

“The Sky Is Falling”

I. Introduction: “The Sky Is Falling, also known as Chicken Licken, Chicken Little or Henny Penny is an old fable about a chicken (or a hare in early versions) who believes the sky is falling. The phrase has also become used to indicate a hysterical or mistaken belief that disaster is imminent” (Wikipedia).

- A. Many think constantly preaching warnings makes one an alarmists [one who overstates danger] and that affects us (**Jeremiah 20:7-10**).
 - 1. Those who’ll mock the preaching of truth will continue (**Jude 17-19**).
 - 2. Some have a point of truth that is “too far” to hear (**John 6:52-66, Acts 17:30-32, and Acts 22:6-22**).
- B. Some won’t take warnings seriously (**Zephaniah 1:12-18; cf. Leviticus 26:27-33**).
 - 1. The price is paid for ignoring warnings (**Jeremiah 25:4-9**).
 - 2. Careful people prepare when warned (**Proverbs 22:3 and Ezekiel 33:1-9**).

II. Body: Folks, there’s a lot to warn about (**Colossians 1:26-29**).

- A. How would Jesus be perceived by “brethren” today (**John 8:37-59**)?
 - 1. Jesus preached about the few faithful, was He an alarmist (**Matthew 22:1-14 and Luke 18:7-8**)?
 - 2. Jesus preached about false teachers, was He an alarmist (**Mark 13:22-23**)?
 - 3. Jesus preached about worldliness, was He an alarmist (**Mark 4:18-19 and John 3:19-21**)?
 - 4. Jesus taught His followers not to be of the world, was He an alarmist (**John 15:18-19 and John 17:14**)?
 - 5. Jesus taught against hypocrisy, was He an alarmist (**Luke 12:1**)?
 - 6. Jesus taught on “issues”, was He an alarmist (**Luke 16:18, John 17:20-23; 26; I John 1:3, Luke 17:3-4, Matthew 18:15-17, etc.**).
 - 7. Jesus preached about the disobedient going to Hell, was He an alarmist (**Matthew 25:41; 46 and Mark 9:43-48**).
 - 8. Jesus stood hard for the truth with plain speech, was He an alarmist (**Matthew chapters 21-23**).
 - 9. Jesus demanded complete obedience and perfection, was He an alarmist (**Matthew 5:48 and Luke 6:46**).
 - 10. Jesus taught to be aware, was He an alarmist (**Matthew 26:41**).
- B. The beloved Apostles, how would they be perceived today (**Galatians 4:16**)?
 - 1. If Paul were to write what he wrote to churches in the first century, they’d call him an alarmist (**I Corinthians 11:17ff., Colossians 2:8, Galatians 3:1, Galatians 5:7-9, II Thessalonians 1:7-9, and II Thessalonians 3:1-6**).
 - 2. Paul would be perceived as paranoid today (**II Corinthians 9:2-3, Philippians 2:19, and I Thessalonians 3:1-5**).
 - 3. Peter and Paul would be perceived as being too worried about false teachers (**Colossians 2:8, I Timothy 1:3-4, and II Peter chapter 2**).
 - 4. Paul would be labeled a meddler or gossiper (**Romans 16:17-18 and I Corinthians 1:11**).
- C. Where’s our anger towards what we see among “brethren” (**Jeremiah 6:10-11**)?

1. Why do some “brethren” call religious frauds “friends” and “neighbors” (**Philippians 3:17-19**)?
2. Folks, the sky is falling in the “brotherhood” (**II Timothy 3:13**).
3. It’s time to be Chicken Little’s rather than little chickens (**Jeremiah 5:11-14** and **I Corinthians 16:13**).

III. Conclusion:

- A. Let’s not run and hide, but rejoice in the few who will stand with us also being called alarmists (**I Kings 19:1-18**).
- B. The remnant must take the right actions (**II Kings 19:30**).