# There's a Storm Coming

Well, here we go again. The fear mongers have let slip the dogs of war and people are losing their minds. It's hurricane season and anyone living in Florida for any length of time knows this that from June through October, it's not only rainy season but hurricane season too.

In the nearly 37 years I've lived in Naples, we've had to dodge several tropical storms and hurricanes and actually had a few make landfall here. I'm not trying to make light of a potential threat as *preparation is key to any situation*, especially one that carries a potential threat to our safety with it.

In taking a closer look at "Tropical Depression 9", a tropical depression is a "tropical cyclone" with maximum sustained winds of 38 mph or less. The next step up is a Tropical Storm, which is a tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph. The escalation continues to a Hurricane, which is a tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds of 74 mph or higher. Again, we all know that hurricanes are then divided into categories of 1 through 5, based on sustained maximum wind speeds (Saffir-Simpson Wind Scale) with 5 being the most devastating. Category 3 and above are considered to be "major hurricanes."

The weather report I saw on the WINK News at 4:30 showed it to be a major Category 3 Hurricane headed right towards Florida (predicted without even being a storm yet). I spoke to Kristin this morning and she said they had projected it going right up the Caloosahatchee River into North Ft. Myers earlier Friday. As of 11 PM Friday, Tropical Depression 9 has increased to Tropical Storm Ian with winds of 40 mph. "The Cone of Uncertainty" now shows the Tampa area to be in the bullseye. "Cone of Uncertainty", I get a kick out of that. It reminds me of playing pin the tail on the donkey or something from an episode of "Get Smart." With all of the technology available, there are still a lot of "ifs" and variables that could come into play and change its course. *If* the water temperature is warm enough, *if* there's less wind shear, "if, if, if…" *If* my grandmother had wheels, she'd be a wagon. Man's "ifs" have too many variables. But none the less, why let a good crisis go to waste. Fanning the flames of fear into a frenzy seems to be the norm.

Andrea said the people were "nuts" at Costco and they even showed on the news that all of the shelves of water were empty at the Costco in Cape Coral. Kind of like the run-on toilet paper in 2020. Panic buying always precedes these runaway trains headed for us, even when they change tracks. Again, I am not saying do not be prepared, just don't get sucked in to the frenzy of the world's panic.

We constantly witness this chaos all around us just knowing when the possibility of a significant weather event is headed our way. It is to our advantage to have the

technology to see and know when this deluge will be upon us down to the day and hour. Knowing ahead of time of a storm that's coming can be the difference between life and death. You might be wondering by now, why this brief weather-related overview. Well hopefully your minds are open and the stage has been set.

Imagine for a moment, these same folks are in Costco or Sam's or wherever, when a different kind of storm comes out of nowhere. Without any weather report or radar update. Suddenly there is a tremendous trumpet blast that is heard from one end of the Earth to the other. It's deafening, ground shaking and like no other trumpet ever heard before. The heavens cracks with thunder and lightening and the very sky is rolled back. (Notice I said "these folks." I pray that none of us will be there for this as we will have caught the first bus out of here.) Have you ever really imagined just what that moment will be like for those still here? What will they see and experience?

**Matthew 24:29-30**- "But immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming upon the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

**Mark 13:25-26**- "And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken; And then they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory."

I know we've discussed the possibility of those who are still here believing they're being invaded from outer space. My only question is the two scriptures mentioned above specifically state "they shall see the Son of man coming." I'm confident that Satan and the Beast will have sent the entire world into spiritual blindness and God will send them strong delusion so this could very well be possible.

**2 Thessalonians 2:9-11**- "*Even* the one whose coming is according to *the* inner working of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in those who are perishing because they did not receive the love of the truth, so that they might be saved. And for this cause, God will send upon them a powerful deception that will cause them to believe *the* lie,"

Those still living here at the time of Christ's return will be as clueless as those panic buyers but no Costco or Sam's will have any shelf containing what they will so desperately seek. For them the time for preparation and purchase will have expired. There will be no rainchecks or layaways. Game over.

**Revelation 6:12-17**- "And when He opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as *the* hair *of* sackcloth,

and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its untimely figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. Then *the* heaven departed like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the powerful men, and every bondman, and every free *man* hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains; And they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from *the* face of Him Who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb Because the great day of His wrath has come, and who has the power to stand?" Again, I truly believe they're going to know Jesus Christ and not E.T. Perhaps there will be those that cannot distinguish between the two as there are those in society who can no longer differentiate between genders or which bathroom to use.

**Revelation 19:11-16**- "And I saw heaven open; and behold, a white horse; and He Who sat on it *is* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He does judge and make war. And His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns; *and* He had a name written that no one knows except Him. And *He was* clothed with a garment dipped in blood; and His name is The Word of God. And the armies in heaven were following Him on white horses; *and* they were clothed in fine linen, white and pure. And out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it

He might smite the nations; and He shall shepherd them with an iron rod; and He treads the winepress of the fury and the wrath of the Almighty God. And on *His* garment and on His thigh He has a name written: King of kings and Lord of lords."

Our God is a God of order and not of confusion. **1 Corinthians 14:33**- "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints." We have been given the forecast for this storm throughout God's Word. We know what we have to do to be prepared. It will not matter when the storm comes, "if" we are walking as God has instructed us to do, we will be prepared. One thing I'd like to mention as well, God has many "ifs" in His Word. Probably over 1400 times (no I didn't count them) but His "ifs" are conditional. He flat out tells us that "if" we do *this*, He will do *that*. No guessing involved, no wind shear or water temperature needed.

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**- "Now then, concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, there is no need that I write to you; For you yourselves understand perfectly that the day of *the* Lord will come exactly as a thief *comes* by night. For when they say, "Peace and security," *then sudden destruction will come upon them*, as travail *comes* upon a woman who is with child; and they shall by no means escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness that the day *of the Lord*

should overtake you as a thief. *For* you are all children of *the* light and children of *the* day; we are not of *the* night, nor of *the* darkness. So then, we should not sleep, as others *do*; but we should watch, and we should be sober." Watch, not just for what He told us to watch for but to pay attention to our spiritual condition and growth!

**2 Peter 3:10-11**- "However, the day of *the* Lord shall come as a thief in *the* night in which the heaven itself shall disappear with a mighty roar, and *the* elements shall pass away, burning with intense heat, and *the* earth and the works in it shall be burned up. Since all these things are going to be destroyed, what kind of *persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,"

The storm we've been describing is likely to come on the Feast of Trumpets. This the first of the fall Holy Days which we will celebrate this coming Monday. This will take place when Jesus Christ returns to Earth to establish His millennial Kingdom. This event is part of God's appointed times.

**Leviticus 23:1-2**- "And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to ***the children of Israel*** and say to them, '*Concerning* the appointed feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, even these are My appointed feasts.

I didn't see anything mentioned within this scripture that said these "feasts" were for Jewish people only. The ones who miss this are the same ones who will be panic shopping when the trumpet sounds.

**Leviticus 23:24**. "Speak to the children of Israel saying, 'In the seventh month, in the first *day* of the month, you shall have a Sabbath, a memorial of blowing of ram's horns, a holy convocation."

The Feast of Trumpets will be the end of the age of man and the beginning and establishment of Christ's Kingdom on Earth.

**Joel 2:1-2**- "Blow the ram's horn in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain!" Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD comes, for *it is* near at hand— A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness. As the morning *is* spread across the mountains, so *comes* a great people and a mighty people; there has never been the like, nor shall there ever be again, even to the years of many generations."

Those still here will have good cause for panic without any prediction of a hurricane.

However, the fearmongering will end, corrupt politicians and governments will cease. Alphabet perverts will get a First-Hand lesson as to what the rainbow really means. Can you imagine?! Our work too will be well underway. **Revelation 1:6-7**-

"And has made us kings and priests to God and His Father; to Him *be* the glory and the sovereignty into the ages of eternity. Amen. Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye shall see Him, and those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen."

**Isaiah 9:7**- "Of the increase of *His* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and over His kingdom, to order it and to establish it with judgment and with righteousness from henceforth, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this."

**Daniel 6:26**- "I make a decree that, in all the domain of my kingdom, men must fear and tremble before the God of Daniel, for He *is* the living God and endures forever, and His kingdom is that which shall not be destroyed, and His dominion *shall be* to the end."

**Luke 1:33**- "And He shall reign over the house of Jacob into the ages, and of His kingdom there shall be no end."

Our forecast for this storm doesn't come from the National Hurricane Center, nor some hyper-excited weatherman on TV. We have the solid Word of God that <u>*it is*</u> coming. Our preparation won't include cleaning out the shelves of Costco or Sam's, nor stockpiling toilet paper and canned goods. Our preparation is by far

more critical than any item found in any merchant's store. Ours is one of spiritual readiness and obedience with eternal consequences for failing to be ready. Our failure could land us back in the direct path of the fury that this Storm is bringing with Him. I cannot imagine how that would be. If we are truly obedient and fulfill our duty as being His chosen, we won't be in the storm's path but we'll be safely in His Eye. Onward to the Feast of Trumpets!

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