

Do You Hear the Alarm?

In a world of information highways, worldwide webs, multiple search engines, GPS's and social media explosions, there is not much room to say, "I didn't know." The information can be overwhelming, knowing what is truth and what is inflated information is a challenge, but still there is no way to say, "I did not know." With a Bible in our own language, multiple Bibles in people's homes, churches on every corner, we have no excuse when it comes to what is going on.

From CNN, BBC and Fox to Prophets, Pastors and Teachers, the message is clear, we are on the verge of something major taking place. But what exactly is going on, how do I prepare and what is God saying in the midst of all the noise?

Joel 2 could be an article in the newspaper today and people would find it explaining what is happening right now on the earth and in the heavens. It starts out by saying in verse 1: "Blow the ram's horn in Zion, sound the alarm on My holy mountain! All the inhabitants of the earth will tremble, because the day of the Lord has come, because it is near."

It goes on in verse 31 to say, "The sun will be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awe-inspiring day of the Lord comes." These verses can also be found in Acts 2:17-21, for a New Testament correlation. So, with blood moons, solar eclipses, advancing enemies, silent leaders, beheading of Christians, Israel being surrounded by enemies, sons and daughters arising, restoration being preached and the kingdom of God becoming more visible on earth, what are we to do, who are we to be?

Matthew 7:24-27 speaks of two houses, one whose foundation was on the sand and one whose foundation was on the rock. The foundation could not be seen until the storm came. On the

outside both houses looked strong, stable and safe, but the storm revealed the foundation.

I believe a storm is coming (you can see my article titled "A Storm is Coming" if you want to hear more), not to destroy us, but to reveal our foundation to us, so God can restore us. Deception is thinking something is the truth, when actually it is a lie. Many are deceived, they believe they are safe, that there is no storm coming, and that nothing is going to change. But the truth is, we are on the verge of a great and dreadful day. It is going to be great for some and dreadful for others.

The alarm is sounding, now is the time to get out of debt not go deeper into debt; now is the time to make time to pray and read your Bible, not rely on someone else's interpretation of what God is saying; now is the time to get your house in order, do a foundation check, and slow down so you can hear the voice of the one who calls you out of darkness and into light. The alarm has been sounding for a while now and whenever an alarm goes off, you know a storm is near.

Joel 2:13 says, "Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and He relents from sending calamity." The alarm is sounding, so you and I can return to the Lord!

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