

### **1Thes 4:14-18**

**For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.**

Are you ready for a large scale invasion in a few weeks? It has been seventeen years since we have last seen the Periodical Cicada but their unveiling and appearing is very near. Seventeen years ago billions of these cicadas began their lives hatched high in the trees as nymphs where they then dropped to the ground and burrowed into the earth. After tapping into a tree root with a special straw like part in their mouth they would feed on the tree sap, passing through their different stages of growth and then when it was time....they would burrow up and out of the earth to make their grand appearance by molting into their adulthood and producing a chorus of sounds whereupon they mate and hatch their young to begin the whole seventeen year process over. Whether the Creator Himself gives these little creatures the signal to emerge or whether He has programmed this internal clock into their nature, regardless, they are right on time. There is no mistake of missing this occurrence because it will be both visible and audible. The prophet Daniel spoke of a time when the bodies of men, woman, and children would arise from out of the dirt of the earth. *And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt(Dan 12:2).* The Apostle Paul also wrote about this great event when he said *.Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.* This event will also be right on time....the Lord's time. My friend, are you ready to meet the Lord? Heb 9:27 states, *And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God(John 1:12-13).* Won't you trust Jesus Christ today for eternal life?

