

"He that is least (with a John the Baptist ministry) is greater than he." (Matt. 11:11)

The Old Ship of Zion

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WHY WAS JOHN THE BAPTIST THE GREATEST?

By Gordon F. Nelson

"Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least (and carries the same message at the end of the age) in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." (Matt. 11:10-11)

Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, "What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind (of doctrine)? (Matt. 11:7)...tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine." (Eph. 4:14) (The latest wind of doctrine blowing through the church is the G-12 and The Purpose Driven Church doctrine of Rick Warren.)

"But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment (evidence of the prosperity gospel)? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' house (Jan and Paul Crouch). But what went ye out for to see? A prophet?" (Matt. 11:8-9)

Isaiah 40:3-5 prophesied his coming:

"The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: and the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it."

More Than a Prophet

But, Jesus adds something in addition to being just a prophet about this messenger of God. "Yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee." (Matt. 11:9-10)

How could John the Baptist possibly be called, "more than a prophet"? John the Baptist is "more than a prophet" because his voice crying in the wilderness of our church age will drown out the many voices to where the church can find her way during the great apostasy that is coming. Without this "friend of the bridegroom's" inspiration, you'll never "endure unto the end." (Matt. 24:13)

Israel has the angel Michael assigned to protect God's real estate, the land of Israel. But the Jews don't believe this and go into an apostasy. This is what 2 Thessalonians 2:7-8 is all about. "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth (hinders) will (continue to) let, until he be taken out of the way." My question to you is "Who is this HE that does all this hindering?" It is

Michael the Archangel, assigned by God to watch over Israel. "The great city (Jerusalem), which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified." (Rev. 11:8)

Israel goes a whoring after strange gods and will be given over to the sin of sodomy. God will call Michael to be taken out of the way, "And then shall that Wicked be revealed." (2 Thes. 2:8) The hindering force is now gone, and Antichrist can call fire down out of heaven and do the miraculous. At the "abomination that maketh desolate," (Dan. 11:31) the Jews know this man of sin is not their Messiah.

What Michael is to Israel, the spirit and words of John the Baptist are to the church: the light at the end of the tunnel to "endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." (Matt. 24:13) But the church does not believe that John the Baptist has anything to do with the rapture. Likewise, the Jews don't believe Michael had anything to do with winning the Six Day War. Darby-Scofieldism has produced Gentile traditions as binding as the Jewish "traditions of the elders" in Jesus' day. If the pre-trib rapture is true, then the church needs no inspiration from "the friend of the bridegroom" (Jn. 3:29), and declares Peter to be a liar (Acts 2:20 – "moon into blood").

Many Voices Cause Dullness of Hearing

"There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification." (1 Cor. 14:10) Jesus is trying to warn us of all the voices we hear screaming at us over Time-Warner's CNN, Rupert Murdoch's Fox News, and Christian televangelists.

"And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven (false doctrines) of the Pharisees (religion), and of the leaven of Herod (politics and secular humanism)." (Mk. 8:15) Jesus said, "The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light." (Lk. 11:34) What you hear better be single also. That is what the story of John does for believers. The "friend of the bridegroom" drowns out all other voices.

Jesus had just finished feeding the five thousand, and the multitude could not understand this warning about leaven: their ears could only hear "bread". This is an example of dull hearing. "Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened? Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember?" (Mk. 8:17-18)

He That Receiveth a Prophet...Receiveth a Prophet's Reward

"He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me (Father God). He that receiveth a prophet (John the Baptist) in the name of a prophet ("more than a prophet") shall receive a prophet's reward..." (Matt. 10:40-41) I remember the strange words of Brother William Branham before he prayed for the sick. "Do you believe I am a man sent from God? If you do not believe that, I cannot help you!" Believing the prophet was sent by God was vital.

"...and he that receiveth a righteous man (the Captain) in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward." (Matt. 10:41) It took me 63 years living among "Holy Rollers" to be able to give you some understanding about these strange emotional legalistic zealots. But the

wisdom gleaned is meaningless if no one believes the righteous man. You'll get the same reward that I'll receive by simply believing. The reward is this, "Well done, good and faithful servant...enter thou into the joy of thy lord." (Matt. 25:23)

Canst thou believe that John the Baptist was Elijah? Israel hadn't heard from a prophet of God since the days of Malachi; over 400 years of silence. "In those days came John the Baptist (to break that silence), preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, and saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matt. 3:1-3)

John the Baptist's sudden appearance upon the stage of history, at this particular time, was a direct fulfillment of Isaiah 40:3-5. "And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey." (Matt. 3:4)

"Freely Ye Have Received, Freely Give"

Taking up an offering was the last thing on John the Baptist's mind as he screamed from his riverbank pulpit, "Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." (Isa. 40:3) Talk about the last being first and the first last! John the Baptist yelled out at the religionists, "Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low." (Isa. 40:4) Do you think that any of the fancy synagogues would welcome John into their services? The stench and odor emanating from his "raiment of camel's hair", and his breath smelling from the locust he had for lunch, would foul up the air of an enclosed synagogue. In addition, what about John the Baptist's credentials? Who granted him the authority to preach?

RiverBank News Was Named After John the Baptist's Church

"But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" (Matt. 3:7) I'm not welcome in your synagogue; why do you show up for my water baptism service? Both Jesus and Apostle Paul were permitted into the synagogue to preach. John settled for a riverbank as his pulpit. Do you think it was by sheer accident I chose the name *RiverBank News* for my first publication? For many years, the *RiverBank News* was the Captain's pulpit. Today, it is my website, www.shipofzion.com. Climb aboard!

"And think not to say within yourselves (you have unconditional salvation because you're a Jew), We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." (Matt. 3:9-10) No fruit? Cut it down! "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" (2 Cor. 13:5)

"Bring Forth Fruit Meet for Repentance" – Make Restitution!

John the Baptist not only preached repentance, but restitution as the proof you truly repented. To use the word "do" theologically today is anathema to many believers. They argue, Jesus did it all!

For proof of salvation

"Confess with thy mouth...believe in thine heart" (Rom. 10:9)

"Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man...I restore him fourfold." (Lk. 19:8)

"Faith without works is dead." (Jas. 2:20)

DO

For justification – is sin!

"Christ is become of no effect unto you." (Gal. 5:4)

"For by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." (Gal. 2:16)

"For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse." (Gal. 3:10)

"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." (Jas. 2:10)

Restitution is the Proof You've Repented

"And the people asked him, saying, What shall WE DO then?" John the Baptist's answer was to DO something as proof you've repented. "He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none..." After you've given him a coat, he'll believe you've repented. "...and he that hath meat, let him do likewise" (Lk. 3:10-11), and you may have your first new convert to Jesus by your DOING!

Zacchaeus, Chief Among the Publicans

"Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall WE DO? And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you." (Lk. 3:12-13) The publicans represented the IRS for Rome. These were Jews collecting taxes for Caesar. They were the most despised folks living in Palestine. The publicans were permitted to keep any money they extracted from the people over Rome's tax. For example, if Rome taxed a house for \$2,000, the publican would, in turn, demand \$4,000. The publican paid Rome its \$2,000, and pocketed the additional \$2,000.

The Bible tells us that Zacchaeus "was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich." (Lk. 19:2) The Bible says, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." (Matt. 19:24) Zacchaeus was a very rich man that made it into the kingdom of heaven. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Lk. 19:10) Like you and I, before becoming Christians, we were lost just like Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus. (God has to even place the desire in our heart.) Being short of stature, Zacchaeus "climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way." (Lk. 19:4)

Like Zacchaeus, I too was a sinner that needed a Saviour. I went to an altar of repentance in the Salvation Army, which became a type of my sycamore tree. I had been deceived by the Jehovah's Witnesses Jesus Christ, hence my search for the real Jesus. Even the desire to want to meet Him is

implanted in our heart. This is the reason Zacchaeus climbed up a sycamore tree, and I attended a Salvation Army church service: we both wanted to see Jesus.

"Him That Cometh to Me I Will in No Wise Cast Out"

If the Captain of the Salvation Army Corp. had not shown me one particular verse of scripture, I doubt that I'd be a Christian today. "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." (Jn. 6:37) The Captain that led me to Christ had me read that promise out of the Bible. All the "doing" was now in my ballpark. I had to get on my knees. I had to pray, "God be merciful to me a sinner." (Lk. 18:13) "And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." (Lk. 11:9) Jesus is talking about your salvation, and satisfying your desire to know Him.

Please note, Jesus uses you to answer your own prayer. You are DOING to receive! You ask, you seek, you knock, and you shall find. Religion has a built in anathema for the word, "do". This stems from the "only believeism" of Calvinistic theology. These folks immediately declare you are cursed with the curse of the law for doing anything! If the doing involves justification, they are absolutely right. One is only justified by the cross of Golgotha's hill.

The doing John the Baptist is screaming about, "Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance." (Matt. 3:8) Show by your good works to your fellowman that salvation has truly changed you and made you a new creature: "old things are passed away." (2 Cor. 5:17) Old habits are gone!

"Ye Have Not Chosen Me"

The Bible teaches, "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God." (Rom 3:10-11) Without the Holy Spirit seeking after us, we'd never seek after Jesus. "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him." (Jn. 6:44)

Who put it in the heart of Zacchaeus to climb a sycamore tree? Jesus already knew where he was. "Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house." (Lk. 19:5) If Zacchaeus didn't wish to ever know Christ, his first blunder was climbing that tree! The slightest effort toward God, and He will carry us the rest of the way.

The father of the prodigal didn't run down to the pigpen every day to see how his son was faring. He just waited. But, when he saw his son coming from afar off, the father (who is a type of God), came running to meet him!

My fatal error was when I went to a Salvation Army church. Don't you know Father God saw me coming! "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6), when "this mortal shall have put on immortality." (1 Cor. 15:54)

Strangely, because we had to DO something to get saved, we then think we made a wise decision until we read, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go (more doing) and bring forth fruit." (Jn. 15:16)

Captain's Reaction to "Purpose Driven Life"

The inspiration for this message came about through the reading of Rick Warren's <u>The Purpose</u> <u>Driven Life</u>, which escalated to #1 bestseller on <u>The New York Times</u> list. In a three day promotional by Rupert Murdoch's Fox News and Time-Warner's CNN, the book skyrocketed from #68 to #1.

Rupert Murdoch's net worth is around \$8 billion. He is in the Bible translation business as one segment of his financial empire. He owns Zondervan Publishing House and purchased the ownership rights to the NIV translation of scripture. Rupert Murdoch absolutely adores Rick Warren for his use of 15 different translations of scripture in one book. Murdoch has all his different Bible translations printed in China. Every Bible translation sold increases his profits, especially those sold to Americans who have the cash.

Rick Warren vs. Constantine

Why does Rick Warren remind me of the Emperor Constantine? Constantine, by his Edict of Milan in 313 AD, stopped the persecution of not only Christians, but all religions. By subsequent legislation, Sunday was declared as a day of rest, providing a time for worship and coinciding with the pagan holiday of dies Solis, or the day of the sun.

The Edict of Milan declared that the Roman Empire would be neutral with regard to religious worship, officially ending all government-sanctioned persecution, especially of Christianity. The Edict was issued in the names of the Western tetrarch Constantine the Great, and Licinius, the Eastern tetrarch.

Think for one minute of the drastic change by a single edict signed by the Emperor Constantine. Prior to the edict, Christians were being fed to lions in the Roman Coliseums. Read <u>Foxe's Book of</u> Martyrs. Had the persecution continued, the entire world would have been won to Jesus Christ.

Rome was familiar with men dying, but had never seen Christians singing the high praises of God while being burned at the stake, or attacked by lions for Caesar's pleasure. The very Roman guards would be converted. It was a losing battle. It is said, "The seed of the church is the blood of the martyrs."

One day it is against the law to go to church. The next day, after Constantine's legislation, it is okay to worship on Sunday. Everyone came to church. The Greeks who worshipped Diana came to church, the idolaters who had many gods came to church, the wizards of sorcery, the Egyptians and the Christians came to church. Constantine devised an atmosphere in which folks of various faiths, including Christianity, could find acceptance.

Are we witnessing, once again, through an ex-Baptist preacher, Rick Warren, the formation of a church where everyone, including Christians, can feel comfortable? Pastor Rick Warren evidently believes the end result, increased membership, justifies the means to accomplish it.

By Rick Warren's own testimony, he went door-to-door asking people why they didn't go to church. Through their responses, he developed <u>The Purpose Driven Church</u>, in which everyone could feel comfortable, including "born again" believers in Jesus Christ.

As I was reading his book, it really reminded me of Solomon's Proverbs and Ecclesiastes. You might even add to this the wisdom of Confucius. After reading the first four chapters, I was struck by the one word missing that is essential to being called a Christian—REPENT!

Through televangelism, the church has come to associate success with numerical numbers, and the amount of dollars those numbers can generate. This is the exact testimony of Laodicea. "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing." (Rev. 3:17) Yet, Christ was left outside the door of a Laodicean heart knocking, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock." (Rev. 3:20)

Jesus Christ cannot come into your church until you restore the old fashioned "mourner's bench." I know it is a disgusting thing to look upon. It seems so completely out of place in a modern church, with beautiful stained glass windows and high steeples reaching into the sky. Without the mourner's bench, all you have is a club or lodge.

How Did We Get to Where We Are? "The Falling Away" (2 Thes. 2:3)

Step #1 in the Apostasy – Murder the unborn:

Roe v. Wade, birth of humanism as state religion.

Step #2 in the Apostasy – No fault divorce and 50% communal property laws:

"Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me." (Lk. 15:12)

Step #3 in the Apostasy – Secular Humanism taught as a "state religion":

John Dewey, a Fabian Socialist, took over our public school system.

Step #4 in the Apostasy – All Catholics are Christians:

With our signing of the document, <u>Evangelicals & Catholics Together: The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium</u>, evangelicals are saying, in essence, Catholics do not need to repent. Protestants accept the cult of Mary by our signatures on this document.

Through the popularity of Rick Warren's new theology, are we now declaring all non-Catholics possess this by simply finding their purpose.

Step #5 in the Apostasy – Creation of Protestant Diocese:

Televangelists. Through their three-name, non-profit religious incorporations, have they become the false apostles Jesus Christ warned us about? (Matt.24:5)

<u>Step #6 in the Apostasy – Pastor becomes an apostle over his diocese:</u>

G-12 (Government of 12). Create their own dioceses, trusting in "the encounter," a cult initiation practice to bring about a fellowship of which the cross is incapable of producing.

Step #7 in the Apostasy – All Protestants are Christians:

Rick Warren's <u>The Purpose Driven Church</u>. Protestants accepting 15 translations of scripture. No need of a mourner's bench here to find your purpose.

Step #8 in the Apostasy – Murder the elderly:

Open door for euthanasia. Federal judges side with death for Terri Schiavo.

Step #9 in the Apostasy – The White Horse Rider of the Apocalypse:

The next Pope, who even Pope John Paul II terms "the black Pope," and who will probably be a Jew. (Jack Van Impe) This man will be the False Prophet. (Rev. 16:13)

John the Baptist the Forerunner of Jesus Christ

John the Baptist was the forerunner of Jesus Christ. He is the anti-type of the soon coming False Prophet (Rev. 16:13). Who is the advance man for the Antichrist? When a Billy Graham Crusade is coming to your city, advance men are sent to that city up to two years beforehand to prepare the churches to come together for their Crusade for Christ. John the Baptist was the sole advance man to prepare the way for the coming of Messiah. Many of the Jews became confused at watching the thousands of people who came to the River Jordan for John's baptism for the remission of sins. "And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No." (Jn. 1:19-21) John the Baptist said he was not Elijah, but Jesus said he was, "if ye will receive it." (Matt. 11:14) John the Baptist was born with the same spirit that resided in Elijah, yet he did no miracles.

John the Baptist's Purpose Driven Life

John the Baptist's "Purpose Driven Life" was determined by the spirit God placed in him at birth. His purpose for living wasn't found by reading some book promoted by Time-Warner, Rupert Murdoch, and the acceptance of the use of 15 different translations of scripture.

Do you think John the Baptist's purpose for living could have been determined by Rick Warren's book? Herodias' daughter determined John the Baptist's purpose; "Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger." (Matt. 14:8) Luke 7:30-35 and Matthew 11:16-19 both record the final synopsis of the greatest man born of women (Matt. 11:11).

Jesus, in summarizing the purpose driven life of John the Baptist is, in essence, saying, "the common people heard him gladly." (Mk. 12:37) "And all the people that heard him, and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John." (Lk. 7:29) Jesus is saying that sinners repented at the preaching of John the Baptist.

"But the Pharisees (type of the Assemblies of God in today's world) and lawyers (type of television lawyer-preachers like John Hagee and Pat Robertson) rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him." (Lk. 7:30) These will never give up their "pre-trib" rapture lie: it is too costly! It is like asking the Pope to abandon the doctrine of Purgatory.

"Ye Have Not Danced" (Lk. 7:32) "Dumb Dogs, They Cannot Bark" (Isa. 56:10)

"We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced." Through almost fourteen years of messages to the Assemblies of God and other "Holy Roller" preachers, the Old Ship of Zion and the *RiverBank News* has conclusively proved the rapture cannot occur before "the moon turns to blood," or else Apostle Peter is a liar (Acts 2:19-20)

John Hagee, an ex-Assembly of God preacher, shouts out that he is "prayed up, packed up, and ready to go up!" What happens to Terri Schiavo is of no concern to John Hagee. "We are out of here!" Hagee says, "The next great event to transpire in the earth is the rapture of the church." At the very time Hagee is shouting this, we have a complete silence from our pulpits as we all watched the reincarnation of another Dr. Kevorkian machine in the form of a hospice.

All those involved on the Michael Schiavo side of the issue were connected to the hospice or belonged to the "Right to Die" organizations. A hospice is a facility supervised by "Right to Die" caretakers that provide you with short-term continuous care until you die. It costs less money, and one should get a deduction if you donate your organs.

John Hagee has the same belief system as all Assemblies of God preachers who bought into the Darby-Scofield lie. It is like leaven sown into the bread until the whole loaf is leavened. (Lk. 13:21) Leaven always represents evil.

We know the rapture occurs with the opening of the sixth seal by the sign of the moon "turning to blood." Who do you believe, John Hagee or Apostle Peter?

"Ye Have Not Wept" (Lk. 7:32)

"We have mourned to you, and ye have not wept." We have mourned unto you "hirelings" who hire out from your dispatcher, the District Superintendent. "Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us." (Matt. 20:6-7) The mentality of the hireling is fearful when the wolf shows up. "But he that is an hireling...seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth." (Jn. 10:12)

The Wolf Is Coming To Your Church

If you don't believe wolves love to go to a sheep pen, you make Apostle Paul out a liar. "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock." (Acts 20:29) Wolves love little lovable dumb lambs. Do you think this hireling, "whose own the sheep are not," (Jn. 10:12) is going to lay down his life for the sheep? After all, this hireling merely went to the hiring hall of the District Superintendent and pointed out his possibility of where to be hired.

"We Have Mourned To You" (Lk. 7:32)

We have also mourned unto you "lords over God's heritage" (1 Pet. 5:3). No one escapes the all-seeing eye of God. Why don't you guys wake up and smell the roses? Who do you think it is that makes the headlines with scandalous news? Jimmy Swaggart, Ronn Haus, Jim and Tammy Bakker, Dr. Cecil J. Lowry the Jew-baiter, just to name a few. You don't even have to leave the Assemblies of God

anymore to own your own church and create your own kingdom. It is certainly no sin in the Assemblies of God to own your own church, teach anti-Semitism, marry a young student half your age while president of an Assemblies of God college. In the old days, Morris Cerullo, O.L. Jaggers, A.A. Allen, John Hagee, left the organization before creating their own organization. Oral Roberts left the Pentecostal Holiness Church to join hands with the World Council of Churches with his Methodist ordination.

Today, and this is a first to my knowledge, Benny Hinn enters the Assemblies of God with his own empire all intact, under his own non-profit religious incorporation.

"Lords" Birthed the "Little Gods," And Ye Have Not Wept

Don't you realize these "lords" gave birth to Kenneth Copeland's "little gods"? You tell me the difference between a "lord" (1 Pet. 5:3) and a "little god"? Paul Crouch declared openly on TBN, in Kenneth Copeland's presence, of course, that he was a "little god." Apparently, this "little god" failed to be "as god" to the advances of a homosexual. Pride cometh before a fall! It is a horrible sin when the gods of prosperity and wealth fail us.

Captain Mourns

The Captain mourns, especially over these "lords," or mountains, as John the Baptist describes them. "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth." (Lk. 3:4-5) Why doesn't John Hagee preach the fulfillment of this prophecy of Isaiah as the next great event in history?

"Ye Have Not Danced" (Lk. 7:32)

If you really believed the truth of the "moon turning to blood" rapture, you should dance and let joy fill your heart and be "like unto children sitting in the marketplace, and calling one to another, and saying," (Lk. 7:32) we are of the day and know when our Lord cometh. "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober." (1 Thes. 5:4-6) But let us go to work for "the night cometh, when no man can work." (Jn. 9:4)

STOP YOUR LYING! MEN ARE DYING!