

GIVING YOU JESUS

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Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. -- Titus 2:13 NKJV

A couple of years ago, I shared with you an excerpt from the manuscript of my new book, *The Daniel Prayer*. The excerpt described the function of lighthouses which serves as an effective illustration of the dangerous, destructive condition of spiritual darkness, and the necessity of a guiding Light if we are to make it triumphantly Home.

I am a lifelong North Carolinian. While I don't know as much as I should about this beautiful state, I do know that our coast is very rugged. It has been nicknamed the Graveyard of the Atlantic because so many ships have come to ruin on its Outer Banks. So the shoreline is dotted with lighthouses. The purpose of each one is to reveal to the passing ships where they are. Lighthouses help ships find their way safely in the dark. Without them, ships have to guess their way through very dangerous waters and currents. Many ships, although navigating to the best of their ability without the light, have run aground on the submerged rocks and been broken up by the pounding waves.

One can imagine what would happen if there was no guiding or warning light coming from the shore, either because it was dim or had gone out. Ships would flounder in the hostile, changing sea. Some vessels might make it through to safety, but others would wind up wrecked on the shoreline. I used this example to underscore the imperative of letting our Light shine in this dark, dangerous world so that by our words and actions, we point people to the safety that is found in a right relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ.

As I reflect on this example now, there is another critical message that has come to mind, and it's this: I can't imagine a ship passing through the dangerous currents and sandbars without straining to see the beacon of light streaming from the lighthouse. What ship would disregard the critical information of where it is, or ignore the light that warns of danger? What ship would not desperately want what the light offers which is safe passage through the misty foam and fog, the wind and the waves?

Our world today is like the waters of North Carolina's Outer Banks: treacherous...undulating...confusing...stormy...dangerous.

While some Christians seem to dim the Light because of their timidity, fear of what others think, or a desire to be politically correct, others are simply ignoring the Light. They seem to be guessing their way through the darkness. They seem to have no idea they have entered into very treacherous waters with no guided path to safety. They don't make time to read their Bibles, or if they do, they don't seem to connect the dots between what the Bible says and what is happening in our world today. They're not looking for the Light!

Which are you? Are you letting your Light so shine before others that they can see where they are, and where they need to be in their faith? And while you are helping others find their way, do you continue to stay focused on the Light yourself? Don't get distracted! Don't be diverted! Don't get off course, even a little. Keep watching—read your Bible daily, stay informed of current events--so that you know where you are and can navigate a safe course through the dangerous days in which we live. Jesus is coming! Keep watching!

For the glory of His Name...

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Instruction: Keep Watching

Read Matthew 24:36-51

- * What did the disciples ask Jesus in Matthew 24:3?
- * How did Jesus answer? Matthew 24:4, 42
- * What two reasons are given by Jesus for us to keep watching? Matthew 24:36, 42-44
- * How important is it to keep watching? Give phrases from these verses, then put them in your own words. Matthew 24:43, 38-51

Will the return of Jesus at The End of the Age catch you by surprise? What will you do now to make sure that it does not?

Intercession

Please pray ...

- * For the writing of the participant's guide and the editing of the videos for *The Daniel Prayer Bible Study* curriculum to be Spirit-led so that those who use it will go deeper and become more effective in prayer.
- * For Anne's wisdom to give timely attention to her responsibilities in both AnGel Ministries and the National Day of Prayer.
- * For God's Spirit to clothe God's Word with life-saving, life-changing power each time Anne speaks.
- * For God to breathe His Spirit into our social media and online ministry so that many are drawn closer to Jesus.

Itinerary

FEBRUARY

- 16 NORTH CAROLINA, Raleigh — Elam Dinner
- 22 TEXAS, Dallas — Dallas Theological Seminary Impact Partner Luncheon

MARCH

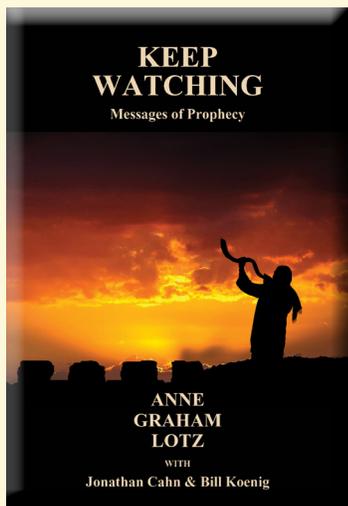
- 17-18 NORTH CAROLINA, Winston-Salem — NC Baptist Missions Conference
baptistsonmissions.org/events/missions-conference

APRIL

- 7-8 CALIFORNIA, Los Angeles — 40th Anniversary Celebration/ Alberto Mottesi Evangelistic Association
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MAY

- 2-5 DC, Washington — National Day of Prayer Events with Day of Observance on 5/4/17



KEEP WATCHING

Anne's newest audio and video resource

Join Anne, with special guests Bill Koenig (White House Correspondent and international journalist) and Rabbi Jonathan Cahn (author of *The Harbinger* and *The Mystery of the Shemitah*), in a thrilling, provocative, and very timely challenge to *Keep Watching* the signs of the times that point to a climactic end to human history as we know it.

Although the world may look like it is falling apart, the Bible tells us that it is really just falling into place -- right at the feet of Jesus. Immerse yourself in the book of Joel and expand your understanding of the urgency of biblical prophecy for today. And just as God has a plan and purpose for the human race, He also has a plan and purpose for your life. So...wake up! Don't miss out on what He has for you! Keep watching!



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