"The world in which we live is a combat zone, a violent clash of kingdoms, a bitter struggle unto the death. I am sorry if I am the one to break the news to you; you were born into a world of war, and you will live all your days in the midst of a great battle, involving all the forces of heaven and hell and played out here on earth. Where did you think all this opposition was coming from?"
John Eldredge in *Waking the Dead*

And if the bugler doesn't sound a clear sound, how will the soldiers know they are being called to battle?
1st Corinthians 14:8

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WEEPERS AND WARRIORS
THE RISE OF THE LAST DAYS' REMNANT

ARE THERE ANY WEEPERS IN THE HOUSE?

Jeremiah 4:21

A voice was heard on the desolate heights, weeping and supplications of the children of Israel, for they have perverted their way; they have forgotten the LORD their God.

Lamentations 1:16

For these things I weep; My eye, my eye overflows with water; because the comforter, who should restore my life, is far from me. My children are desolate because the enemy prevailed.

Joel 2:11b-14a

For the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; Who can endure it? Now, therefore, says the LORD, "Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm. Who knows if He will turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him-….

Luke 19:41

Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, ***"If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes, for days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side and level you, and your children within you, to the ground, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.***

Philippians 3:18-21

For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame-who set their mind on earthly things, for our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His

glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

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"There are moments of history, and we know this from Scripture, in which God removes His hand of grace and puts His hand of judgment on a country. It is not a pretty picture. [Speaking of America] How soon? I don't know. But I fear it might be a lot closer than most people, even I realize."

Joel Rosenberg in his book *Implosion* (2012)

"I look at the whole religious scene today, and all I see are inventions and ministries of men and flesh. It's mostly powerless. It has no impact on the world. And I see more of the world coming into the Church and impacting the Church rather than the Church impacting the world. I see music taking over the house of God. I see entertainment taking over the house of God, obsession with entertainment in God's house, a hatred of conviction and a hatred of reproof. Nobody wants to hear it anymore. Whatever happened to anguish in the house of God? Whatever happened to anguish in the ministry? It's a word you don't hear in this pampered age."

David Wilkerson

"In a very short time, the United States will be pushed to the sidelines of world events. All of this is taking place just ahead of the emergence of the prophesied Antichrist. Satan's representation on earth will consolidate his power and establish his dictatorship, first over the revived Roman Empire and soon

after that, over the entire world. And the American Empire, which rose to power with the blessing of God, will be so weak that it won't play a notable role in the culminating events of the last days. America is facing a complete economic meltdown. The United States will not be completely destroyed. The nation will survive the coming collapse, but the nation that will emerge from this catastrophic reversal will bear little resemblance to the global empire that we have come to associate with America."

The late Grant R. Jeffrey

ARE THERE ANY WARRIORS IN THE HOUSE?

"The time is coming when an army of young warriors will hit the streets-fearless and bold beyond anything we have ever seen. Even death itself will hold no fear. They will cry to the Church, "REPENT!" and to the comfortable, "SELL what you have and GIVE TO THE POOR." They will be hated and despised by religious authorities. They will openly decry the TV preachers and eschew the watered-down pap that passes for 'gospel' in our day. They will reject sin and love people-even the homeless and the very least. Utterly pure of heart, they will befriend the prostitutes and the gang bangers. They will look and sound just like Jesus. With great daring and ruthless aggression, this army will make war on the devil and the darkness. Their music will be hymns of battle. Their sound will ROAR over the crowd. Truly these shall be the 'Sons of Thunder.'"

Andrew Strom

This Last Days Remnant Warriors will exhibit the following characteristics as found in Paul's letter to Timothy (all scripture is from the New King James, unless otherwise noted.)

1. **They will not walk in fear: 2nd Timothy 1:7-** *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*
2. **They will not be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: 2nd Timothy 1:12b-***I am not ashamed for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.*
3. **They will be strong in the Lord: 2nd Timothy 2:1 (AMP)-***So you, my son, be strong (strengthened inwardly) in the grace (spiritual blessing) that is (to be found only) in Christ Jesus.*
4. **They will endure hard times: 2nd Timothy 2:3 (AMP)-***Take* [with me] *your share of the hardships and sufferings* [which you are called to endure] *as a good (first class) soldier of Christ Jesus.*
5. **They will not entangle themselves with the affairs of the world: 2nd Timothy 2:4-***No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.*
6. **They will study for God's approval: 2nd Timothy 2:15 (KJV)-** *Study to show thyself approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*
7. **They will see perilous times: 2nd Timothy 3:1-5 (NLV)-***You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love themselves and*

their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control; they will be cruel and have no interest in what is good. They will betray friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride and love pleasure rather than God. They will act as if they are religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. You must stay away from people like that.

8. **They will suffer persecution: 2nd Timothy 3:12-***Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.*
9. **They will preach the Word: 2nd Timothy 4:2-4-***Preach the Word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth and be turned aside to fables.*
10. **They will do the work of an evangelist: 2nd Timothy 4:5-***But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*
11. **They will persevere in testing: 2nd Timothy 4:6-7-***For I am already being poured out as a drink offering and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith.*

12. **They will long for His appearing and receive a crown of righteousness: 2nd Timothy 4:8-***Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me in that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.*

A REMNANT IS RISING IN THE LAND

Robert Stearns

They will not be bought or sold with position or money. They are remembering why they "got into this" in the first place- for the Lamb, for Jesus Christ's honor, for the sake of His worthy name. Their backbones are being steeled in the furnace of affliction, and purified of contemporary dross. They are old-school, hard-core Jesus freaks, and they are not apologizing for it. The remnant is not ashamed!

They are blood-bought and fiercely committed to the Word-the Logos and the Rhema.

Something within them stirs because they know they are here on a kairos assignment. They realize that they may have forgotten for a moment, diverted off the path for some years, but like soldiers who remember drills from long ago, they are coming to attention and position and awareness.

They are here on purpose. They are necessary to Heaven's narrative. They are not bystanders. They are the players on the stage of His-story.

This army is realizing they never should have eaten Babylon's food in the first place, even if it was served in halls decorated to look like a cheap imitation of Zion. They would rather be pilgrims than settle. They would rather be fools for Christ than wise in the world's eyes. THEY WOULD RATHER BE KNOWN IN HEAVEN AND FEARED IN HELL THAN RECOGNIZED ON EARTH.

Whatever happens to them in the world really doesn't matter. They have locked gazes with the Lamb's eyes and locked step with the cadence of Heaven's march.

His remnant understands that this is the Final Act and there is no turning back now.

I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back. No turning back. We have decided. Have you decided?