COUNTING THE COST IN THE DAY OF THE LORD –PART 1 Prayer Study 106

What is the Day of the Lord?

Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD is at hand and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come. Joel 1:15

But of the time and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them as travail upon a woman with child, and they shall not escape. But ye brethren are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief. 1st Thessalonians 5:2-4

The day of the Lord therefore is a period in history at the end of the age in the Last Days when the Lord openly intervenes in the affairs of men. It is an apocalyptic term and also a prophetic term and is thought to be the Lord's outpouring of His wrath(see PSALM 2) and will be characterized by catastrophic weather and earthly calamites such as plagues, famines, pestilence and drought. (see Isaiah 2:12, Isaiah 13:6-9, Amos 5:18-20, Jeremiah 46:10, 1st Corinthians 5:5, 1st Thessalonians 5:2, 2nd Peter 3:8-10)

The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion; rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power; in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning, thou hast the dew of thy youth. The LORD hath sworn and will not repent, Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of His wrath. He shall judge among the nations; He shall fill the places with the dead bodies; He shall wound the heads over many countries. He shall drink of the brook in the way; therefore shall He lift up the head. Psalm 110

(THE FIRST VERSE OF THIS PSALM IS REPEATED IN Matthew 22:44, Mark 12:36, Luke 20:42, Acts 2:34, Hebrews 1:13)

What is the Lord doing in His Body today to prepare for His Coming at the climatic end of the Day of the Lord?

1. He is gathering a remnant company that will stand no matter what and who will be willing to die, soulishly(i.e. ego, ambition, plans) or physically(Revelation 12:11).

The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and <u>unto Him shall the</u> gathering of the people be. Genesis 49:10

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto Him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind or be troubled, neither by spirit nor by word not by letter as from us, as that the day of the Lord is present. 2nd Thessalonians 2:1

2. He is calling us to be mighty warriors for a new level of spiritual warfare.

Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord spoke, saying, I will sing unto the Lord for He hath triumphed gloriously, the horse and rider thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and song, and He is become my salvation; He is God, and I will prepare Him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt Him. The Lord is a Man of war; the Lord is His name. Exodus 15:1-3

Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Psalms 24:8

Blow the trumpet[give prophetic utterance] in Zion [the place of the sold out ones, the overcomers, the passionately in love with Jesus [endtime remnant company], and sound an alarm in my holy mountain[place of the genuine people of God]. Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is near at hand. A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, like the morning spread upon the mountains[a day of great depression and hopeliness for those who do not know the True God.]a great people and a strong[the endtime remnant]; there has not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations. Joel 2:1-2

And from the days of John the Baptist until now, the Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and violent take it by force. Matthew 11:12

And I saw heaven opened and behold, a white horse, and He that sat upon Him was Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war. Revelation 19:11

The Children of Israel in the wilderness type the Body of Christ. They were first GATHERED together. Then they GREW through

the wilderness experience by following the cloud by day and the fire by night. Then they WARRED against their enemies. And fnally, they had great HARVEST and feast days. We are approaching the Endtime Harvest and will not be ready unless we come together in unity, mature and grow(iron sharpens iron), and become His sold out ones, or the REMNANT COMPANY of the Last Days. This remnant company will walk in the third degree, i.e. its members will be 100 fold Christians, living in the realization of the Holy of Holies, as a Zion Company baptized with fire. This, of course, will threaten the enemy and stir him up to war against us, but, when we stand and fight, we will produce fruit that remains and a great harvest, especially at the end of the age, the time in which we most likely are now living.

How important is this Remnant Company?

And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions; and also, upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit/ And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth; blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood before the great and terrible day of the LORD come. And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and IN THE REMNANT WHOM THE LORD SHALL CALL. Joel 2:28-32

Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision; for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.

Joel 3:14