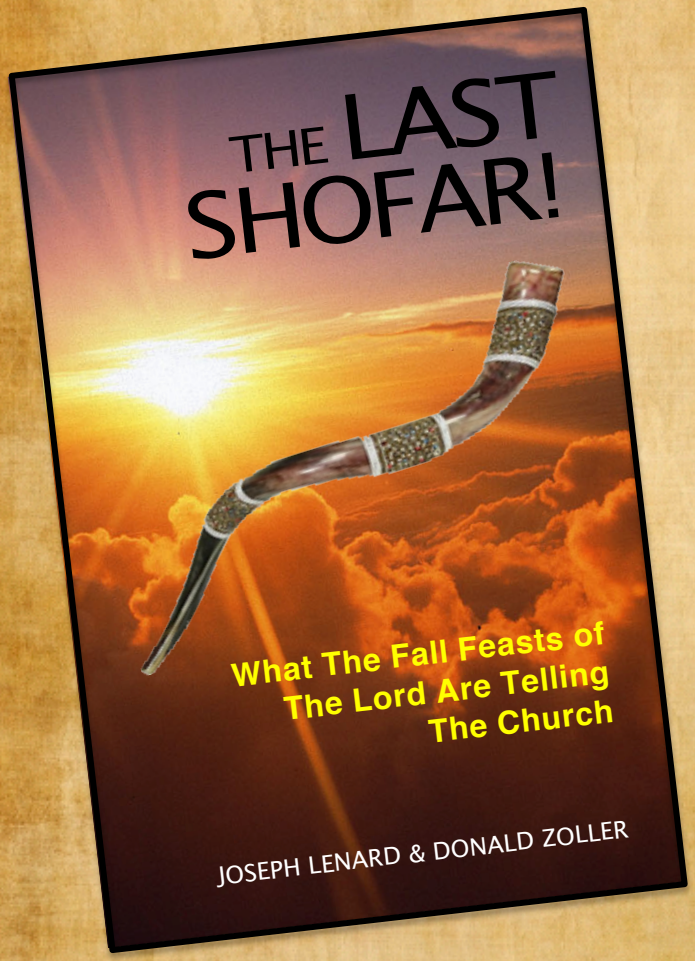

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Are You Ready?

Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
(Matthew 24:44)

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Are You Ready?

Introductory Comments . . .

Many disasters, shocking people and nations, could have been avoided if impending ***warning signs*** had not been ignored or denied.

This was clearly the case on December 7, 1941 of ***Pearl Harbor*** and the catastrophic events of ***9/11***. It will also be the case as the world approaches the ***end times***. In these cases, the *signs* are evident to any who take the time to observed them.

As we conclude these slide presentations, our purpose is not only to provide information about the end-times, but to issue a ***call to action*** for the Church to ***be ready*** for what is coming.

You may not agree with all the specifics of our case, but failure to ***be ready*** for the end times is without excuse. To dismiss the urgency of the time and fail to ***prepare*** is folly.

What Does it Mean to Be Ready? . . .

- Consider the traditional position of the Boy Scouts as they define what it means to ***be ready***:

*"**P**repared in mind by disciplining yourself to be obedient to every order, having thought out beforehand any situation that might occur, so that you know the right thing to do at the right moment and are willing to do it. Prepared in body by making yourself strong and active and able to do the right thing at the right moment and then, do it."* (www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scout_Motto)

- ***Being ready*** also means ***being observant***:

  Keep your eye on **Israel** as the epicenter for last-day world events. Pay attention and be informed about quickly developing events in the Middle East

  Watch for a ***peace agreement*** with Israel's enemies to be signed by a charismatic individual known in Scripture as the **Antichrist** (Daniel 9:27a). This is referred to in Isaiah 28:15 as the "*covenant of death"* and marks the beginning of the *70th Week of Daniel*.

  Shortly after the signing of the peace agreement, look for the construction of a ***place for worship*** by the Jews on the Temple Mount where they will re-establish ***sacrifices***, perhaps an altar and a tent of meeting containing the Holy of Holies.

Practical Ways to Be Ready When the Time Comes . . .

- ***Being ready*** means being prepared *spiritually, emotionally* and *physically* to deal with increased adversity—*persecution*, and, perhaps, a *martyr's death*. You will need to:

  1) Deepen your relationship with Christ as never before by consuming the Word of God, allowing the Holy Spirit to shape your thoughts, words and behavior and by praying fervently and frequently.

  2) Meet regularly with like-minded believers to pray, study God's Word and to encourage and support one another.

  3) Stay away from people with false messages. Deception will be rampant and pervasive—learn to discern between the ***Truth*** *and the* ***Lie****.*

4) Prepare your mind and your emotions to suffer. It's going to happen. During the Great Tribulation, you will not be able to buy or sell anything without the *mark of the beast*.

5) Upon pain of death, **refuse** the ***mark of the beast***, even if it means starvation for you and your loved ones! (Revelation 13:16-18; 14:9-11; 14-12).

- Individual believers will react to the demands of the Antichrist differently—some, like the ancient warriors of Israel, may engage in armed conflict with the Antichrist *(does not sound like a winning proposition),* and others will defend with their own lives the lives of loved ones and those most vulnerable.

- Whatever posture is chosen, it must be preceded by *prayer* and *clear direction of the Holy Spirit* to determine what course of action is appropriate to protect our loved ones, as far as possible.

What Can You Do Now to Get Ready? . . .

- Things we can do **now** *to* ***get ready*** are the things we should be doing daily as followers of Jesus. Some of these things are:

1) Remain faithful (loyal) to Christ and His Church
2) Memorize Scripture—the Bible will become rare
3) Develop deep relationships with other believers
4) Deepen your faith and trust in the Lord, regardless of your situation
5) Prepare mentally for persecution

Remember . . .

As we think and prepare for our possible future, we are always to remember what we are ***called to do***:

"Jesus did not order believers to quit their jobs, build bomb shelters, store food and wait for the Antichrist to arrive. Rather, He told His disciples to ***preach the Gospel*** *to all nations." (Donald J. Salerno)*

Sharing the good news of God's love for the lost is not only a mandate for the present (Matthew 28:19-20) but will be a far greater and more demanding challenge in the last days as people all around us are *"fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world" (Luke 21:26)*.

Even under the most difficult conditions, we need to ***remain strong in faith*** and continue to ***share Christ***, *"in season or out of season."*

Are You Ready? . . .

- Based on Scripture, without a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, you are ***not*** ready—you are *without hope* and totally *unprepared* for what the future may hold.

- If your Christian faith is defined by church attendance, and trying to be "good" by doing "good," you are ***not*** ready—you will easily be led astray by deception and false teachers. You are unprepared for what the future may hold.

- If you have recognized Christ as your Savoir and surrendered your life to His lordship, if you are daily following Him in prayer, reading His Word, being guided by the Holy Spirit and being actively involved in the life of His Church, then you ***may*** be prepared. *However . . .*

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To be truly prepared, *you must count the cost* of what being loyal to Jesus will mean as the days become spiritually darker—persecution, suffering, torture, and laying down your life (Luke 12:35–40).

To be truly prepared, you must not hold tightly to this material world—possessions, ambitions, even loved ones—in the time of trial, they will quickly be stripped away and taken from you.

To be truly prepared, you must not fear, be cowardly, or withdraw from the pain or discomfort God may call you to endure—remember, the Holy Spirit will always be with you.

To be truly prepared, you must be convinced beyond doubt of the spiritual realities embedded in the Gospel—the authority and power of the Word of God, the sovereignty of God, the eternal destinies facing all humanity—heaven or hell—and that Jesus *alone* is ***the Way, the Truth and the Life!***

Let's Talk About It

1. Assuming our case to be correct, how would you describe the Church in the *70th Week of Daniel*, particularly during the *Great Tribulation*?
2. What things would be essential to believers during this time? Why?
3. What things can you do today to prepare for what may be your experience in the end times?
4. How is our case different from what you have commonly believed about the end times? Based on the evidence cited, is our case credible? Why or why not?

Closing Thoughts . . .

About Our Purpose:

Our desire is to ***prepare*** the Church of Jesus Christ for His glorious appearing—an event that is more certain than "*death and taxes*." However, it is our belief that most in the Church are asleep and unaware of this *unique* end-time event—they appear unconcerned about the personal and collective challenges that will soon face the Church.

The Last Shofar! is intended to ***awaken*** God's people to this coming reality and to ***get ready!*** If our book, in some measure, has accomplished this purpose, then we have been successful.

About Our Case Study:

From the outset, we have attempted to be clear that ***The Last Shofar!*** is framed around a *case-study* format—presenting the evidence for our case, while the reader is judge and jury to determine the validity and reasonableness of such evidence.

Essentially, we make the case that the appearing of Jesus Christ occurs after the mid-point of the *70th Week of Daniel*, during the Great Tribulation, accompanied with indisputable *cosmic signs* and the *"awakening blast"* of ***The Last Shofar!—***on the ***Feast of Trumpets*** (Leviticus 23).

Only God knows the end from the beginning—the secret things belong to Him alone. Although we believe our case to be correct, we make no claim that it is God's truth and must be accepted as an unchangeable proposition. The challenge for each one is to be like the **Bereans** of old and *examine the Scriptures* to see if these things are so (Acts 17:11).

About You, Our Reader:

We fully appreciate that you, our reader, may come from a different end-time persuasion. You may not agree with all the points of our case, but we encourage you to assess the ***evidence*** to determine if the merits of our case are logical and reasonable—do we make our case?

In the spirit of academic inquiry and pursuit of truth, we seek your feedback and input. Please contact us at info@thelastshofar.com or go to our Website: www.thelastshofar.net and share with us your views about ***The Last Shofar!*** We would love to hear from you.

Thank you for coming on this journey with us! *Shalom (Peace)*.

One More Thing . . .

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". . . Waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ." (Titus 2:13)