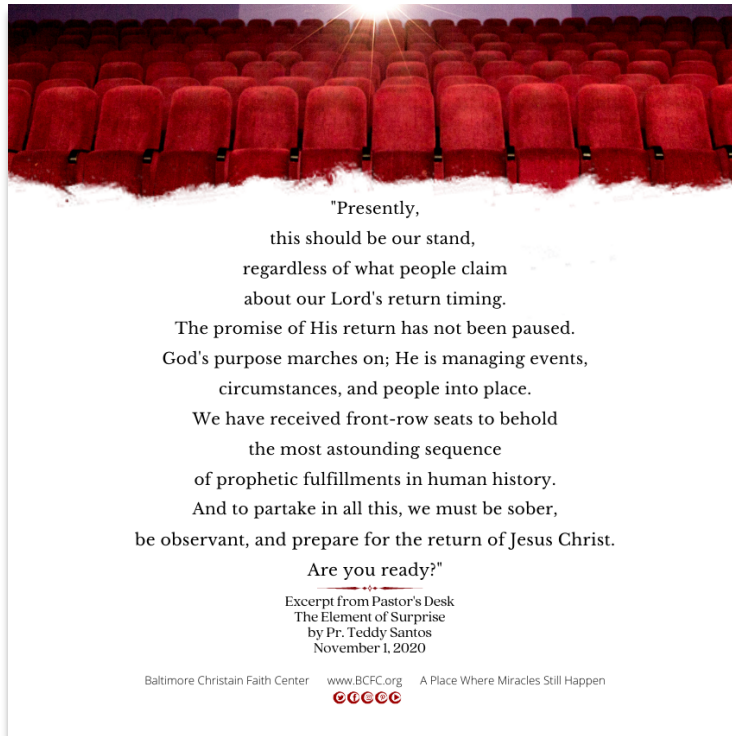


THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE

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1 Thessalonians 5:1-4. (1) But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. (2) For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. (3) For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. (4) But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

Robbers send no notifications ahead of them that they are coming, so break-ins are usually abrupt and unexpected events. We are promised that Christ's return will be equally unexpected to most on the earth. The Bible indicates that He will return when most people least expect Him, and the entire world is busy with the things of this life (Matthew 24:37-39). Then, all will fall to bits with a bang!

Still, Believers should not be taken by shock. We are to be aware of the warnings of the times, assessing the sequence of events, and growing in the knowledge and grace of God. So that regardless of when He comes, we are fixed to meet our Lord in the air. Because we are not in iniquity, our eyes should be anchored on what is essential during these troubled times: God's Kingdom and His righteousness.

Presently, this should be our stand, regardless of what people claim about our Lord's return timing. The promise of His return has not been paused. God's purpose marches on; He is managing events, circumstances, and people into place. We have received front-row seats to behold the most astounding sequence of prophetic fulfillments in human history. And to partake in all this, we must be sober, be observant, and prepare for the return of Jesus Christ. Are you ready?

At His service,
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