Are We Running Out Of Time?

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand:" Romans 13:12(a)

Apart from the first generation of Christians, who actually saw the Lord with their own eyes, we, the last generation of the church, are truly blessed, more so than any other generation since then. We are in the last of the last days preceding the Lord's return and we are the generation of Christians that the Bible is talking about in I Thessalonians 4:15 where it states: "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." And also I Thessalonians 4:17, where it states: "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."

Already, Christians who are worried because they don't know much about prophecy, have asked us, "if we take the vaccination that the government is talking about forcing on us next year, is this the mark of the beast that the Bible talks about in Revelation 13:16? And if we take it, will we go to hell?" NO! This is <u>not</u> the mark of the beast. Where is the antichrist, who is the beast (Revelation 13:1-8)? Where is the false prophet (Revelation 13:11)? Where is the rebuilt third temple (Revelation 11:1-2) that the antichrist will defile with a statue of himself (Revelation 13:14-15)? Where are God's two witnesses (Revelation 11:3) that the antichrist will kill at the midway point of the Great Tribulation (Revelation 11:7)? No, we are not in the Great Tribulation yet, but, we are definitely in the beginning of sorrows that Jesus spoke of in Matthew 24:8. The Great Tribulation that the Lord spoke about in Matthew 24:21 will not even start until the one who is holding back the antichrist from coming on the scene, is taken away. And, that one is the Holy Spirit, dwelling in all the true Born Again Christians around the world. When the Holy Spirit is removed at the rapture, then, and only then, shall that wicked one be revealed, and not before (2 Thessalonians 2:8).

Unfortunately though, there are many well intentioned Christians who have listened to false teachers and have been told that the church is going through part, or all, of the Great Tribulation, and have had their joy and hope taken away from them. And even though they will go in the rapture of the church when it takes place, they have allowed satan to steal that comforting thought as we go through the frightening times ahead. If there ever was a time to cling to the encouraging words of Psalm 112:7, "He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD." it is now.

Doctor David Reagan, told a story a short time ago on his show "Christ in Prophecy." He had heard a speaker at a prophecy conference that he attended, say, "Now the church is going to be persecuted, arrested, and tortured for their faith, in one of the many FEMA camps that have been constructed throughout the country, and finally beheaded ... but comfort one another with these words" (I Thessalonians 4:18). Everyone in attendance started to crack up laughing because what he had just said sounded so ridiculous. Would the Lord tell us in John 14:1 "Let not your hearts be troubled" if He wasn't coming to get us in verses 2 & 3 of that same chapter? The Lord doesn't lie! (Titus 1:2). He told us, "Let not your heart be troubled" and to "comfort one another with these words," because the church which started at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4) would end at the Rapture. This is not the time of the church's trouble. It is the time of Jacob's, or Israel's, trouble (Jeremiah 30:7). All you have to do is read Daniel 9:24-27 and you will clearly see that for yourself.

And in Matthew 24:15-16, who is Jesus talking to when He said, "When you see the abomination of desolation stand in the Holy Place, then those in the U.S., France, England, Russia, flee to the mountains? No! Those in Judea! And the last time we looked at a map, Judea was part of Israel. And who is in Judea? The Jews, not the church! The church is already gone, and has been gone, for at least 3 ½ years. That's where so many Christians get deceived by their teachers. You have to be more like the Bereans and study the scriptures for yourself (Acts 17:11). And, the Bible also says in 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." If you are truly saved, then you have an unction (anointing) from the Holy One, or the Holy Spirit (I John 2:20) and He will teach you all things and lead you into all truth (I John 2:27).

A while back, even as far back as 20 years ago, a sister in the Lord, who lives near Richmond, Virginia, wrote a letter to me. And what she wrote was astounding! She and her husband were driving south on Interstate 95 one day when they saw a convoy of camouflaged Army trucks also heading south. But, what she saw on the trucks was the really amazing thing! On some of the trucks in the middle of the convoy, were large crates, and stamped on the side

of the crates was the word G.U.I.L.L.O.T.I.N.E.S. She was stunned because she had been saved since 1980 and knew all about prophecy and what the Bible says about the tribulation saints that were going to be beheaded for their faith (Revelation 20:4) during the Great Tribulation for not taking the mark of the beast, or the antichrist. I couldn't believe what I had just read.

They decided to follow the convoy all the way into North Carolina to see where it was headed. The convoy finally exited Interstate 95 and turned off onto a dirt road and headed back deep into the hills to some secret base. They tried to follow but were stopped by M.P.s and told to turn around and leave. How many times have I wished that I had kept that letter, so I could show it to those, who, when I told the story, looked at me in disbelief. And, to verify the authenticity of this sister's story, we are also adding an addendum to this, our latest study. We have had this article for at least six years now and felt it was appropriate to use it at this time.

Yes, time is running out and the age of grace is coming to a close. That is why we are told to redeem, or make good use of the time, for the days are evil (Ephesians 5:16). We pray that after reading this study, the doubts and fears of many Christians will be quelled, and silenced. Revelation 3:10 says it all, when it says, "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." Does that sound like the church is going through the Great Tribulation? And why would Jesus say in Luke 21:36, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Escape what? Escape the Great Tribulation with all of its horrors. That's why He told us to pray!

The rapture is coming and the church will be removed, or evacuated, from off the earth before all hell breaks loose in this country and around the world. If you think about all the insanity taking place right now, with all the rioting, the looting, the burning, and even the killing; that will only pale in comparison as to what is coming just after the rapture. That is why the church has to be removed, because it literally will be... hell on earth.

And, for those who are reading this study and are not saved, the Lord's arms are open to you <u>now</u> and He is saying, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Almost 2,000 years ago, Jesus was sent by the Father to die for the sins of the world (John 3:16). He was rejected, arrested, mocked, spit upon, scourged (whipped), and finally crucified on our behalf (Mark 10:33-34). He made the way (John 14:6) for all of us to be reconciled back to God, and all He asks is that you truly repent of your sins (Acts 17:30), receive Him into your heart (John 1:12), and make Him the Lord and Saviour of your life. Only Jesus can offer you eternal life. Religion can't, good works can't, penance can't, and receiving the sacraments can't. Salvation can only come through Jesus Christ (I Timothy 2:5), and it is a free gift (Romans 6:23), bought and paid for with the precious Holy blood of the Lord, at the cross (Revelation 1:5, 5:9). So, take that gift NOW, while you still can (2 Corinthians 6:2). Jesus loves you, He died for you, and wants you to be with Him forever. That's why those mansions have been built (John 14:2-3) and are ready for occupancy. It won't be long now!

Amen

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