

**“HOW COULD THEY NOT BE READY?”**  
**(Luke 18:8b)**

SETTING: When Jesus came into the world, the world was not {LOOKING} for Him (John 1:11 & Matthew 2:1-6). When Jesus arose from the dead, {NO ONE} was expecting it (Luke 24:1-11). When Jesus returns, multitudes will not be {READY} (Luke 18:8b). Just as God gave prophecies of His first coming, His death and resurrection, He has given even more of His {SECOND COMING} (Matthew 24:31-35).

I. A TIME OF INCREASED {IMMORALITY}

\*II Timothy 3:1-5      \*II Thessalonians 2:3      \*Matthew 24:12      \*II Timothy 3:13  
\*Matthew 24:11      \*Luke 17:22-30      \*Luke 17:35-36

Note: Jesus compared it to the days of {LOT} and Sodom.

II. A TIME OF {INDIFFERENCE}

\*II Peter 3:3-4      \*II Peter 3:8-10      \*Matthew 24:36-44

Note: Jesus compared it to the days of {NOAH} and the flood.

III. A TIME OF INCREASED SPIRITUAL {INTEREST}

\*Acts 2:17-21      \*Matthew 24:14      \*Luke 21:11      \*Matthew 25:1-13

Note: Jesus compared it to a {WEDDING} and ten bridesmaids.