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Separating Fact from Fiction: 400 years of slavery?

by David M. McNabb

Nearly 2,000 years after Jesus ascended on high and gave gifts to men, the unity of the faith among God's children seems to be an impossible goal. Just like the sectarianism in the days of Jesus' earthly ministry, a great many sects and denominations have sprung up within Christianity, each holding to their own beliefs and opinions. While there are many beliefs that are shared, each division also has teachings that are out of sync with the others.

Some of the most fundamental of beliefs, such as the virgin birth of Jesus and the literal truth of the Bible's creation story, are held in question among certain sects, even by some Evangelicals.

Paul exhorted Timothy, "Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:13-17).

If the Word of God was not true, then it would be impossible to know anything with any degree of certainty at all. Paul answered any "Scripture deniers," saying, "For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar" (Rom. 3:3-4). So, if we accept the Scriptures as the inspired Word of God and allow it to be the authority on any subject, we will be able to come to the unity of the faith as we all bring our doctrines in line with our Lord's.

Spurious teachings abound. Often this is due to a lack of understanding, rather than a willful misrepresentation of the Scripture (although that is also a problem). I feel it is necessary to review some of these Christian "myths" or misunderstandings, and let the Word of God set the record straight. Perhaps such an exercise in finding the real scriptural truth will help us to study the Word even more, and encourage us all to improve our knowledge of God's holy Word.

Were the Israelites slaves in Egypt for 400 years?

This is a common misconception which is derived from Genesis 15:13-16, "And [God] said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a

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When the Son of Man comes

by C. Elden McNabb

Various Holy Scriptures and songs speak of the glorious event of the return of Jesus with excitement and great expectation. Oh the joy experienced by faithful believers when they let thoughts of His coming linger in their meditations! We rejoice at the very idea of getting to see The Man who sacrificed himself for the forgiveness of our sins, and to redeem us from our bondage in the grip of Satan, and the servitude of sin and shame.

Jesus died on the cross to free us. He healed the sick and He raised the dead. Bless His holy name, and may it be glorified everywhere. Let His praises continue to echo around the world, and multitudes find in Him the hope and the peace which He so freely gives to those who believe and repent and call upon His name.

When Jesus first came into the world to save sinners (Titus 1:15), He spent about three-and-a-half years in the public eye in the land of Israel. Neither His presence, nor his experiences were very glorious. Jesus came to do a job, and to sacrifice His life to get it done. He performed many great miracles, even raising the dead, but He was scorned and vilified and mocked. In death He was cursed, and abused, and then killed in a most brutal and cruel manner. When He died before the soldiers would have broken His legs, one of them cruelly thrust a spear into His side.

Jesus knew from the beginning that great suffering was in store for Him; yet, when that time drew near, He earnestly prayed to His Father, saying, "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:42). But the plan was made and the prophecies written. So Jesus willingly paid the price to make it

work and the Holy Spirit has now been executing the plan for the redemption of the believers for more than nineteen hundred years.

Now the time of the end is upon us, and we await the second coming of our Lord and Savior with great anticipation! "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Tit. 2-14).

Not all of the redeemed will attain unto that mark, and become a part of the Bride, the Lamb's wife. But the redemption of mankind was not only to get a bride for Jesus. God needs all kinds of people to replace the angels which fell with the Devil. The day is very near when all of the redeemed will have attained to some mark of achievement available to all of the redeemed. Every man will be rewarded according to his or her attainment, whether commendable or not. Not all of the redeemed will hear "Well done thou good and faithful servant" (Matt. 25:14-30). The angel spoke to John, saying, "Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still" (Rev. 22:10-11). Even so, when Jesus comes, it shall be as He said, "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man [and woman] according as his work shall

be" (Rev. 22:12). That day is almost upon us, but not all believers shall have reason to rejoice.

When Jesus returns He shall fulfill many prophecies. One thing He shall do is to sit upon "The Throne of David." God had given that promise to David, by Nathan the Prophet (2 Samuel 7:1-16), and to which Solomon testified, saying, "The Throne of David shall be established before the Lord for ever" (1 Kings 2:45). That promise has been on hold since the destruction of Jerusalem and the nation of Israel, in A.D. 70. So what of the promise to David? The Scriptures cannot be broken, so the "Throne of David" must be reestablished by a group of His people under the leadership of His messenger (Isa 9:6-7; 16:1-5). Therefore, when the coming of Jesus is imminent, someone must "build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and ... build again the ruins thereof, and ... set it up." And the builders of it will be Gentiles (Acts 15:13-18).

Jesus will rule the world for a thousand years, and He will do so upon the Throne of David, in the new Tabernacle of David, according to the words of the prophet.

Isaiah put it simply, "In mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the Tabernacle of David, judging and seeking Judgment, and hasting righteousness" (Isa. 16:1-5). The "Throne of David" shall be rebuilt in the time of mercy, before the end of the Grace Age, before the wrath of God is poured out upon His disobedient children.

In Acts 15:13-18, James, the brother of Jesus, the Bishop of the Church of God, said, "Men and brethren, hearken unto me: Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a


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people for His name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the Tabernacle of David which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: that the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.”

Therefore we know that God shall raise up a group of Gentiles, who will be led by God to rebuild God's Church like it was in the days of the Apostles of our Lord, and from there shall Jesus begin His rulership of the world.

I know that all sounds very good, but before Jesus shall begin to call the rulers of the nations to stand before Him, the wrath of “the devil” must be allowed to be manifested (Rev. 12:12-17). He will make war with the Church and the remnant of her seed. He will make war with the saints, and overcome them: and power will be given to him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations (Rev. 13:7). The primary thrust of that work has already been given to the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security: “the Little Horn,” which shall “wear out the saints of the Most High,” and that very soon (Dan. 7:7-8; 18-25). And most of that will happen before all of the “seven last plagues” have been poured out. Most, if not all, of the necessary legislation is in place, as of July 15, 2010.

But “He that shall come will come,” and He will be on schedule. It looks as if He will appear to “them that look for Him” near the end of August, 2010, when the two thousand and three hundred days, and the 1290 days are finished, and the end of the 1335 days has come (Mal. 3:1-6; Dan. 8:13-19; 12:). It is high time that we begin to purify ourselves, even as Jesus is pure, and prepare ourselves for the “Marriage of the Lamb” (1 John 3:2-3). 

THE FIRST PLAGUE: BLOOD UPON THE WATERS

by David Allen

Solomon said, “That which is to be hath already been” (Eccl. 3:15). While a large segment of Christianity is preoccupied with the end times and what is said in the book of Revelation about the future, we must not forget these words of Solomon. Everything that is going to happen in the days before the Lord's return has already happened in a type or shadow, and is recorded in the pages of the Law and the Prophets.

The entire recorded history found in the Scriptures are also prophetic, and all of us have just witnessed one such case.

God smote Egypt with 10 plagues leading up to the Exodus of the children of Israel. Many believers are unaware, however, that the children of Israel experienced the first three plagues along with the Egyptians. The Scriptures clearly show that only after the third plague did God make a difference between the children of Israel and the Egyptians, separating the land of Goshen wherein they dwelt, so they were not affected by the seven last plagues. While we have a hope that we will be spared the effect of the seven last plagues (Revelation chapters 14 and 15), as the children of God living in the United States, we can expect to be caught in the first three plagues (just as Israel was caught in the first three plagues in Egypt). The three plagues in Egypt were: all the waters were turned to blood, frogs came up and covered the land, and lice were in man and beast (Ex. 7:20 - 8:17).

The Apostle Paul tells us, “For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things” in

Heb 10:1. The prophecy of the Old Testament will not be the very image, but its fulfillment will be evident. Peter recognized the new experience on the day of Pentecost, and said, “This is that which was spoken by the prophet...” (Acts 2:16). Likewise, as Christians, we must look at what is happening in the world today, compare it with the scriptures, and see what God is showing us.

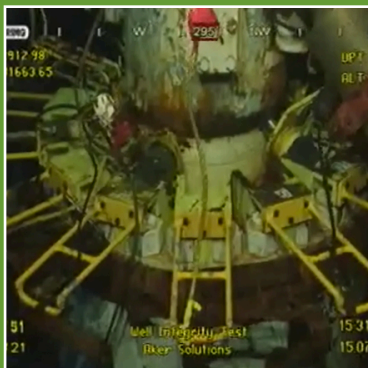
Since 1962, God has been dealing with us about the times. Specifically, God has given us a revelation of Jubilee: the last 50 years leading up to the resurrection at the return of Jesus.

In March of 2006, the Lord showed us that the two thousand three hundred days of Dan 8:14 would end July 15th, 2010, and we knew something significant was going to occur. On that very day, Congress passed a 2300 page document called the Finance Reform Bill. While Congress could have passed the bill on July 13th, they did not sign it until the 15th. So, how is it significant that a 2300 page bill was signed on the day that God had shown us to be the end of the 2300 days of Daniel? And what was the reason for this bill?

The whole world watched as the financial system of The United States came crashing down on September 9th, 2008 when the stock of Lehman Brothers, a major financial investment firm, fell 45%. This triggered what was referred to as the financial meltdown. On Monday, September 15th, Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy. They were officially “in the red”.

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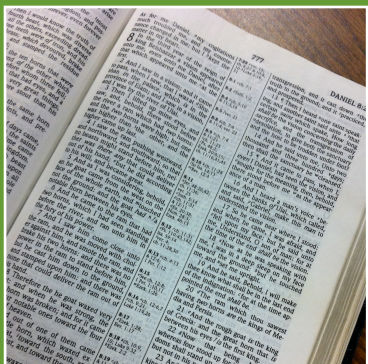
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In the Gulf of Mexico, BP successfully capped the well that had been spewing oil into the ocean since April 20.



In Washington, DC, Congress passed the 2300-page financial reform bill. This legislation affects practically every type of monetary transaction.



The 2300 days of Daniel ended. Now, according to Scripture, the cleansing of the Sanctuary will begin.

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September 9, 2008 was the beginning of the first plague, as described in Exodus 7:15-21: "...All the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt."

The financial institutions (waters) found themselves "in the red." As most people know, "in the red" is a term "used to indicate debt. This is originally a term used in bookkeeping or accounting when businesses used a ledger to keep track of money coming in or going out. They would use red ink to indicate the money is owed or if it was a negative number"

Answers.com. That fateful Monday has also been called "Bloody Monday" ("Global Financial Meltdown" by M. Chossudovsky, Sept 18, 2010, www.globalresearch.ca).

In the days of creation, fish were created on the fifth day (Gen. 1:20-23). This shadows the fifth millennium, which was the day in which Jesus called his disciples and told them that he would make them fishers of men (Mark 1:17, Jer. 16:16). As the Jews in Jesus' time were prophetically represented by fish, and the work among them as fishing, a prophetic link between fish and Jews remains until this day.

The fish died in the waters of Egypt because of the plague of blood. An interesting event occurred in Jesus' day. When questioned about paying tribute, Jesus told Peter to go get a fish, and that he would find money in its mouth to cover the tribute. While you probably will likely not find money in fish today, you will find it in the bank. Oddly, an overwhelming number of founders and/or senior officials of these failed financial investment firms and banks were and are men of Jewish background. Some examples are those of Lehman Brothers, Bear Stearns, AIG, CIT group, Goldman Sachs, and Bernard

Madoff. These men have found themselves in grave financial troubles, and their reputations and the reputations of their firms have ended up smelling... well, fishy.

The Egyptians could not drink of the waters once they were polluted with blood. Likewise, the residents of this country have suffered from having these giant financial firms go "RED". It has not only been the larger firms that have been involved in this meltdown, as blood was "...upon (all) the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water..." (Exod. 7:19). So this plague has affected both large and small businesses, and the finances of individuals alike.

At Pharaoh's command, the magicians of Egypt added to the plague. While the financial institutions were bleeding, both affected presidential administrations ordered the Congress to pass stimulus and bailout bills. The work of willing legislators authorized the borrowing, printing and taxation of trillions of dollars to "stimulate" the economy, which only exacerbated the problem. The \$700B bailout in September, 2008 and \$787B stimulus in February 2009 are only a fraction of the total legislative answer to the financial crisis. The total cost is actually about \$8 trillion, according to a January 6, 2009 CNN Money article by David Goldman entitled *The \$8 trillion bailout*.


Another sign to show that this was indeed the first plague was the Deepwater Horizon, a British Petroleum oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico, which exploded on April 20, 2010. It sank two days later, and thousands of barrels of oil began to flow into the Gulf of Mexico. I always thought of crude oil as being black, as in "black gold." This oil was not black though; it was RED. This was light sweet crude and it was RED. For the next 85 days, the broken well continued to gush out RED oil. It is interesting to note that the fishing industry was affected by the spill. BP attempted to

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stop the well several times during this period, but did not succeed.

Yet another sign that the plague was ended was also seen by the entire world. On Thursday July 15, 2010, BP successfully capped the remnant of the Deepwater Horizon. The spewing of the “RED oil” into the Gulf ceased on the very same day that Congress passed the finance reform bill! The first plague is over!

It is now our responsibility to show you what the second plague is. The workings of it are already in progress. The Lord told Pharaoh, “I will smite all thy borders with frogs” (Ex. 8:2). Watch and be sober: next to come is the plague of the frogs upon the borders! 

NEW DESIGN GETS GOOD REVIEWS



Last month, we introduced a brand new design for The Bible Guys. We got a lot of positive feedback on the new look. The Word of God, and the message He has entrusted us to share, is truly beautiful, and we desire to present it in a beautiful way. We pray that it will continue to be a blessing!

400 YEARS? *Cont. from page 2*

land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again.”

Upon reading the story of the Exodus, many have come to the conclusion that Israel was enslaved by Egypt for a full 400 years. However, even with a casual look at the timeline, one must come to a different conclusion. First, there are only seven generations involved from the promise to the fulfillment: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Levi, Kohath, Amram, and Moses. Now, more specifically, when Israel went down into Egypt during the great famine, his sons went with him. In fact, not only did Levi go down into Egypt, but Levi's son Kohath (Moses' grandfather) had already been born, according to Genesis 46:11.

Moses' mother was Levi's daughter Jochebed, and was born in Egypt (Num. 26:59). That means that there are only 4 generations from Jacob to Moses, on his mother's side: Jacob, Levi, Jochebed, Moses. Thus we see the promise to Abram fulfilled, “But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again.”


The narrative of Joseph (Gen. chapters 41 through 50) also shows us that the Israelites did not go into Egypt as slaves. In fact, it was not until after Joseph died that a new pharaoh arose with no knowledge of Joseph (perhaps a foreign conqueror). Only then did the Israelites come under bondage. Joseph lived to be 110 years old, and saw his grandchildren and his great-grandchildren (Gen. 50:23). Joseph's grandson Jair went out with Moses, and possessed land east of Jordan (Num. 32:39-41).

In Exodus 12:40-41, we are given another time period. “Now the sojourning

of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years. And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.” God told Abram that his seed would sojourn and be enslaved for only 400 years. Where did the other 30 years come from? Did God miss something? Of course He did not. 400 years refers only to the offspring of Abram, whereas the 430 years began with Abram's own sojourning, beginning when he was 75 (Gen. 12:4). Thirty years later, Isaac was weaned, being 5 years old, and Ishmael was sent off. Thus did his offspring's own sojourning begin to be counted: 400 years.

25 years after Abram was called out, Isaac was born. When Isaac was 60, he begat Jacob, and Jacob was 130 when he went into Egypt. That makes 215 years that God's called-out people were sojourning BEFORE they went to Egypt (just half of the 430 years). Joseph was 39 when his father came to Egypt, and died 71 years later. 144 years after that, Moses led Israel out of bondage. Since they were made slaves after Joseph's death, the time of actual slavery was less than 144 years.

So what did God mean in Gen. 15:13? The 400 years describe ALL of the time of the sojourning of Abraham's offspring: from the weaning of Isaac until the Exodus. It does not say that they will be slaves for 400 years. Rather, God said, “Thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them 400 years.” And so it was. For 400 years, the children of Abraham sojourned in a strange land. During the last part of that 400 years, they were enslaved, and had to be brought out to the land of promise with great deliverance. And the Word of God was fulfilled.

Lord willing, next month we will look at another Christian “myth” about the origin of the giants. 



Times and Seasons

by Joel McNabb

Here we are in the final days of the summer season. As temperatures soar into the 90's and beyond, my thoughts are on the next season to follow. It is only a matter of time and the hazy, hot, and humid days of the summer season will be gone. The promise of God is, "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease" (Gen. 8:22). Seasonal change will be around as long as the earth is in existence. It is set and guaranteed by the word of God, "Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever" (Psa. 104:5). The whole idea of climate change is not a new one, just something the Devil has twisted into his own lie.

On the fourth day of creation, the lights were placed in the heavens to divide the day from night. They were for signs, for seasons, for days, and for years (Gen. 1:14). God meted out the sun, moon and stars, with a span of His hand, to reveal the work He has done, is doing, and going to do on the earth. Paul tells us, "The invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse" (Rom. 1:20). The heavens, the earth, and all that is made, have been given to us by God for a visual of that which we cannot see with our natural eyes. From the galaxies to the microorganism, they have something about them that reveals the majesty of our great Creator and His purpose in some way.

God gave us the lights in the heavens, so that we could know what time it was and when the seasons would change. By the sun's position during the day, and the

moon and the stars at night, man was able to keep track of the passing of time. By God's design, man would know what to do and when to do it. "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end." (Eccl. 3:1-11). Coming out of the world by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the Son of God on Calvary, our eyes are opened to the spiritual things of God revealed by the things that are made.

The change from one season to another is obvious. My family and I lived in the Northeast from my teens to adulthood; the four seasons were very distinct and beautiful, each in their way. The awakening of the spring months were followed by the hazy, hot and humid days of summer. Almost like clockwork, after Memorial Day was over, we would see a change in the temperature and know summer season was over. The leaves on the trees would change to the brilliant colors that New England is famous for, and we knew the cold of winter would soon be upon us. By Thanksgiving there could be snow covering the ground. The changes seemed so sudden, that when one season would come, I knew that I had to begin to prepare for the next one. Are we prepared for the change that is about to take place in this world? Can we see the turning of the leaves?

When the Pharisees and Sadducees asked Jesus for a sign, He said "A wicked and adulterous generation, seeketh after a sign"(Matt. 16:1-4). That generation, was able to read the skies and know what the weather would be, but when it came to

knowing the signs of the times, their vision could not see beyond what their fathers had taught them. They were unaware that the season was about to change for them. Life under the law of Moses, as they knew it, was coming to an end, and a new season of grace and truth by Jesus Christ was upon them. Jesus did not come to destroy the law, but to usher in the fulfillment of the law by grace, that we might be saved. The law of grace has been with us for 2,000 years, and today we are coming to another season of change, from grace to judgment. I will ask the generation of our day, "Are your eyes open? Will you know the signs, the seasons, the days, or the years?" The question must be asked again today, "Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days?" (Job 24:1).

Before Jesus ascended to the right hand of the throne of God, those that went out with Him, asked Him if it was time to restore the kingdom again to Israel? They had heard the message from John the Baptist and Jesus both, "Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand," so it was a natural question for them to ask. And He said unto them, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power" (Acts 1:6-8). Was Jesus saying that they would never know, or was he showing that God would reveal, in His power, the time and season to restore the kingdom of God on earth? Jesus said that they would receive power after the Holy Ghost came upon them. He told them that he would not leave them comfortless, and that the Comforter would lead and guide them into all truth. When Jesus said, "It is not given for you to know," He was answering their question

about the kingdom of God being restored to Israel, not whether anyone would ever know times or seasons. As the restoration of the kingdom would not occur in the days of those disciples, so there was no reason for them to know the time or season when the kingdom would be restored. When the time comes, God, in His power, will reveal the times and seasons to those who are full of the Spirit and have understanding. "Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7).

In the days when David became king of Israel, there were men of the tribe of Issachar, who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do (1 Chron. 12:32). Even in the New Testament we hear Paul say, "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief" (1 Thess. 5:1-5). We can, and should know when the Lord is coming. He will not come as a thief in the night to them who are looking for him and giving heed to the times and seasons. Jesus said, "And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched,

and not have suffered his house to be broken through" (Luke 12:39).

When God sent His only begotten Son the first time to take away the sins of the world, He placed a star to reveal the set time of His Son's birth. He sent a forerunner, John the Baptist, who knew the time he was in. As the voice of one crying in the wilderness, he declared the coming of the Messiah, and fulfilled prophecy. One afternoon, Jesus showed up, and John said to his disciples, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." (John 1:29, 36). I can imagine John's excitement. He had been waiting and prophesying, and now here He is. This whole idea that we are not to know when Jesus would come back denies the way God works; if the first coming was so important that God revealed the time, how much more when He sends His Son back to rule the earth as King.

The season of change is upon us. The governments of the world are aware, and are planning for the future. It is time for the porter and the watchmen to be alert that we may open the door when Jesus is standing outside knocking. Yes, Jesus said to watch for we know neither the day nor the hour when the Son man cometh, but He did not say that we were never to know. Why else would He tell us to watch? God has given us the times and the seasons so we can know, and that there is a work that has to be done before Jesus can come back. According to Jesus' own words, "After the tribulation of those days, then shall appear the sign of

the Son of man in heaven" (Matt 24:29). If there will be a sign in the heavens, then someone will be watching and know it is time.

Then we shall hear the seventh angel sound, declaring, "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev. 11:15). Let us prepare for the Lord and for the season of His kingdom to come, when He will rule and reign in righteousness. "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore" (Eph. 6:13-18). "He that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face: keep the munition, watch the way, make thy loins strong, fortify thy power mightily" (Nah. 2:1).

He that endureth to the end the same shall be saved. May we all find grace in the eyes of the Lord in these last days. This I pray in Jesus' name. 