Matthew 24:36-44 **Day and Hour Unknown – One Taken, Other Left**

36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 40 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. 42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- There is an aspect of the End Time whose day and hour is unknown, that is the time of the catching away of the Saints.
 - ♦ The Two Witnesses with power to bring all the plagues are given 1,260 days (3 ½ years).

 [Revelation 11:3]
 - ♦ Israel will be protected in the wilderness from the attacks from Satan 1,260 days (3 ½ years). [Revelation 12:6, 14]
 - ♦ The time of the Lord's return at the Battle of Armageddon in Power and Great Glory, with the Armies of Heaven can be pinpointed precisely to the day. From the day the Antichrist and False Prophet place the Image of the Beast in the Temple in Jerusalem and demand that the world worship the Beast and his Image and take his mark on their forehead or hand will be 42 months (3 ½ years). [Revelation 13:5]
 - → The Saints of God will be given into the hand of the Antichrist for a time, times, and half a time (3½ years). [Revelation 13:7, Daniel 7:25]
 - ♦ The conclusion of the Great Tribulation takes a time, times, and half a time (3 ½ years).

 [Daniel 12:5-7]
 - ♦ All these indicate that the time of the <u>Great Tribulation</u> will be the last three and one half years.
 - ♦ The sixth Seal, the first six Trumpets, and the seven Thunders all occur in the first 3 ½ years of End Time Tribulation, from the time of the great earthquake of Revelation 6:12-17 to the empowering of the Antichrist Revelation 13:1-5.
- [†] "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only."

 [Matthew 24:36, Mark 13:32]
 - ♦ No man knows, Angels do not know, Jesus doesn't know, only the Father knows. [Mark 13:32]
- The time Unknown is the time of the catching away of the Saints. [Matthew 24:36-44, Mark 13:32-37, Luke 17:34-36, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17]
 - ♦ It will be a time of normal living, eating, drinking, marrying, as in the days of Noah
 [Matthew 24:36-39, Luke 17:26-37]
 - ♦ And as in the days of Lot, They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built. [Luke 17:28]
 - ♦ At that time one will be taken and the other left. [Matthew 24:40-41, Luke 17:34-36]
 - ♦ The message is a call to watch attentively so that day does not catch you unaware. [Matthew 24:42, 50, 25:13, Mark 13:33-37, Luke 21:34-36]
 - ♦ The warning that if you do not watch, the day will come upon you as a thief in the night.

 [Revelation 3:3, Luke 12:46]

- Jesus used the illustration of the householder who did not know the hour the thief would come, if he had, he would have been watching and not allowed his house to be broken into.

 [Matthew 24:43]
- The application is: "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." [Matthew 24:44]
- This will be a selective catching away of the Saints, for those found worthy to escape the Great Tribulation plagues. [Luke 21:36]

Watch therefore, and **pray always** that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man." [Luke 21:36]

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. [1 Thessalonians 4:15-17]