

***Don't Be Fooled, Be Ready***  
***Matthew 24:23-31***

Human beings are pretty easily \_\_\_\_\_. A common fraud often concerns the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world and the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. Jesus Himself warned about this kind of fraud in **Matt. 24:23-31**.

Jesus spoke of false \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ offering details about His 2<sup>nd</sup> coming. He said that no one knows about that day or hour except the Father. But that doesn't stop these false prognosticators. In every generation, those who traffic in apocalyptic \_\_\_\_\_ are lauded as the best of \_\_\_\_\_. Many flock to hoping to know \_\_\_\_\_ about time's finale.

One expert quoted in *The Economist* magazine spoke about the prevalence of fraud in many areas of life said, "Right now, it pays to be \_\_\_\_\_, but not to be \_\_\_\_\_."

Be careful. Today many preachers and teachers, though not predicting dates and times, claim to have a clear \_\_\_\_\_ and road map of the end times based on the book of Revelation—something \_\_\_\_\_ refused to do. Revelation was never intended to be a chronological prediction but a \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ view, of what is coming. Jesus taught that the coming of the Son of Man would be sudden, \_\_\_\_\_, but impossible to \_\_\_\_\_.

The problem with predictions, chronologies, is that they give a \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus' teaching about His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming was a symphony with \_\_\_\_\_ note: It could happen today so \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus' words about the sudden destructiveness of the coming \_\_\_\_\_ of this age with the one to come seem \_\_\_\_\_, troublesome, and \_\_\_\_\_ to some, but they are also \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus said, "Don't be \_\_\_\_\_. Be \_\_\_\_\_." Are you?