

# **KEEP CLOSE IN MIND THE "FEAR-INSPIRING DAY"!**

Note to the speaker:

The purpose of this talk is to build up a sense of urgency in the brothers. Be sure to prepare well and to present the material with enthusiasm

## **PEOPLE REMEMBER SPECIFIC EVENTS FOR VARIOUS REASONS (5 min.)**

**Individuals often commemorate anniversaries**

**Nations memorialize historical milestones: fall of Rome, discovery of the Americas, birth or independence of a country**

**Since 1914, dates have been associated with a number of noteworthy events**

**June 28, 1914: assassination of Archduke Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary, leading to World War I**

**September 1, 1939: outbreak of World War II**

**October 24, 1945: United Nations charter ratified**

**September 11, 2001: terrorists destroy the World Trade Center in New York City; about five thousand lives lost**

**However, there is another day we need to be aware of**

**This day is yet future, but it will affect every individual on this planet and change the course of human history**

## **THE GREAT DAY OF JEHOVAH IS SET ON THE DIVINE CALENDAR (6 min.)**

**The Bible describes most important period in human experience as "the great and fear-inspiring day of Jehovah" (Joe 2:30, 31; Mal 4:5)**

**During that day, Jehovah will act against his enemies and in behalf of his people**

**Will occur during "presence of the Son of man," but the exact day and hour are unknown to humans (Mt 24:36-39, 44)**

**The following evidence shows that we are now living during Christ's presence**

## **EVENTS THAT MAKE UP THE SIGN OF CHRIST'S PRESENCE (15 min.)**

**Jesus foretold that during his presence there would be global conflicts and other notable developments (Mt 24:3, 7, 8)**

**Since 1914 the world has seen World Wars I and II; also other wars (w98 4/15 10; w97 4/14-8)**

**Misleading religious elements would appear on the scene (Mt 24:11)**

**These have risen up, but they have provided no comfort for people or hope for the future (w94 3/1 9-10 par. 7-12)**

**Lawlessness, which includes terrorism and crime, would be on the increase (Mt 24:12)**

**Result has been worldwide insecurity and fear**

**Bible describes what people would be like in these "critical times hard to deal with" [**Consider appropriate points from 2 Timothy 3:1-5, 13**]**

**Wicked men and impostors "advance from bad to worse, misleading and being misled"**

**By whom are they "being misled"? [**Read Revelation 12:9**]**

**Satan is influencing all those who yield to the spirit of this world (1Jo 5:19)**

**That adversary of God and man has but a short time to continue his evil, vicious activities (Re 12:12)**

**Available evidence points to the nearness of Jehovah's great and fear-inspiring day for executing his judgments**

Jehovah has mercifully arranged for warning of that day to be given worldwide (Re 14:6, 7)

Many pay no heed, just as in pre-Flood world (Mt 24:38, 39)

**We should have a sense of urgency about current developments and what they will lead to**

### **WHY URGENT AND WISE TO KEEP THAT DAY IN MIND (14 min.)**

**Worsening world conditions have caused Bible prophecy to take on greater meaning to many**

**Words recorded at 2 Peter 3:10-13 of particular interest [Read and discuss] (sl 304-8 pars. 52-60)**

**Global devastation of present system of things will occur**

Elements will dissolve in fiery destruction of present heavens and earth

**To keep "close in mind ... the day of Jehovah" means to be keenly aware of what that day will mean for us individually and for mankind in general**

True Christians have prospect of surviving that day

For those not awake to the sign of the times, however, that day will come "as a thief"

**Peter exhorts us to perform "deeds of godly devotion" and to engage in "holy acts of conduct"**

Such deeds and acts are godly and holy because they are in accord with God's requirements for Christians

[Give examples] (1Pe 2:12; w98 6/16; w97 3/1 13-14)

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### **KEEPING JEHOVAH'S DAY CLOSE IN MIND WILL BRING BLESSINGS (5 min.)**

**Now is time to keep Jehovah's day close in mind and to be found acceptable to him [Read 2 Peter 3:14] (w86 5/118 pars. 10-11)**

**Our hope is to be "concealed in the day of Jehovah's anger," to be protected by him (Zep 2:2, 3)**

**Having advance knowledge of Jehovah's day, we should be motivated to enter into a favorable relationship with God and to be faithful, steadfast in his service (2Pe 3:17, 18)**

**Doing God's will now holds out hope of 'remaining forever,' of surviving the never-to-be-forgotten day of Jehovah (1Jo 2:17)**

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TO ALL PRESIDING OVERSEERS

Re: 2002 special public talk outline (No. 153 11/01)

Dear Brothers:

On page 1, in the eighth line under the subheading entitled "PEOPLE REMEMBER SPECIFIC EVENTS FOR VARIOUS REASONS," change "about five thousand lives lost" to "thousands of lives lost." Please inform any speakers who have the 2002 special public talk outline of this adjustment. Thank you.

Your brothers,

*Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses*

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