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## ***“Is Your Heart Setting You Up To Receive The Mark Of The Beast?”***

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1. If your heart is consumed with money, stuff, and material things, you are a definitely a candidate for the mark of the beast.

*Matthew 6:21 (KJV)*

**21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**

2. If your heart really doesn't trust God entirely, and you don't seek Him for guidance in everything you do, you are definitely a candidate for the mark of the beast.

*Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV)*

**5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.**

**6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.**

3. If you believe and accept in your heart anything & everything that you are told without seeking God for yourself and doing your own research, you are definitely a candidate for the mark of the beast.

*Proverbs 4:23 (KJV)*

**23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.**

4. If you don't passionately desire to have a pure heart, you are definitely a candidate to receive the mark of the beast.

*Psalms 51:10 (KJV)*

**10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.**

5. If you value your flesh and your heart more than you value God and His ways, you are definitely a candidate to receive the mark of the beast.

*Psalms 73:26 (KJV)*

**26 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.**

6. If you don't have a daily prayer life that seeks God in everything that you do, you are definitely a candidate to receive the mark of the beast.

*Philippians 4:6-7 (KJV)*

**6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and**

**supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.**

**7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

7. If the desires of your heart haven't been placed there by God Himself, but rather by your own self, you are definitely a candidate for the mark of the beast.

*Psalm 37:1-4 (KJV)*

**1 Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.**

**2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.**

**3 Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.**

**4 Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.**

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## **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A NATION REJECTS AND TURNS FROM GOD**

### **1. Proverbs 1:24-31 (KJV)**

24 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

28 Then they shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord:

30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

### **2. Jeremiah 15:6 (KJV)**

6 Thou hast forsaken me, saith the Lord, thou art gone backward: therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee; I am weary with repenting.

### **3. Jeremiah 26:4-6 (KJV)**

4 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord; If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you,

5 To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending them, but ye have not hearkened;

6 Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.

#### **4. Hosea 9:7 (KJV)**

7 The days of visitation are come, the days of recompence are come; Israel shall know it: the prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is mad, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred.

#### **5. Hosea 4:6 (KJV)**

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

#### **6. II Kings 17:18-20 (KJV)**

18 Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.

19 Also Judah kept not the commandments of the Lord their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made.

20 And the Lord rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight.

#### **7. Psalm 9:17 (KJV)**

17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

#### **8. Proverbs 14:34 (KJV)**

34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

#### **9. Joshua 23:12-13 (KJV)**

12 Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you:

13 Know for a certainty that the Lord your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the Lord your God hath given you.

#### **10. Ezekiel 39:23 (KJV)**

23 And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword.

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**America** is being spared total judgment at this present time because of the “Kingdom Remnant Seed” that is sanding in the gap crying out for mercy. [<II Chronicles 7:14>](#)

Judgment has already started in America as witnessed by the following tragic events that are identified:

- Earthquakes
- Hurricanes
- Floodings
- Tornadoes
- Shootings are schools
- Shootings at churches
- An epidemic of drug addiction
- An epidemic of homosexuals and lesbians
- Perverted Marriages
- Parents killing children
- Children killing parents
- Churches under the spirit of antichrist
- Terrorist attacks throughout the land
- Murders in cities with no answers on how to stop them
- Racial unrest throughout the land
- Government upheaval and turmoil

These are only a few of the obvious ongoing signs that judgment has begun and is increasing day by day, and the most tragic thing is that for the most part the organized religious system has been put to sleep by the false gospel of “SELFISM”.

### **<II Timothy 3:1-5>**

1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

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## **WHAT CAN THE REMNANT DO?**

**"GOD IS CALLING THE WATCHERS TO ARISE"**

**\*READ EZEKIEL 33RD CHAPTER\***

1. Set the watchers in place. <vs. 2>
2. See and discern What is coming. <vs. 3>
3. Warn the people about the danger. <vs. 4-5>
4. Blow the Trumpet. Use the tools that God gives you to get the warning out. <vs. 6>
5. Hear what heaven is saying and speak only what He says. <vs. 7>

## **SUGGESTIONS FOR UTILIZING RESEARCH**

### **VEHICLES & GATHERING INFORMATION**

- **Don't accept that everything you read or see on a website or on social media is reported accurately; keep researching and gathering truth.**
- **Try to examine the agenda and foundation of the information that is being presented. Always remember that those who are presenting information have beliefs that drive their true purpose.**
- **When reading books, commentaries, and other written material apply the first two rules to the information, and never accept the information without seeking God.**
- **Don't accept information that is presented, preached, proclaimed or even prophesied as it relates to the last days or any other message to be the only way it can be looked at. Remember seeking God for yourself should be a mandatory priority in your life.**
- **Be more committed to the truth of God's Word than to the personality presenting it. Trusting more in a man or woman than God and His Word will cause you to filter everything you hear through what that man or woman has previously said or is now saying.**
- **Don't always look for information, preachers, teachers, or pastors to say or agree with what you already believe or accept. If the truth you believe is too fragile to be examined or looked at — IS IT REALLY THE TRUTH?**
- **Find someone you trust and who loves the truth of God's Word to discuss and to look at things you are learning. Be open to listening as well as speaking, and always remember that no one knows all there is to know about everything.**