

# KNOWING THE TIME

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1 Chronicles 12:32 The sons of Issachar were men who **understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do.**

With the New Testament revelation we should all recognize and know the time.

Romans 13:11-14 **KNOWING THE TIME**, that now it is high time to **awake** out of **sleep**, for now **our salvation is nearer than when we first believed . . . PUT ON THE ARMOR of LIGHT . . . put on the LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

From all that is happening in the world today we are entering a **New Era**. One that appears to be **opening the door into the end time** fulfillment of those prophecies. I acknowledge that these are my thoughts on this subject. I am not a prophet, just reading the Scriptures and thinking . . .

- Romans 15:4 For **everything** that was written in the past was written to **teach us**, so that through **endurance**<sup>(1)</sup> and the **encouragement** of the SCRIPTURES we might have hope.
- 2 Timothy 3:15 All Scripture is **inspired by GOD** and **profitable for teaching** . . . 2 Peter 1:21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men **moved by the HOLY SPIRIT spoke from GOD.**

Here is The Question to all of us: as spoken to the Pharisees & Sadducees:

Matthew 16:3-4 Do you know how to discern the appearance of the sky **but CANNOT DISCERN THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES?**

It is obvious that JESUS wants us to **know** and **realize the time**, the **new era** we are entering into and NOT be like the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Isaiah 42:9 Is Very Appropriate for today: Behold, the **former things have come to pass**, now **I declare NEW THINGS; BEFORE they spring forth I proclaim them to you**. And Yes HE has “**proclaimed them to us**” in the Inspired Word of GOD.

So, our study of “The Times” we are Entering into begins.

Matthew 24:6-8 You will be hearing of **wars** and **rumors of wars**. See that **YOU ARE NOT FRIGHTENED**, for those things must take place, but **that is not yet the end**. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be **famines** and **earthquakes**. 8 But all these things are merely **the BEGINNING of birth pangs**.

- The above, wars, famines and earthquakes have been going on for many years and are only **the beginning**.

Matthew 24:9-14 **Then** they will deliver **YOU** to **TRIBULATION**, and **WILL KILL YOU**, and **you will be HATED** by all nations **because of MY NAME**.

- This has been going on for many years. **I DO NOT LIKE THE THOUGHT OF IT HAPPENING TO ME** but JESUS said: **They hated ME, they will hate you**. John 15:18 The **worldwide HATE** today toward Christians is shocking. And this is the reason that for many who “**say**” they are believers but are **not committed** and have **not “TAKEN UP THEIR CROSS”** and followed JESUS will . . . .

10 At that time **many will fall away** (1 John 2:19) and will **BETRAY one another** and **HATE one another**. 11 **MANY false prophets** will arise and **will mislead many**. 12 Because **lawlessness is increased**,

most people's love will grow cold. 13 But **THE ONE WHO ENDURES**<sup>(2)</sup> **TO THE END WILL BE SAVED.**

- We **MUST** give serious thought to what we **will ENDURE** and what we **WILL NOT ENDURE** before we are face to face with it.
- Hebrews 12:1-3 Therefore, **since** we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, **let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us**, and **LET US RUN WITH ENDURANCE**<sup>(3)</sup> **the race that is set before us**, 2 **fixing our eyes on JESUS**, (not what is happening in the world) the author and perfecter of faith, who **FOR THE JOY SET BEFORE HIM ENDURED**<sup>(4)</sup> **THE CROSS**, DESPISING THE SHAME, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of GOD. 3 For **CONSIDER HIM** who has **ENDURED**<sup>(5)</sup> **such hostility** by sinners against Himself, **SO THAT YOU WILL NOT GROW WEARY AND LOSE HEART.**
- We also: For the **JOY** set **behind us** for **SO GREAT A SALVATION** (Heb. 2:3) and For the **JOY** set **before us** that **We WILL REIGN WITH HIM** (Rev.20:6) Let us **ENDURE OUR CROSS** and the **hostility of sinners against ourselves fixing our eyes on JESUS.**
- **HE WILL GIVE US THE GRACE to do** and **ENDURE** whatever is before us. As Paul told Timothy: 2Tim.2:1: **BE STRONG in GRACE.** vs.3 **SUFFER**

**HARDSHIP** with me as a **GOOD SOLDIER** of **CHRIST JESUS**. vs.10 **ENDURE**<sup>(6)</sup> **all things** WHY? **FOR THE SAKE OF THOSE WHO ARE CHOSEN THAT THEY ALSO MAY OBTAIN SALVATION**. (this is our ministry as it was HIS, and why we are on this earth) vs.11 is a promise: **IF WE DIED WITH HIM WE SHALL ALSO LIVE WITH HIM** Vs.12 **IF** we **ENDURE**<sup>(7)</sup> we shall also **REIGN with HIM**. **If we reject HIM HE will also \*reject us.** ?? \*The verb tense of this word means "the action is certain and final" giving it the meaning of total unchanging rejection. This **is not** what Peter had or did when he rejected The LORD three times. He almost immediately cried. **The LORD looks at THE HEART**. 1Sam. 16:7; 1Kings 8:39; 1Chron.28:9; Pro.16:2; 21:3

- To clarify the above and what HE just said: Vs.13 **If "WE" are faithless, HE REMAINS FAITHFUL** for **HE cannot DENY HIMSELF**. HE has PROMISED, PURCHASED, FORGIVEN US and GIVEN US ETERNAL LIFE and **HE IS IN US** and **HE CANNOT DENY HIMSELF**.

This is all **VERY ENCOURAGING** to know, in the times that are upon us. AS Paul said to 2Timothy 3:1 **Realize this**, that in the last days **PERILOUS, DIFFICULT TIMES WILL COME**. "A line is being drawn in the sand."

2 Tim 3:12-14 Indeed, **all who desire to live godly in CHRIST JESUS WILL BE PERSECUTED**. 13 But evil men and deceivers will **proceed from bad to worse**, deceiving and being deceived. 14 **YOU, however,**

**CONTINUE** in the things you have learned and become convinced of.

Back to Matthew 24:14 This **gospel** of The KINGDOM shall be **preached** in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, **AND THEN THE END WILL COME**. This is our ministry our testimony to all, and **WHY WE REMAIN HERE, to be and to do** what JESUS did **to seek and to save the lost**. Luke 19:10 and **WILLING TO EXPERIENCE WHAT HE EXPERIENCED**.

- We must **prepare ourselves now** for when we face **tribulation, hatred, be killed, because of The Name of JESUS**.
- It appears that the gospel has or is close to reaching all nations and that **THE END** is around the corner.

Matthew 10:28 **DO NOT FEAR those who kill the body** but are **unable** to kill the soul; rather **fear HIM** who is able to **destroy** both **soul** and **body** in hell.

Hebrews 11:24-27 By FAITH Moses . . . 25 **CHOOSING** rather to **ENDURE**<sup>(8)</sup> **ILL-TREATMENT** with the people of GOD than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, 26 **considering the rejection and hatred of CHRIST GREATER RICHES** than the treasures of Egypt (the world) for **he was looking to the reward**. **Read it again and again slowly**.

- We also MUST VALUE, CHERISH and look for our REWARD, our CROWN.

Today, calls For a **One World Government** In Response To the Virus outbreak are increasing. And for the UN Security Council to give more resources and **power** to the

**International Monetary Fund** and the **World Bank** to create a **ONE WORLD CURRENCY**.

Bill Gates and other influential leaders are pushing hard for a global solution to the virus -> A **Global Digital ID as part of a vaccination program**. It would have all your information, health, body temperature, tracking your position, your bank account info and would be your credit card without which **you could not buy and sell**. **WHAT ARE WE TO DO ???**

Here is a very possible scenario to explain the predicament we are in today: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-7 with regard to the **coming** of our LORD JESUS CHRIST and our **gathering together to HIM**, 2 **that you not be quickly shaken from your composure OR BE DISTURBED** either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the **Day of The LORD** has come. 3 **Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first**, and the **MAN OF LAWLESSNESS IS REVEALED**, the **son of destruction**, 4 who **opposes** and **exalts himself** above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself (the man of lawlessness, the son of destruction) as being God. (this has not happened yet) 6 **And you know** who **RESTRAINS him now**, so that **IN his TIME** he will be revealed. 7 **For the mystery of lawlessness is ALREADY AT WORK**; only **HE** who now **RESTRAINS** will do so **UNTIL HE is TAKEN OUT OF THE WAY**.

It is obvious that the **evil of today has reached a much higher level than just a few years ago.** Is the **restrainer** being taken out of the way??????

We have entered a "new time" a "new era" setting the stage for **end time prophecies to be fulfilled.**

It seems the LORD is **beginning** to **allow** the "evil one" to **INCREASE more** of his **evil** and **destructive wickedness against the people of JESUS CHRIST.**

The **division** and the HUGE **SEPARATION** between the two kingdoms -> The **KINGDOM OF GOD** and the Evil KINGDOM OF THIS WORLD is rapidly expanding. IT IS WARFARE !

The "LINE IN THE SAND" is VERY CLEAR for all to see and **choose** which side they will stand with.

WHY IT IS DRAWN OUT OVER SUCH A LONG TIME can be explained by what the LORD said to Abraham: Genesis 15:16 **Then in the fourth generation they** (the people of Abraham) **shall return here** (from Egypt to the Promised land) **for the iniquity of the Amorite IS NOT YET COMPLETE.**

As stated here, The LORD is **allowing** the **evil one's plan** to completely **FILL** his "**cup of evil**" so that when The LORD's judgment does come, everyone will acknowledge that The LORD GOD is **JUST** in HIS **Judgment** (Exodus 23:23). It also is a time of **MERCY** allowing any and all of **GOD's seed**, HIS Children living among the other side to repent or to be **led out of harm's way as was Lot and his family**

lead out of Sodom. **This is perhaps revealing a Pre-Tribulation Rapture of all Believers, HIS Church.**

I CERTAINLY HOPE SO.

Matthew 24:37 **For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.** How was it in those days? The flood did not come until . . . . .

Genesis 6:5-6 The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was GREAT on the earth, and that EVERY INTENT of the thoughts of his "heart" was only EVIL CONTINUALLY.

And The LORD's judgment, the flood, could not be questioned

The LORD choose and told Noah a righteous man (we are also righteous by the Blood of JESUS) blameless, walked with GOD (Genesis 6:9; 7:1) To build an ark, the word means "treasure chest" to hold that which is Most Precious and valuable to The LORD, to save them from the judgment of the Flood.

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And, as happened many times in the past, the greater the tribulation the greater the **REVIVALS.** where sin abounded, **grace abounded all the more** (Romans 5:20) And hopefully this is happening today as we see: people, families, churches and Prayer groups everywhere Praying. A sense of oneness uniting HIS Church and spreading throughout the nation and the world as we see all of us in the same boat. The plague is also spreading throughout the whole world. And as Israel was



confined in their houses as the plague was upon Egypt, HIS Believers were protected by THE BLOOD of THE LAMB. This confinement is working wonders in families, bonding as never before. And a sense of oneness across lines that separated us before are being shattered. We are seeing Romans 8:28 in action worldwide, . . all things work together for good **for those who LOVE The LORD.**

Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple (in our houses) and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising GOD and having favor with all the people. **And the LORD was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.** Acts 2:46-47  
This is: REVIVAL

And when these things begin to come to pass, **then LOOK UP, and lift up your heads; for your redemption is near.** Luke 21:28

All of this is preparing us for the day that . . .  
**HE who RESTRAINS will do so UNTIL HE is TAKEN OUT OF THE WAY.**

- AND THEN WHAT? When The Restrainer is removed?

**REALIZE THIS, in the LAST DAYS PERILOUS TIMES WILL COME.** 2 Timothy 3:1

Here is the picture, the revelation of what happens when The RESTRAINER is Removed:

Matthew 24:15-28 Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, **standing in the holy place** 16 then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. 17 Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. 18 Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. 19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 20 "But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath. 21 For then **there will be a GREAT TRIBULATION**, such as has NOT OCCURRED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD until now, nor ever will. 22 Unless those days had been cut short, **no life would have been saved**; but for **the sake of the elect those days will be cut short**. (this tells us that there will be Believers present during this time :o( 23 Then if anyone says to you, Behold, here is the Christ, or There HE is, do not believe him. 24 For **false Christs** and **false prophets** will arise and **will show** great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, **if possible, even the elect**. 25 Behold, I have told you in advance. 26 So if they say to you, Behold, HE is in the wilderness, do not go out, or, Behold, HE is in the inner rooms, do not believe them. 27 For just as the LIGHTNING COMES FROM THE EAST AND FLASHES

EVEN TO THE WEST, SO WILL THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN BE. IT WILL BE SEEN BY ALL.

Matthew 24:29-31 The Glorious Return

But **immediately after the tribulation of those days** THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the POWERS OF THE HEAVENS WILL BE SHAKEN. 30 And then **the sign of the SON of MAN will appear in the sky**, and then **all the tribes of the earth will mourn**, and **THEY WILL SEE** the SON OF MAN **COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY** with POWER and GREAT GLORY. 31 And HE will send forth HIS angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER **HIS ELECT** from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

- It is possible that the RAPTURE of The Church has happened before this time and the ELECT spoken of here were born later after the rapture. As you can see . . . . I am still hoping . . . .

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the **believers who have died** so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that JESUS died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when JESUS returns, GOD will **bring back**

**with HIM** the **believers who have died**. 15 We tell you this directly from the LORD: We who are **still living** when the LORD returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. 16 For the LORD himself will come down from heaven with a **commanding shout**, with the **voice of the archangel**, and with the **trumpet of GOD. FIRST, the Christians who HAVE DIED will RISE from their graves.**

- Vs.14 said: GOD will **bring back WITH HIM** the **believers who have died**. And now vs.16 is saying after the shout and trumpet: **the Christians who have died will rise from their graves**. How do we understand that???
- When a person dies their **spirit leaves the body** and goes to be with The LORD (2Cor.5:8) and the body is buried. When the trumpet sounds their **spirit returns** with the LORD and will be joined to their natural body making it a RESURRECTION BODY like JESUS had.
- 1 Cor. 15:44 It is sown a **natural body**; it is raised a **spiritual body**. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body

17 Then, together with them, **we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the LORD in the air. Then we will**

**FOREVER BE WITH THE LORD.** 18 So encourage each other with these words.

Lets look at it from how John saw his Revelation

Revelation 20:4-6 Then I saw thrones, and **they sat on them**, and **judgment was given to them**. And **I \*SAW THE SOULS** of those who (1<sup>st</sup>.) had been **BEHEADED because of their testimony of JESUS** and because of The **Word of GOD**, (this could be me or you) and (2<sup>nd</sup>.) **those who HAD NOT worshiped the beast or his image, and HAD NOT received THE MARK on their forehead and on their hand**; and they **came to life** and reigned with CHRIST for a thousand years.

- He **saw the souls**, NT:5590 psuche (psoo-khay'); from NT:5594; **BREATH** i.e. by implication **spirit**.

The Believers **spirits were in heaven ALIVE**. and **they came to life** meaning their resurrection bodies **came to life** as their SPIRIT'S returned to their natural bodies giving them life as resurrection bodies and reigned with CHRIST. **This is the first resurrection.**

5 The rest of the dead (non-believers) **did not come to life** until the thousand years were completed. (see vs. 12-13)

6 **Blessed and Holy** is the one who has a part in **the first resurrection**; over these that are in the first resurrection the

second death **has no power**, but they will be **priests of GOD** and of **CHRIST AND WILL REIGN WITH HIM FOR A THOUSAND YEARS.**

❖ Here is THE QUESTION:

Psalm 94:16 **Who?** will rise up **for ME** against the evil doers?  
**Who?** will **stand up for ME** against the workers of iniquity??

- How do YOU answer this question ?

This is the "line-in-the-sand."

- Video: I Will Not Deny JESUS

<https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=lptpUUbfS9o&list=RDAMVMlptpUUbfS9o>

Luke 9:23-25 If anyone wishes to come after ME, **HE MUST DENY HIMSELF**, and **TAKE UP HIS CROSS** daily and **follow ME**. 24 For whoever wishes **to save his life will lose it**, but whoever **loses his life for My sake**, he is the one who will save it.

AMEN !

Maranatha

Verses to Help Us be Ready:

John 8:51 **Truly, truly**, I say to you, **if anyone keeps My word he will NEVER see death.**

Philippians 1:20 according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with **ALL BOLDNESS, CHRIST WILL EVEN NOW, AS ALWAYS, BE EXALTED IN MY BODY, WHETHER BY LIFE OR BY DEATH.** <sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and **TO DIE IS GAIN.**

Philippians 3:10-11 that I may **know HIM** and the **power of HIS resurrection** and the **FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERINGS**, being **CONFORMED** to **HIS DEATH**; <sup>11</sup> in order that I may attain to the **RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD.**

1 John 2:6 **the one who says he abides in HIM ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.**

Romans 12:1-2 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of GOD, to **PRESENT YOUR BODIES** a living and holy **SACRIFICE, acceptable to GOD**, which is your spiritual service of worship.

1 Peter 2:21-23 **For YOU have been CALLED FOR THIS PURPOSE**, since **CHRIST SUFFERED** for you, **LEAVING YOU AN EXAMPLE** for you to **FOLLOW IN HIS STEPS**, <sup>22</sup> WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; <sup>23</sup> AND WHILE BEING REVILED, HE DID NOT REVILE IN RETURN; WHILE SUFFERING, HE UTTERED NO THREATS, BUT **KEPT ENTRUSTING HIMSELF TO HIM WHO JUDGES RIGHTEOUSLY.**

1 Peter 1:6-7 **In this you greatly rejoice**, even though now for a little while, **if necessary**, you have been **distressed by various trials**, <sup>7</sup> so that the **PROOF OF YOUR FAITH**, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though **tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor** at the revelation of JESUS CHRIST;

1 Peter 1:13 **Therefore, prepare your minds for action**

1 Peter 2:12 **Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles,** so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, **they may because of your good deeds,** as they observe them, **GLORIFY GOD** in the day of visitation.

1 Peter 2:15 **FOR SUCH IS THE WILL OF GOD** that by **doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.**

1 Peter 2:19-20 **FOR THIS FINDS FAVOR,** if for the sake of conscience toward **GOD a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.** 20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if **when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, THIS FINDS FAVOR WITH GOD.**

1 Peter 3:17 For it is better, **IF GOD SHOULD WILL IT SO, THAT YOU SUFFER FOR DOING WHAT IS RIGHT** RATHER THAN FOR DOING WHAT IS WRONG.

1 Peter 4:1 Therefore, since **CHRIST has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also WITH THE SAME PURPOSE,** because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

AMEN !