

# Prophet's Column "He Is Near"

By Jim Little

"So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. (Matt. 24:33) The disciples had asked the Lord about the end of the age. The Lord went on to answer their questions, giving very clear descriptions of world conditions just before His return. And when Christ said "know that it is near." He literally meant, "He is near." Yes, He is near or soon coming. Oh, I wish you could see that He is near my friends.

For, "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth." (Gen. 6:11-12) In Noah's day that is what God said about the earth. Now listen to what my Lord had to say when He was coming down to the end of His ministry here; "And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man." (Lk. 17:26) Christ said that as the earth was corrupt and filled with violence in Noah's day, so shall it be when 'e returned. Yes, the earth is corrupt and filled with violence from one corner of the earth to the other. Where do you stand, my friend? I'm looking for the imminent return of my Lord. Are you?

Unless the Lord has ordained for me to be taken out through a natural death soon, I believe I'll be living when Christ comes. I want to know what it means to cross over without passing through death. It's the greatest thing in the world to know Christ, but when my Lord comes for me to glorify me, that'll eclipse my salvation because then I shall see face to face the One who died for me.

All you modernists, infidels, agnostics, and evolutionists can scoff at the coming of my Lord all you please, but you cannot stop Him from coming. Just as certain as He rose from the dead, He is coming! When Christ comes, there'll be no laughter then; for you will be left behind to endure the wrath of God poured out on a Christless humanity that hates God. You hate God. You've never seen that but you shall if you are ever to be saved.

Yes, HE IS NEAR. So near, He has placed one foot inside the door as it were. Over the next few short years, you are going to see more prophecy fulfilled than has been fulfilled during this entire century. I praise the Lord for awakening me to my lost condition, showing me what a depraved and Hell-deserving sinner I was through the Word, and then the blessed Holy Spirit revealing Christ to my heart through the Word. If Christ hasn't been revealed to your heart through the Word, then you are not saved. You can believe the

Word from cover to cover and yet go to Hell; you can go to Hell with the Bible in your hand. That startles religious folks on a profession when I say that. If you ever are awakened to your lost condition by the Holy Spirit you'll see and know what I'm talking about. First, the Holy Spirit reveals you to your heart from the Word of God, then he Reveals Christ to your heart from the Word of God. Every soul born of the Spirit of God knows what I'm laying down is true. You don't know if my friend because you have never been born of the Spirit of God.

Yes, the sand in the hour glass is almost run out. The coming of the Lord is very near. Time is rapidly fleeing into eternity. The last thirty years went by almost like a few weeks. Just this past week I had opportunity to walk across the old school grounds where I started school thirty years ago this summer. It was in 1950 that I started the first grade there at Tillman Station School, an old wooden four room school house

with pot-bellied stoves. As I walked across the old school place, many memories came back to me very clearly; some early convictions came back to me. I spent the first four years there, and one year when we returned to school, there in the classroom, all the other students were going about their school chores as usual. But there I sat as just a little lad feeling deep down within that something was wrong. I didn't know what it was but I knew something was wrong with me. There was an uneasiness in my heart that I couldn't understand. When I was about eight years old they were having the usual August meeting at Deep Creek Baptist Church, our home church. It was decided that I should go and see if I could get my religion. Well, I went to the meeting. The preacher got a bunch of us young folks down on our knees and they sang and prayed over us. When we got up the pastor of the church, Brother Julius Little asked if anyone had anything to say. I was the first one to rise and make a profession; "I believe I can trust the Lord 'til I die." I made that professional with all the earnestness of my heart. For surely I thought I would be saved. Pastor Little shouted Amen almost before my statement ended. When I returned to Tillman Station School my teacher, Mrs. Gertrude Dargan Timmons said to me at recess time; "James, what happened to you down yonder the other day? They tell me you got religion." I smiled and dropped my head without answering her and walked off.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

RE: I. Fare increase on Charlotte Transit System; and  
II. Federal Operating Assistance or Charlotte Transit System.

1. Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City of Charlotte on Tuesday, June 24 at 7:30PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 600 E. Trade Street.

2. Two projects will be considered: an increase in passenger fares; and financial assistance from the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended.

### A. Description of First Project

1. Fare increase on Charlotte Transit System. Seek an increase in passenger fares in the following categories and amounts:

	EXISTING FARE		PROPOSED FARE	
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Adult Convenience Tickets	10-4.00		10-5.00	
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2. These fares have not been increased since 1974 when the regular adult fare went from \$.35 to \$.40. The fare increase is sought for the purpose of aiding the City of Charlotte in off-setting the ever-increasing operating costs of the public transportation system.

3. The City anticipates total annual revenues of \$3,157,932 if the fares are increased, and transit service levels and ridership remain unchanged.

4. Persons wishing to speak should contact the City Clerk's office prior to or at the public hearing.

### B. Description of Second Project

1. Seek operating assistance funds under Section 5 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, November 25, 1974. Operating assistance is sought for the purpose of aiding the City of Charlotte in the preservation and contribution of the existing public transportation system by improvement and expansion of the system through the expenditure of "Local Share" money and Federal grant funds.

2. The public transportation system is managed by ATE Management Company, with offices, maintenance, servicing and storage facilities located at 707 North Brevard Street, Charlotte, North Carolina.

3. The City is seeking \$2,212,706, or one-half the total estimated operating deficit for FY-81, from the Urban Mass Transportation Administration. The source of the local share money will be non-property tax revenues from the City of Charlotte General Fund.

### C. Relocation

No persons, families, or business will be displaced by this project.

### D. Environment

The proposed project will not have significant environmental impact upon the Charlotte urbanized area in the FY-1981.

### E. Comprehensive Planning

This project is in the conformance with comprehensive land use and transportation planning in this area. Comments favorable to and in concurrence with this project have been made by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission, the lead planning agency for the Charlotte Urbanized Area.

### F. Elderly and Handicapped

1. The proposed project has provisions for charging no more than one-half of the peak hour fare to elderly and handicapped persons during off-peak hours.

2. At the hearing the City of Charlotte will afford an opportunity for interested persons or agencies to be heard with respect to social, economic and environmental aspects of the project. Interested persons may submit orally or in writing, evidence and recommendations with respect to said project.

3. A copy of the application for a Federal grant for the proposed project together with an environmental statement is currently available for public inspection at Charlotte City Hall, 600 East Trade Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, in the office of the City Clerk.

### G. Charter and School Bus Operations

1. The mass transportation operator (The City of Charlotte, North Carolina) to be assisted under this project does not engage in charter bus operations outside its transit service area and/or did not derive more than \$15,000 from charter bus operations during its more recently completed fiscal year (FY-1980). Therefore, the requirements of 49 CFR 604 (UMTA regulations published in the Federal Register on April, 1976) do not apply to this project.

2. The mass transportation operator (The City of Charlotte, North Carolina) to be assisted under this project does not engage in school bus operations exclusively for the transportation of students and school personnel. Therefore, the requirements of 49 CFR 605 (UMTA regulations published in the Federal Register on April 1, 1976) do not apply to this project.

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