



Pastor's Comments

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Lightning!

Over 300 New Testament scriptures tell of Christ's second coming; yet multitudes are **not ready** for His soon return which He said will be as **"lightning!"** **"For as the lightning** cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; **so shall also the coming of the Son of man be"** (Matt. 24:27).

Our church sponsors a billboard (178 E by Hamburg) with bolts of **lightning** (see it at www.NAOG.ws). It reads: **Jesus is coming...as "Lightning"** and asks **Are you ready?** A truck driver called and asked what it meant declaring that it "mystified" him! What do we know about **lightning?**

Lightning strikes unexpectedly! So will it be with Christ's coming, "the day of the Lord will come **as a thief in the night**" (2 Peter 3:10). **"Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not** the Son of man cometh" (Matt. 24:44).

Lightning strikes quickly — in ten-thousandths of a second! Four times Jesus warned, "Behold, **I come quickly**" (Rev. 3:11; 22:7, 12, 20).

Lightning strikes with sounds of thunder! So will Christ's coming be with **sounds**, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a **shout**, with the **voice of the archangel**, and with the **trump of God**" (1 Thess. 4:16).

Lightning is preceded by signs of a coming storm. Signs precede Christ's coming, "And there shall be **signs...distress of nations, with perplexity...Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth...then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory**" (Luke 21:25).

Are you ready for Christ's return? To **learn more** about it and **how to get ready**, click on the billboard at www.NAOG.ws, or contact me, or attend any of our services.

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