

## FOREWARNED

### 2 Timothy 3: 1-7

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth.

### Romans 1:18-25

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged

the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

### 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of



**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to thy God to order and provide; in ev'ry change He faithful will remain.**

**Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'nly Friend thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future as He has the past.**

**Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.**

**Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know His voice, who ruled them while He dwelt below.**

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.**

**Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

### 2 Thessalonians 2:6-12

And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked decep-

tion for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Hopefully these passages from

the Bible don't fill you with fear and anxiety at what is happening and what is about to happen. I don't know specifically what is about to happen, but the signs indicate that it won't be pretty. The poem in a column to the left, excerpted from the hymn "Be Still My Soul", should offer you comfort and reassurance.

Linda Gimmel

## WHAT WORSHIP UNLEASHES

By Ray Bentley. From the Web.

"See! I have given Jericho into your hand." — Joshua 6:2

I had the thrill one year of going to the Rose Bowl, which seats 100,000 people. The sound of cheering during that game was like sitting in front of a jet plane, deafening to the core of your body.

It reminded me of the story of Joshua and Jericho, and what worship can accomplish. As Joshua prayed and prepared to enter the Promised Land, he looked up to see a man with a sword who identified himself as "Commander of the army of the Lord." When Joshua "fell on his face and worshiped" the man did not stop him, but told him to take off his sandals "for you are on holy ground" (Joshua 5:13-15).

**A clear parallel to Moses entering the presence of God in the burning bush.**

**Then the Lord told Joshua the outcome of this battle before it started. The victory was promised!**

The Lord didn't give Joshua a military strategy for conquering a city. He told Joshua and his men to march in silence around the city for six days with priests carrying seven ram's horn trumpets. On day seven, they were to march around seven times, blow the trumpets and shout!

That marching in silence for seven days must have unnerved Jericho's residents. They could feel the ground trembling, hearing only the steady beat of footsteps. That final seven times around built the suspense, followed by the loudest shout you can imagine — louder

that the Rose Bowl!

The Hebrew word for shout is *ruwa*, meaning to break, to split the ears (with sound), shout for alarm or joy.

**Imagine two million people shouting, splitting the atmosphere, and unleashing the supernatural into the natural world. The army of mighty angels and God's presence were unleashed by shouts of faith, an ultimate act of worship.**

No siege, no weapons. But a promise from God: "Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you" (Joshua 1:3).

**The promises of God remain theoretical until we appropriate them and take those steps of faith to walk the ground He put before us.**

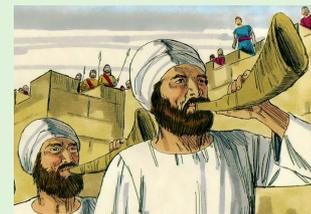
Joshua obeyed God's order as an act of worship.

**Worship shifts the atmosphere and releases the manifest presence of God.**

Jericho was not a town of nice, normal people. It was host to a demonic realm of evil and suffering, human sacrifice, and torture. Jericho represents the strongholds in our lives that hurt us and keep us from God's blessings. Joshua's act of worship and shout of triumph shattered the strongholds.

**When we worship, we too will see strongholds broken and walls brought down.**

"By faith the walls of Jericho fell down" (Hebrews 11:30).



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**TUES. AUGUST 3, 5 PM.**  
**at LV High School Gym**

Attending and reports from:

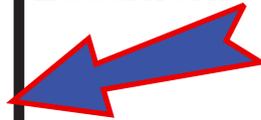
- School Supt. Peter Livingston
- Congressman Jay Obernolte
- Assemblyman 'Smitty' Smith
- State Senator Shannon Grove
- Supervisor Dawn Rowe

• other representatives

Primary focus on our **illegal marijuana grows and what is being done about them.**

**LVEDA** (Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association)

**New Location!**



**LV High School Gym**

**Everyone come and show our representatives this problem is important to us!**