

Being a Watchman for the Lord

The call to become a Watchman for the Lord drove the development of the *I Am A Watchman* ministry. Our ministry has worked hard to inspire and equip individuals to become Watchmen since its launch in 2017.

The term Watchman is gender neutral. There are Watchmen and Watchwomen. The term Watchman appears more than a dozen times in Scripture. Perhaps the most well-known Scripture passage about Watchman is found in Ezekiel 33:

"...If I take a man from among the people and make him their Watchman, and if he sees [danger] coming upon the land and blows the trumpet and warns the people, then if anyone who hears the...trumpet and does not take warning, and the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head...But if the Watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, so that the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any one of them...his [the watchman's] blood I will require..."
(Eze. 33:1-9)

To serve as a Watchman is a noble calling. Watchmen bear a profound concern for the eternal welfare of others. Watchmen are students of the Word and committed to constant prayer, or as the Bible states, they *"pray without ceasing."* A Watchman looks out across the horizon of world events and identifies signs of fulfilled prophecy. These fulfilments point to an imminent move of God.

To help the Watchman speak with wisdom, Watchmen spend much time studying Bible Prophecy. They are aware of what God has done and what God is going to do in the future. Watchmen watch global events and prayerfully discern which events and headlines have prophetic significance.

For example, the following prophetic events announced the nearness of the Rapture:

- Israel became a sovereign and independent nation in 1948
- The land of Israel "bloomed" and "prospered"
- The Hebrew language returned as the official language of Israel
- Global conflicts, wars, protests, and civil unrest increased
- Global weather anomalies, stronger earthquakes, and volcanoes
- Preparations to build the Third Jewish Temple on the Temple Mount
- Israel found vast natural gas reserves in the Mediterranean Sea which other nations may covet as 'spoil' (see Ezekiel 38:13)

These fulfilled prophecies, and others like them, indicated that the day of the Lord's return was near. As early 21st Century Watchmen, we were called to share that truth and sound the alarm.

Watchmen living in the post-rapture world can expect prophetic events to unfold as outlined in the book of Revelation Chapters 8-19 and Daniel chapters 11 and 13. The calling of post-rapture watchmen is to share that truth and sound the alarm that the end is near.

The timing of the events outlined in Revelation Chapter 6 is unclear. They may precede the events beginning in chapter 8, or they may present a general profile of events noted in chapters 8-19. Watchmen can use fulfilled prophecies, and insight regarding future events, to strengthen their witness and reach the lost, particularly the skeptics.

Like the prophet Isaiah, a Watchman will be open to whatever the Lord asks. He will say what God wants him to say and go where God wants him to go. Like Isaiah, Watchmen respond, *“Here am I Lord, send me”* (Isa. 6:8).

A Watchman will lead by example and boldly warn, give, serve, love, and forgive. He will understand that the effectiveness of his message is linked to his ability to speak the truth in love. The goal is not to present information, but to facilitate transformation. The goal is to see the lost come to Christ. A Watchman’s words and deeds encourage, inspire, and equip fellow believers for service.

A Watchman is not perfect. Watchmen will struggle at times under the weight of trial, attack, and spiritual work. In such times, Watchmen must seek to be renewed and refreshed both by the Lord and fellow believers.

Serving as a Watchman can be lonely work – but the wise and effective Watchman knows he cannot operate in isolation long-term. God made believers to perform at their best when they operate in partnership with others. Community is essential.

I urge Watchmen to find others who share the calling. Watchmen should spend time learning from and praying with fellow Watchmen. This article presents general information on the call of a Watchman. Please see the article in the Section 08 – Additional Articles folder entitled: How to be a Watchman During the Tribulation, for information on the distinctions of a Watchman’s calling – your calling - during the Tribulation.

The information in this folder details the important work of a Watchman. For additional information, please refer to the *What it Means to Be a Watchman* video and the opening chapters in the *Discipleship Handbook* eBook in Section 04 - Books. All of this information is included in this Rapture Kit flash drive.