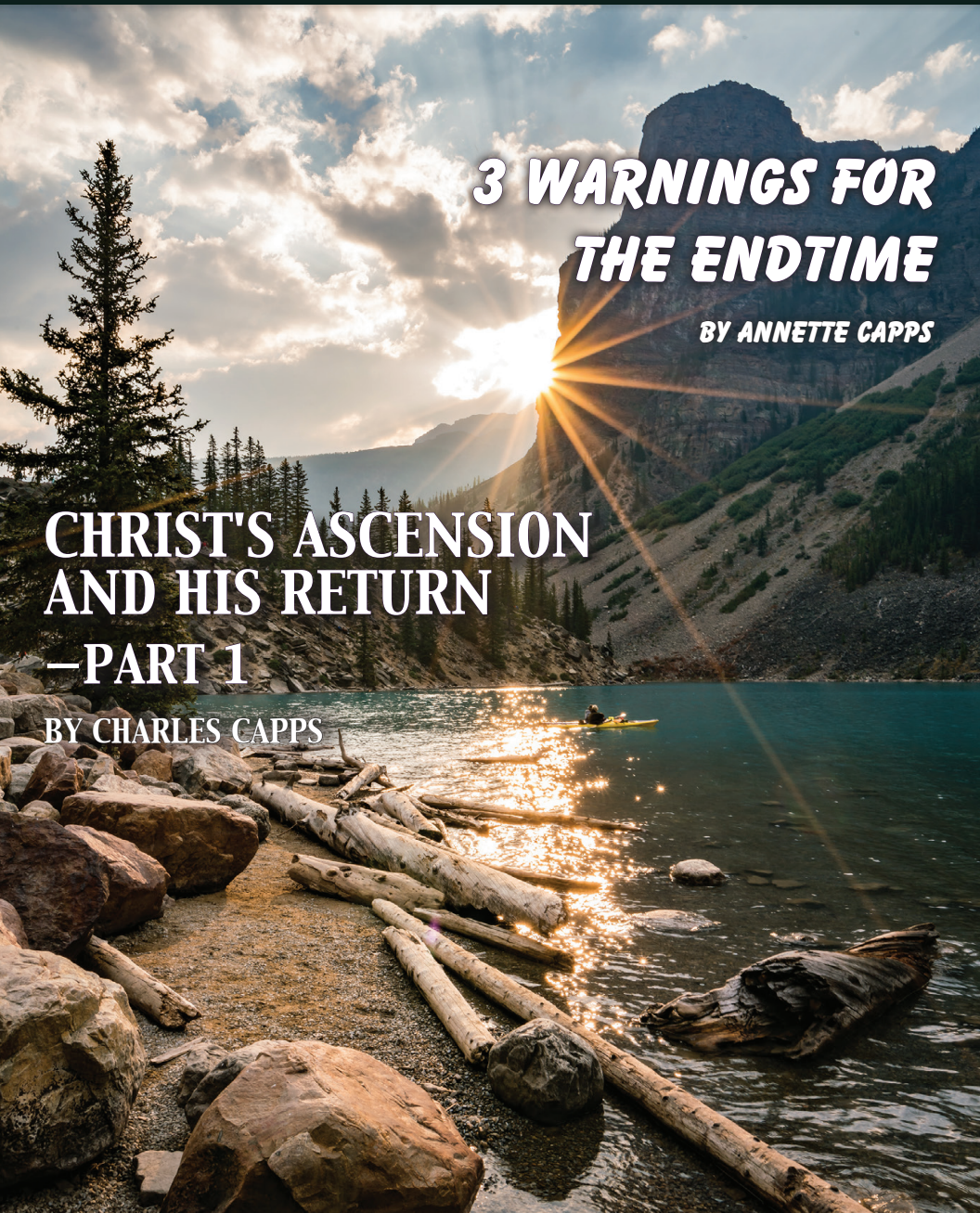
## **3 WARNINGS FOR THE ENDTIME**

*BY ANNETTE CAPPS*

## **CHRIST'S ASCENSION AND HIS RETURN**

**—PART 1**

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# CHRIST'S ASCENSION AND HIS RETURN —PART 1

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## Prophetic Implications of 40 Days and 40 Years

John 14:1-4

**Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.**

**In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.**

**And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.**

**And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.**

These words of Jesus in verses 1-3 are prophetic. In this generation, those who are without the knowledge of God's Word are truly troubled because of the chaotic condition of world affairs. Yet at

the time of His betrayal, Jesus gave a prophetic message of comfort by saying He was going to prepare a place for us in the Father's house, and that He would come again to receive us to Himself, so we could be with Him in the Father's house.

Jesus' statement in verse 4 is also prophetic: **"...whither I go ye know, and the way ye know."** They knew after His death, Jesus was seen of them forty days and then He was raptured (caught up to the Father's house) before their very own eyes. This has prophetic implications that the Church (Body of Christ) righteous will depart the same way they saw Him go.

Those who believe in God should also believe these prophetic statements and consider their implications carefully.

The stabilizing force for the righteous of the earth is God's Word that abides in them. The stabilizing force of the Church is the prophetic

Scriptures. In John, chapter 17, just before Jesus was betrayed He prayed, **“Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me...”** (v.24) This too is another confirmation of His plan that the righteous shall soon be with Him where He is now.

When Jesus had finished His work on earth and was about to depart to be with His Father, His disciples thought that He would at that time set up His kingdom on earth.

## THEIR QUESTION

**When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?** (Acts 1:6)

Jesus had given them inside information, which they didn't understand because of their own preconceived ideas about the time of His kingdom.

He told them He was going to suffer, die, and be raised from the dead. But at the time of His approaching death, they were still arguing about who would sit on His right and on His left when He set up His kingdom. (Mark 10:35-45)

In Acts, Chapter 1, after His resurrection, they were still questioning Him concerning things to come. He had appeared to them

off and on for forty days, and they thought surely He would at that time set up His kingdom on earth.

## HIS ANSWER

**And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.** (Acts 1:7)

Jesus made similar statements on several occasions. (Mark 13:32; Matthew 24:36)

The Scriptures reveal that it would be foolish for anyone to try to set the exact date for either the Rapture or the Second Advent.

**“THE STABILIZING  
FORCE OF THE  
CHURCH IS THE  
PROPHETIC  
SCRIPTURES”**

So I want to reiterate that it is not my purpose to try to set an exact date for the Rapture. But rather to point you to the prophetic revelation which does establish a general time frame for all end-time events. We are children of the day and should not be in the dark concerning the events that are about to be fulfilled in this generation.

Jesus continued His answer by shifting His emphasis to receiving the Holy Spirit.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

Jesus seemed to emphasize there was something more important that had to transpire on earth before God's prophetic timetable would permit Him to set up His kingdom on earth. First, the Holy Spirit (Spirit of Truth), must come and He would teach us and guide us into all truth concerning things to come. (John 16:13-15)

**“THE MYSTERIES  
OF THESE NUMBERS  
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And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing

up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey. (Acts 1:9-12)

Remember the words of Jesus in John 14:4, **“And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.”** The disciples watched Jesus ascend into the heavens as a cloud received Him out of their sight. This is how they knew where He had gone and the way He had gone. It was obvious that He was raptured while they watched.

Let's consider some interesting observations. When Jesus was born, the physical body of Christ came to earth. This was His personal body. Then in John 12:24, Jesus said, **“... Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.”** When His physical body died, it was placed in a tomb, and when He arose from death, His physical body had gone through a transformation and was a spiritual body. (See 1 Corinthians 15:35-50) Then, after he was seen of them 40 days, He was caught up into heaven and all believers (the Church) became the Body of Christ on earth. Remember, Paul said, **“Now ye are**

**the body of Christ, and members in particular.”** (1 Corinthians 12:27)

Acts 1:3 reveals that, **“He showed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them 40 days, and speaking of things pertaining to the kingdom of God.”** Then after 40 days, He (the Body of Christ) was raptured. This would seem to have profound prophetic implications when we consider that God told His people they would spend a year in the wilderness for each of the 40 days they searched the land. (Numbers 14:34)

God fed them supernaturally with manna for 40 years. He commanded them to gather just enough manna on each of the five days for one day, but on the sixth day which seems to bear witness of the 6,000<sup>th</sup> year of human history, they gathered twice as much.

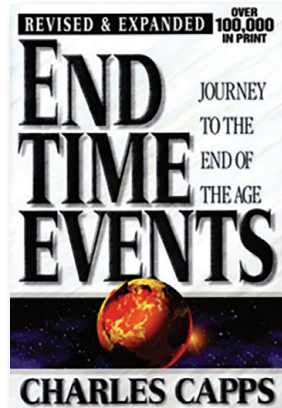
Then, consider the scriptural precedent in Daniel 9:24 which reveals an end-time event in which a day represents a year. The 120 years spoken of in Genesis 6:3, seems to represent Jubilee years.

Since all of these are connected with end-time events, the prophetic implications seem to indicate that the 40 days in which Jesus was seen on earth after He arose was a scriptural composite revealing that the Church (Body of Christ) will be seen on earth for 40 Jubilee years (2,000 years) before being caught

up to heaven. The implications are that the Church will depart the same way the original body of Christ (Jesus) departed the earth.

Some may call this Scriptural speculation, but this concept is worthy of consideration, for the time lines fit perfectly with the prophetic Scriptures.

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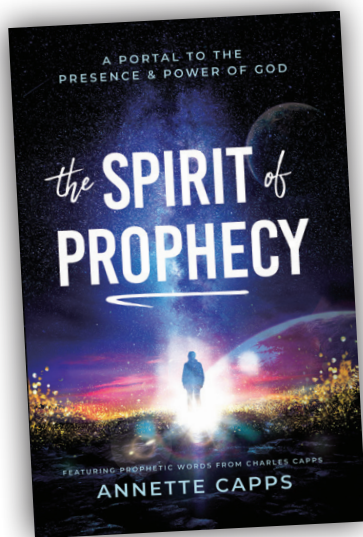
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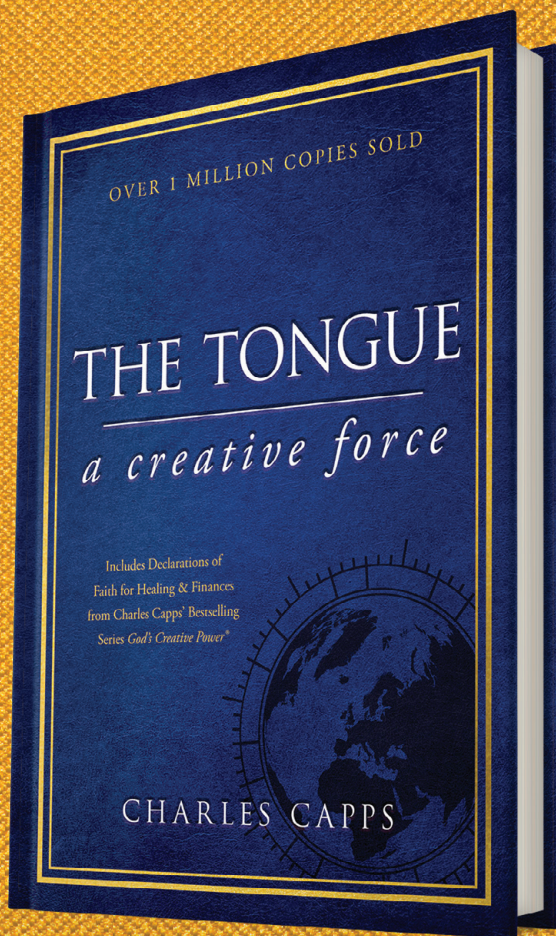


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# 3 WARNINGS FOR THE ENDTIME

BY ANNETTE CAPPS

**WE** are on the cusp of a great move of the Spirit of God which will bring many to Jesus. Along with the outpouring of the Spirit, there will be signs, wonders, and great manifestations of the supernatural power of God.

Although the beginnings of this outpouring have just begun, the Holy Spirit has impressed me to speak to believers about being “wise as serpents and harmless as doves.” It is important that we move forward with our eyes wide open because along with the true manifestations of the Spirit come lying signs and wonders. Satan attempts to thwart any move of the Spirit by countering with his own moves of deception.

Remember when Aaron threw his rod down and it became a serpent? That was a sign, but then Pharaoh’s magicians did the same thing as a sign that they had power. (Exodus 7:9-12) Jesus Himself said

that false Christs and false prophets would arise to deceive people. We must consider the source of any sign and the fruit that follows. Jesus said that we would know them by their fruit.

***"SATAN ATTEMPTS TO THWART ANY MOVE OF THE SPIRIT BY COUNTERING WITH HIS OWN MOVES."***

Everything supernatural is not from God. By using disembodied spirits, satan can masquerade as an angel of light and perform seeming “miracles,” like Jannes and Jambres, Pharaoh’s magicians.

**For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. (Matthew 24:24 NKJV)**

**Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits.**

Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them. (Matthew 7:15-20 NKJV)

## **1. DON'T FOLLOW SIGNS— LET THE SIGNS FOLLOW YOU!**

Many years ago, I spent a great deal of time going to conventions and other meetings where “the Spirit was moving.” One day the Holy Spirit spoke on the inside of me and said, Mark 16:17 says that signs would follow those that believe, and instead you are following the signs!

Seeking and following after supernatural manifestations will get you into trouble. Everything that is supernatural is not of God. If you think that a meeting has to be of God because of all the spectacular things that are happening, then you are open to deception.

Jesus said that in the last days there would be “false” signs and wonders.

**For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if [it were] possible, even the elect.** (Mark 13:22)

And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: [Even him], whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders. (2 Thessalonians 2:8-9)

***“THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS, PAUL,  
AND THE APOSTLES ARE PART OF  
OUR DIVINE PROTECTION  
FROM DECEPTION.”***

How could the elect be seduced and deceived? It is very simple to do that if the elect are caught up in following supernatural manifestations. They will be so enthralled with the signs, they won’t notice what else is happening. It is hard to discern the difference between the true and false wonders unless you listen to your inward witness.

What should you follow? Follow the teaching of the Word of God. Test it, prove it, study it. The true signs and wonders follow the Word.

## **2. DON'T FOLLOW LEADERS— FOLLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT!**

Although it is a real blessing to have anointed ministers, it is dangerous to blindly follow anyone. Any human is capable of error and mistakes. You wouldn’t want to follow anyone off a cliff, would you? Well, there are Christians who have

done just that spiritually and even some physically.

In 1978, a preacher named Jim Jones led hundreds to their death in a mass suicide in Guyana. Blindly following his charismatic personality and purported miracles, they became deceived to the point of following him in a tragedy of death. No matter how many “signs and wonders” take place, if any action or preaching is not in agreement with the written Word of God, it is unsafe to follow.

**NEVER NEVER NEVER IGNORE THE WITNESS OF YOUR SPIRIT. YOU ARE ONLY RESPONSIBLE TO LISTEN TO THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN YOU.**

In addition, you should never override your inward witness of the Holy Spirit. Even if you have known and followed a minister for years, if new teaching or “revelation” veers away from the sound doctrine of the Word, then YOU stick with the Bible! If some “manifestation of the Spirit” happens in a meeting that you don’t feel comfortable with, then try the spirits to see if it is the HOLY Spirit. Go home and ask God about it and seek His counsel. What happens if you look around and everyone else seems to think it’s great. What do you do?

If you are like most Christians, you immediately think something

is wrong with you. After all, the minister is more spiritual than you are and these other people must be too. So you may begin to doubt your inward warning, and eventually override it. Don’t you think that is what could have happened with people who followed Jim Jones? They probably overrode their inward witness and their common sense to their own destruction. If something is questionable, don’t jump in. You can always “put it on a shelf” until the Holy Spirit reveals the truth to you.

NEVER NEVER NEVER ignore the witness of your spirit. You are only responsible to listen to the Spirit of God in you. Don’t concentrate on what others feel or think. Remember, the approval of God is more important than the approval of man.

### **3. DON'T FOLLOW MOVEMENTS**

Most of all the church denominations that we have today started as a result of a true move of the Spirit of God. The problem is that they, like Peter, wanted to build a tabernacle and stay there.

With any move of the Spirit, there are new revelations from the Word. As a result, this group of people decides that they have “the answer” and their way is the “right way.” They adopt bylaws and organization to protect the movement

and clone themselves. This is called denomination. The problem is that sometimes God has continued to move—in a different direction—and no one noticed!

Now, I am speaking generally. In any denomination, there are individuals and churches who are not caught up in religious politics and are genuinely following God.

The danger involved in following movements is similar to the dangers of following leaders or signs and wonders, however, if you “settle down” in a “movement” you may miss what God is doing today. True moves of God build upon the revelation of past movements. Each is initiated by God and further revelation builds upon truths established by the previous movement.

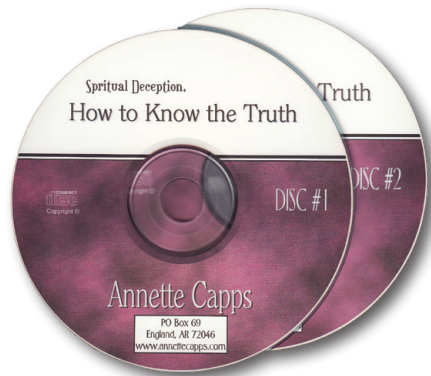
Always use your Bible to determine if a message or a movement is scriptural. The teachings of Jesus, Paul, and the apostles are part of our divine protection from deception.

Do you want to be involved in what God is doing in the Endtime? Then listen to your inward witness, and follow the Word. And... remember...when Jesus performed miracles, it was not to put on a “signs and wonders” show, but because he wanted to meet a human need.

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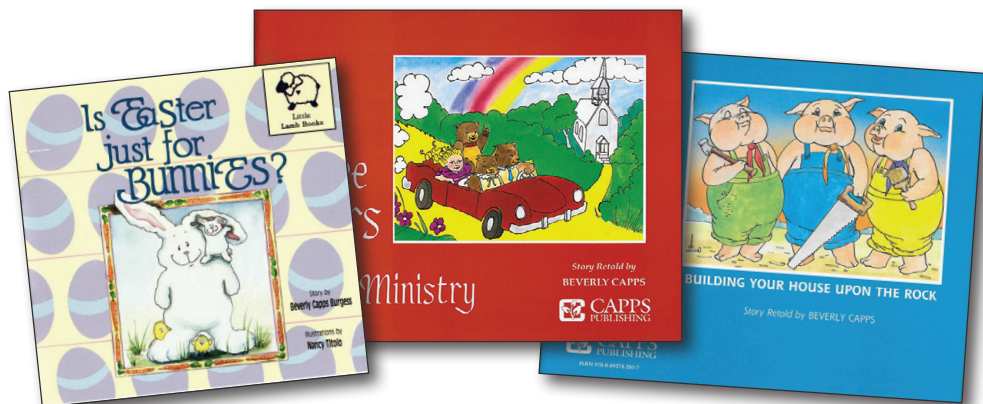
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