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**Slice of Life**

Luke 21:25-28 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; (26) Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. (27) And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. (28) And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. (KJV)

We have been looking ahead to what is going to take place here on planet earth, as things are only going to wax worse and worse; well at least for those that don’t know God, or should I say are not known of Him. Our Lord describes in this chapter what is going to take place just before the end of this world in the time of tribulation.

Luke 21:33-36 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. (34) And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. (35) For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. (36) Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. (KJV)

If you notice, our Lord has an escape clause for His people, a way out of here before things get too nasty. Now we know that our Lord is in heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, so do take notice of where you are going to be standing in verse 36 which doesn’t appear to be here on earth, does it?

Revelation 3:20-22 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. (21) To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. (22) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. (KJV)

Today the Lord is knocking on the door of your heart desiring to show you His love and bring comfort to His people, which are also referred to as His church. In fact, again we notice that He has a seat ready for you to sit in His heavenly theatre so that you can get the view from above.

Revelation 4:1-3 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. (2) And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. (3) And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. (KJV)

You know that way of escape that our Lord spoke about earlier in the book of Luke? Well if notice, the Church is taken to a higher level and is no longer mentioned here on earth. The first three chapters of Revelation are warnings as well as encouragement for the Church so that when the last seven years are about to take place…well the Church can take their place above and not below any longer. Comforting to know isn’t it.