

It's About Time

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As I set my hand to this article, it is the spring of the year 2012. Much is being said about time in both the world and in the church. Much is speculated about the future and many prognostications have been found to be completely wrong. For example: a couple of months ago there was much talk about the archeologists saying that the Mayan Calendar is coming to an end on about December 23 of this year, and therefore the speculation that it was a sign of the “end of the world” (with no one really defining that term). One day this will be looked back at with a smile. And I certainly do not believe that this world will be at an end or out of its troubles by the coming winter. As I think of the keeping and marking of time from God’s point of view, there are several scriptures that come to my mind. The first:

The Night is Coming

*John 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is **day**: the **night cometh**, when no man can work.*

What Jesus is telling His disciples is that there is coming a time when something will be changed in our circumstances that will prevent us from carrying out our business as we have always done so, and that will be in the coming of what He calls **night**. Man’s work or man’s ability to work in his own effort will end and the only work that can then be done will be God’s work. The works of flesh are coming to their end and only what is done by the spirit will endure. The prophet Isaiah also describes this time in writing the following:

Isa 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

*2 For, behold, the **darkness** shall cover the **earth**, and gross darkness the **people**: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.*

*3 And the Gentiles shall come to **thy light**, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.*

It seems quite clear from these passages that God is using spiritual language to describe the changes that will be taking place on the earth and not just the coming of natural darkness (which comes regularly as day and night continue its 24 hour cycle of the earth’s rotation). Darkness will cover the earth; spiritually that refers to the carnal realm (including that of

the lives and souls of carnal Christians). The earth's unredeemed people will also be enveloped in this trap and unable to escape except by the life of the spirit (calling on the name of the Lord). The souls of most men will no longer be exposed to the light of God's Spirit, as a result of their own continuing and deliberate actions of blocking it out and rejecting every aspect of it. This will coincide with that period of Great Tribulation which is coming upon all the earth.¹ But in contrast, the sons of God will be walking in more light (the brightness of perfection in Christ) and that light (Christ) will eventually fill all the earth. The other passage that comes to mind is found in Revelation 10:

*Re 10:5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,
6 And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that **there should be time no longer:**
7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.*

Darkness Being Loosed

Now the context of Revelation 10 is that it follows immediately after the sounding of the sixth trumpet, in which the four angels are loosed from being bound in the River Euphrates (the seat of the spirit of Islam), resulting in the third part of the human population being slain.

*Re 9:15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an **hour**, and a **day**, and a **month**, and a **year**, for to slay the third part of men.*

The mention in this passage to hour, day, month and year are references to time as man keeps track of time. So it is not the keeping or marking of time that is coming to an end, but that time will no longer be delayed insofar as bringing in the fullness of all that God has ordained for men and this earth. We can see how the spirits of Islam are crying for their release and how they have boasted of their plans to bring death and destruction to the earth and to all those who will not submit to their ways. To this date there has only been a measure of release for them, as we saw on 9-11-01 when the twin towers of New York were brought down, a date that in my own opinion marks the true start of this last great world war.

¹ Matthew 24:21

But these spirits are asking for a lot more than this; they want for example, a chance to annihilate the little nation of Israel, which seems to represent to the principalities of hell (particularly of Persia) that there is something here that is holding them back from their world rule and eventual destructive ambitions. The news media is now talking openly about Iran's becoming a nuclear power and how it might be stopped or at least delayed by some kind of military activity. Much chaos and destruction are being anticipated as a result of such action. But we are fast approaching the place when according to Revelation 10:6 that "time will no longer be delayed or held back". We have also seen the results of what has been called "The Arab Spring", in which only a year ago, saw the beginning of "restless waves of the sea"² rise up in the Islamic world of the Mediterranean area and overthrow their rulers, setting the stage for a new wave of rigid, merciless Islamic dominion.

These spirit devils also want their release in the west and have been showing themselves in rebellion and lawless demonstrations in Paris, London and New York. The Occupy Wall Street movement is a cover up name under the guise that greed and capitalism are the cause of all our problems. As we hear the prophetic word that is going forth in this hour, we believe that these kind of demonstrations are going to intensify to the point that widespread anarchy could take over even the most stable of governments. The heavens and the earth are being shaken such that only the kingdom of God will remain unshaken.³

The Fullness in Time

Since we clearly preach and proclaim an end time kingdom of God message let me give one more reference to this "conclusion of all the things", that we see coming:

Eph 1:10 That in the dispensation of the **fullness of times** he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

This passage clearly indicates that God has our calendar in his complete control; in fact, I would be more correct to call it His calendar. It is He that is in charge of the dispensation (the state and order of commands and promises that regulate human affairs) and it is He that brings about the fulfillment (the maturity, completion, perfection, consummation and culmination) of all things. Now we are living in that time period and this definition includes both the good and the bad; both of righteousness and

² Jude 13 and Luke 21:25 which foretells of the rising up of restless (raging waves of) unredeemed humanity in riots, demonstrations and insurrection against governments, a sign of His coming.

³ Hebrews 12:26-28.

of wickedness, all of which are coming to a finality of fullness. This will be the time of the final showdown that will result in the winner (Christ) taking all.

Fullness in heaven and fullness in earth! But let me go a step further in declaring that heaven will come down and will completely fill all of the earth and humanity with the fullness of the presence of God.

Re 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

*2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, **coming down from God out of heaven**, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Babylon's Full Cup

“No more sea” means no more realm of unregenerate mankind, no more restless waves of the sea obeying the winds of satanic suggestion (a new spiritual realm of heaven without this influence). There will be no more room for wickedness; the wicked shall have been removed from the world (new earth). Brethren, we are going to see it happen with our own eyes. We are going to behold the destruction of Babylon (that harlot⁴ system of false religion that has substituted so much of man's corruption for the things of God); she is coming to her fullness, her cup is almost full.

*Re 17:4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having **a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:***

5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

*6 And I saw the woman **drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus:** and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.*

⁴ Roman Catholicism is the mother system and she has many daughters (church and religious systems).

There is no system or network that has done more to shed the innocent blood of God's true people than this harlot church has done.⁵ She has been in bed with the political and the economic empires of this world. They (all aspects of Babylon) are coming to their end. Flee from her, dear people.

*Re 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her, my people**, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.*

This wicked pretense of religion that has deceived so many people (many waters⁶) is under God's curse and is slated for complete destruction. We must not in any way remain a part of her or to allow any sympathy of her to remain in our souls, or we too will become a partaker of her destruction. Even the Old Testament prophet gives the same word by the Spirit of God:

*Jer 51:6 **Flee out** of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the LORD'S vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence.*

7 Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD'S hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.

8 Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.

*9 We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: **forsake her**, and let us go every one into his own country: for her judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies.*

Since a woman is a type and shadow for a church (wife/bride) in the Bible, the reference here to a woman is clearly referring to that false religious church system that has control of the souls of billions of people. The statement "we would have healed" her, is human reasoning that if only we can get her reformed or renewed somehow we can salvage a great organization. But God says, "NO", she is going to be totally destroyed in one hour.⁷ And the merchant systems and the political systems that have been tied to her will partake of the same plagues. Some of God's people are still found in her but the warning is being sounded to distance yourselves from her. I am speaking of Babylon as an example of something that is coming to its fullness (and termination) in God's fullness of time.

⁵ Revelation 18:24

⁶ Revelation 17:1 & 15, Jeremiah 51:13

⁷ Revelation 18:17

All Things in Christ

But on the positive side there is coming a time when He is also going to “gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth”.⁸ And this is very good news that this will be the end result of this terrible shaking that our earth and its people are going to go through in these end times. Heaven and earth coming together in one in Christ, can you imagine? This is new heaven and new earth; and I am not suggesting that this present earth is going to be recreated by God from a pile of nuclear ash, since God’s word clearly says that His earth will remain.⁹ The devil may want to totally destroy it, including all that God has created, but He will not allow it to happen. And I believe that He is going to give his end time sons the power (authority) to be part of that mighty army that will bring Satan’s juggernaut to a halt and its destruction. And so the overcoming sons of God will also come into their fullness of perfection as promised:

Re 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

And so since the subject of this message concerns time, let us look into the book of beginnings to see the origin of our timekeeping:

God Created Timekeeping

*Ge 1:14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for **seasons**, and for **days**, and **years**:*

God is eternal and He dwells in the eternal realm, in which there is no keeping of time. Heavenly beings have no need of keeping track of days or seasons or years. It is only mortal man that needs these things, and when he leaves this realm and passes over into eternity he is no longer oriented to time. It is clear from the above passage from Genesis that at the time of creation, God also created the keeping of time. And so God set in motion the ability of man to make clocks and calendars. But hidden into our calendars it seems that God put His own time keeping plans. It might be well for us to try to determine where we are insofar as God’s fullness of time.

⁸ Ephesians 1:10

⁹ Psalms 78:69, 90:2, 104:5; Ecc. 1:4

God left the first set of clues in His actions in which He established the very first week of creation. Since we are in the book of beginnings, let us look at the creation of man. The latter part of the first chapter records the creation of man on the sixth day. Six then becomes the number of man. But man was not the only thing that God created on the sixth day. Man, I believe was the very last thing that was created on the sixth day following the creation of beasts, creeping things and cattle. Man was then to be given dominion over all of God's earthly creation:

*Ge 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and **subdue it: and have dominion over** the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

This statement flies directly in the face of modern new age thinking that says that the earth belongs to the trees and the wild animals (Mother Nature). This rebellious doctrine is being vigorously taught to our school children and is intended to give rise to a generation that will "save the whales" but demand the right to kill our unborn human children. This teaching also says that the world is overpopulated and opens the door to euthanasia and genocide. A former Secretary of Defense who later became president of the World Bank made a report to his constituents in which he suggested that it should be a goal to reduce world population significantly. Those who hold this philosophy have been using environmentalism as a means to achieve their agenda for One World Government, which is one of the highest forms of treason against the creator God. It was Nimrod's early form of one world dominion at the tower of Babel (the first and original Babylon) that provoked God to come down and separate the people into tribes and nations in giving them a variety of languages (babble).¹⁰

So the number six has become the number symbolic of man (his day of creation) and the number seven (God's day of rest) has become the number of fullness or completion. And we will see in this study that the number seven is very significant in God's keeping of time or calendar. So the sixth day was the day that God created not only cattle, beasts and creeping things, but also man.¹¹ And since man is the last thing mentioned of this day, I believe that it was the last thing that God created. And since God's description of the day is:

¹⁰ Genesis 11:1-9

¹¹ Genesis 1:24-31

When a Day Begins

*Ge 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the **evening and the morning** were the sixth day.*

And so it was with God and so it still is with certain cultures that still keep time in this traditional way,¹² the new day begins with the setting of the sun. This is quite different from the way most of modern man counts a day's beginning. Most of us probably think of a day beginning at sunrise in the morning, when we awaken from a night of sleep and we begin the activity of the daylight. Technically we have made our new day to begin at the stroke of midnight on our clocks which are all set to different time zones around the world, and it is according to this timekeeping system that the world's airlines and transportation systems keep their schedules.

And so in the last hour of daylight of the sixth day, man was created by God and came to life in the image of God. But Adam's awareness of daylight didn't last very long as the setting sun brought on darkness. And the seventh day (the day of rest and the day of fullness) began in darkness. It must have been rather confusing for man to have heard the cries of the beasts and cattle and not to have been able to see them or to understand what was happening until the sun rose again 12 hours later. I mention this because we are going to look at God's spiritual 7th day millennium of rest which we expect to see shortly. And so we first see the darkness of a new day and do not at first have the benefits of the daylight, even as with the first man, this also being Adam's experience.

The Seventh Day/ Millennium

And so with creation, God set a pattern of seven days as a measure of the passing of time. The seventh day was to be a day of rest, symbolizing completeness or fullness. The seventh month would later be celebrated as the Feast of Tabernacles. After seven times seven (49) years was to be a year of Jubilee (the 50th year). Nowhere in the word can we find "seven" as the number of tribulation, as taught by some who hold a pre-tribulation rapture doctrine. Man's first full day in God's creation was rest, but before he could clearly see it, he went through a period of darkness. Now we know that God has another timepiece besides the natural week of days. Go to II Peter 3 and begin in v.3-4,

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? For since

¹² In Ethiopia the clocks begin to mark the first hour at sunset (what we call 6 PM).

the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation (modern science refuses to even acknowledge creation).

After Peter reminds the reader of God's judgment in the days of Noah and his future plans for judgment by fire we pick up with verse 8.

*“But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, **that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.** The Lord is not slack concerning his promise as some men count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the **day of the Lord** will come as a thief in the night...”*

So it is evident that God also has a millennial week's calendar planned for this world. As further evidence of God's seventh day millennium of rest let us extract these words from Revelation 20:4-7. First referring to martyred tribulation saints ...

*...”and they lived and reigned with Christ **a thousand years.** But the rest of the dead lived not again until **the thousand years** were finished.”* Again referring to the partakers of the first resurrection...*”but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him **a thousand years.** And when **the thousand years** are expired....”*

I am satisfied that the passage above clearly refers to the seventh millennium of rest on the earth in which Satan is bound,¹³ the wicked removed from the earth¹⁴ and sin has no place to rule. Peter refers to the coming of this time period as **the day of the Lord**. Now I do not believe the word “day” here necessarily refers to a natural 24 hour day, but it refers to the time of transition into this seventh millennium, a time to be known for unprecedented tribulation, cataclysms and the manifestation of God's judgment of the wickedness and unrighteousness of this present earth. The Lord's Day should also refer to the entire 1000 year period, in which He and His kingdom (including His overcoming sons as priests) rules over the entire world.

God's Seventy Week Calendar

So God has stated in the book of Daniel the seven things that He expects to accomplish as we come into this His Day:

*Da 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, **(1)** to finish (restrain) the transgression, and **(2)** to make an (seal up)*

¹³ Revelation 20:1-3

¹⁴ Is. 1:28; Ps. 101:8, 55:23; Job 21:17, 30, 31:3; Prov. 10:29-30, 21:15 to name a few.

end of sins, and (3) to make reconciliation for iniquity, and (4) to bring in everlasting righteousness, and (5) to seal up the vision (6) and prophecy, and (7) to anoint the most Holy.

25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall (or breach), even in troublous times.

26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.: (or, it shall be cut off by desolations}.

27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate (or the desolator}.

Now let me say that I have added a few Hebrew word definitions in the above passage which are not in italics and are in parentheses. I have also added parenthetical bold numbers in the 24th verse to indicate God's seven purposes for this time. So the *Seventy weeks* that start the 24th verse is literally "Seventy periods of seven" (or 70 x 7 years = 490) *are determined upon thy people* (and this does not just refer to only natural blood Hebrew people but includes the New Testament's *saints of the Most High*¹⁵). And so in addition to His seven millennium calendar, God also has a 490 year timepiece (or clock) within the large one and it involves His covenant with latter day's saints of our time as well.

Now I promise to come to the place where we will determine quite clearly where we are at the present time in both of these divine timepieces, but before we leave this Daniel passage we should determine what is actually being said here insofar as the 490 years in which God would accomplish certain things. Verses 25 and 26 deal with the first 69 of the 70 weeks by making it a combination of 7 and 62 weeks (or seven year periods of time). And these 69 weeks (x 7 = 483 years) would be the period of time that would transpire from the beginning of the restoration of Jerusalem¹⁶ until the coming of the Messiah, Jesus the Christ (which to my understanding was fulfilled at the time of His ministry, since He was not revealed as The Christ until that time).

¹⁵ As also mentioned in Daniel 7: 18, 25 and 27.

¹⁶ Historical records indicate that Artaxerxes gave the order to rebuild in 445 BC. The crucifixion of Christ is said to have been in 29 AD so He would have begun His ministry in 25 AD. That is a 470 year span (as we count years), still 13 years short of the 483 needed to make 69 weeks. Some say God is referring to (29 day/month) Jewish years of 348 days. That might account for ½ of the 13 years but there is still 6+ missing years. Others suggest using a strict lunar cycle of 29.53 day months and 12 months per year adding 14.4 years to the calculation. I have never been able to make the math on this come out. I do believe God's word, so obviously something is missing in man's calculation of time and events, and may be a result of changes that men have made in calendars.

The 27th verse of Daniel 9 deals with the 70th week (which occurs after the second or the 62 week period) and it seems to be set apart from the other 69, having a dividing and an ending life of its own. So let us take a closer look at the first half of verse 27:

*Da 9:27 And **he** shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in **the midst of the week** he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease...*

This sentence is probably one of the most misunderstood verses in the Bible. The word “**he**” does not refer to the antichrist¹⁷ but refers to the subject in both of the previous verses which is the **Messiah**. Secondly, only God can make and confirm a covenant with us, not the devil or his agent. Thirdly, after three and one half years¹⁸ of ministry (confirming God’s covenant to us) the Messiah was cut off in crucifixion and became the last and final sacrifice that the Father would ever accept.

*But this man (Jesus Christ), after he had **offered one sacrifice for sins forever**, sat down on the right hand of God, (Hebrews 10:12)*

So from God’s point of view any further sacrifice that men would attempt to carry out would become an abomination bringing desolation. But the Jews continued to offer animal sacrifices, an abomination that brought on the desolation. This is exactly what happened to natural Jerusalem approximately forty years later (a 3½ year siege from 67-70 AD) under the Roman general Titus. Jerusalem and the temple were totally destroyed. God will not allow this temple to be restored again nor will He allow animal sacrifice to be resumed again. When He returns suddenly to His temple¹⁹ as prophesied, He will not be returning to a natural stone temple but to His tabernacle of believing saints, who will then walk in the fullness of His covenant for the last half of the 70th week during great tribulation.

The Seventieth Week

So this seventieth week of Daniel is where the churches get the erroneous doctrine of a seven-year period of tribulation. But as we can see, half of that seventieth week has already been fulfilled by Jesus Christ in His 3½ year ministry, so that leaves half of a week to go. Let’s turn to the Word of God to see what is actually said about this period of time. Look in Daniel 7:25.

¹⁷ The pre-trib rapture proponents claim that “he” refers to the antichrist as in v. 26 “the people of the **prince** that shall come”..., which literally was the Roman army under Titus.

¹⁸ The middle of the Daniel’s seventieth week (Dan 9:27).

¹⁹ Malachi 3:1

*And he (the horn among the ten that overthrew three other leaders) shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change the times and laws; and they (the saints) shall be given into his hand until **a time and times and the dividing of time (3 ½ years)**.*

The angel spoke again to Daniel in chapter 12;

*v.1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince who standeth for thy people (not just Jews but all of God's people), and there shall be **a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation** even to that same time...*

The angel then speaks of the resurrections of the righteous and the ungodly. Then two others join the angel as we read in v. 6 & 7.

*And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was upon the waters of the river, **How long shall it be to the end** of these wonders? And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him who liveth forever, that it shall be for **a time, times and an half; (3 ½ years)**...*

The angel then tells Daniel that this word is to be sealed up and that the understanding will only be given at “*the time of the end*”. This is our time! The New Testament book of Revelation carries on where Daniel leaves off, so let us look there for our end-time understanding of this 3 ½ years.

Re 11:1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

*2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months **(3 ½ years)**.*

*3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses²⁰, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days **(3 ½ years)**, clothed in sackcloth.*

Re 12:5 And she (the “wise virgin” church) brought forth a man child (the overcoming church), who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

*6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days **(3 ½ years)**.*

²⁰ Revelation 14:4 This is the same overcoming church company, undefiled by women (harlot church systems/religious organizations).

Re 12:14 And to the woman (the “wise virgin”) were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time (3 ½ years), from the face of the serpent.

I believe the case is made quite clearly. This last half of Daniel’s 70th week is a 3 ½ year period of time, the first half being fulfilled in Christ’s ministry, at which He confirmed God’s covenant with mankind and was cut off in the midst of the week. This last half of the week is also the same as the time of great tribulation and it is not a 7 year period of time; to make it so or to attempt to make two consecutive 3 ½ year periods of tribulation is nothing more than twisting the word of God.

The final witness of this last half of the 70th week I will take as that of Elijah’s ministry. It begins with the word from the last Old Testament book of Malachi about the latter day’s return of the Elijah Company ministry²¹ and it continues into the New Testament’s mention of Elijah.

Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

In Matthew 17 and Mark 9 Jesus told his disciples that Elijah (Elias) would come before the day of the Lord. He also told them that John the Baptist was a spiritual Elijah. Surely the Elijah that is to come will be another spiritual Elijah in the fullest measure (an Elijah company of overcomers). Jesus explained in Matthew 11:11 that John (the natural man) was the greatest of those born to a (natural) woman, however, the least of the Kingdom of God (born of the water and the spirit²²) is considered even greater than John. We can be part of that Elijah Company! Luke 4:25 speaks of a time period in which the natural historical Elijah ministered,

*But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up **three years and six months**, when great famine was throughout all the land.*

James 5:17 also speaks of this time.

*Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it rained not upon the earth by the space of **three years and six months**.*

We see that the Elijah Company that will be manifest will move in the same authority, the same anointing and likewise a same time span of 3 ½ years. This is

²¹ For more detail please see our book, [Elijah Must Come](#), also posted on the web site.

²² John 3:5

the same time that is given to the two witnesses (Rev. 11), the woman church being fed in the wilderness (Rev 12:14) and the beast from out of the sea being given power²³ to continue to do what he will do.

So as we finish the discussion of Daniel's 70 weeks, I see that 69 ½ weeks of this time span has already been fulfilled, and then the clock was stopped and will remain stopped until the beginning of the unprecedented time of great tribulation which will be upon all of the world. Whereas we believe we are in that season of time in which the clock could be started by God again, and as with the coming of the day of the Lord, still no man knows the day or the hour.

The Number Forty

Since this writing is about time, I'd like to share a few other things that we see about time and perhaps the readers can come to their own conclusions about how it applies. Since we are talking about testing, tribulation, trial and judgment, there are other numbers that relate to this subject quite prominently in the bible, primarily the number **forty**. It seems that God has hidden these "forty" clocks (sometimes in a multiple of three) within the lives and circumstances of people and nations which we are completely unaware of at the time and can only see in retrospect. The church is certainly in a time of some tribulation at this present time, but we cannot now give it a time of beginning nor project a time of its ending. The prophetic word is saying that its intensity will increase for at least a near season of time. So if the reader will bear with me let us begin with forty from the book of beginnings in the days of Noah:

*Gen.7:12 And the rain was upon the earth **forty** days and **forty** nights
And again v.17 says, "And the flood was **forty** days upon the earth..."*

Jesus, after his baptism by John was:

*Matt. 4:1-2: led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted (tested) by the devil. And when he had fasted **forty** days and **forty** nights he was afterward hungry.*

Moses also went up in the mountain to be with God and receive the Ten Commandments

*Exodus 34:28a, And he was there with the Lord **forty** days and **forty** nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water.*

I remember reading awhile back that there is a record in an ancient Hebrew book known as the Book of Jubilees and that Moses' time on Mount Sinai marked the

²³ Revelation 13:5: "forty and two months".

fiftieth Jubilee (2,500 years) from creation. Moses' entire life was divided into three forty-year periods. The first forty years he lived as an Egyptian. The second forty years he spent on the back side of the desert, serving a murder sentence that God had given him. So he died on Mt. Nebo at Israel's last wilderness encampment at the age of 120, three periods of forty. Now three speaks of divine perfection and forty speaks of testing and tribulation. According to Romans 5:3-5 and James 1:2-4, this kind of tribulation brings us into God's perfection through patience as God had done so with Moses.

When the Lord spoke to Noah about the building of the ark and how long it was to take him to do so he said:

*Genesis 6:3...My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an **hundred and twenty years**.*

After that time God brought judgment on all flesh. Jesus also said in Matthew 24:37, "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." We could also recall from Acts 1:15 that there were 120 gathered in the upper room, waiting for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; a type of first fruits people. If the current calendar is close to being correct, the year 2000 could mark the passing into God's 120th Jubilee from creation.

Before I come back to Israel's forty-year experience with Moses in the wilderness let us look at several other examples. Judges 13:1 reports that, "...Israel did evil again in the sight of the Lord; and the Lord delivered them into the hand of the Philistines **forty years**," after which God sent Samson to begin their deliverance.

Again the Philistine giant Goliath, taunted Israel **forty** days before David, the overcomer came and wrought a deliverance, which the stubborn and rebellious king Saul was unable to accomplish.

The Lord also spoke to Ezekiel in 4:6 & 7, "...lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah **forty days**; I have appointed thee each day for a year. Therefore, thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem..."

Jonah cried out in 3:4, "Yet **forty days**, and Nineveh shall be overthrown." They responded God's way in their forty-day trial, by repenting. I realize that the number forty appears in the Bible where it does not refer to tribulation. I also realize that there are times of trial and judgment in the word that are not associated with the number forty. However, I believe that the above sample is ample.

Now let us return to Israel's time in the wilderness. The crucial test is reported in Numbers 13, while Israel camped at Kadesh-barnea, Moses sent twelve spies into

the promised land. As a result of Israel's murmuring and unbelief in listening to an "evil report", the Lord sentenced them as recorded below:

Ex. 14; 31-34. *But your little ones, whom ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised. But as for you, your carcasses shall fall in the wilderness. And your children shall wander in the wilderness **forty years**, and bear your whoredoms (harlotries), until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness. After the number of days in which ye searched the land, **even forty days, each day for a year**, shall ye bear your iniquities, even **forty years**, and ye shall know my breach of promise.*

So what actually happened? Did they serve the full forty-year sentence? I had always believed they did so until I looked carefully into the matter. The Lord Jesus in speaking about the end time tribulation period says:

Matt. 24:21 & 22, *For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.*

Jesus said that His Father God is going to shorten these appointed days for us. Now I must confess that I don't yet know quite what that means. He is clearly talking about the time of great tribulation, but does it apply to anything else? Deuteronomy 2:14 indicates that he applied it to Israel;

*And the period in which we came from Kadesh-barnea, until we were come over the brook Zered, was **thirty and eight years**, until all the generation of the men of war were perished from among the host, as the Lord swore unto them.*

The crossing of the brook Zered was a significant event. It flows from the East into the lower (southern) end of the Dead Sea. It marks the boundary between Midian and Moab. Their crossing from here brought them out of "the wilderness" and into the Plains of Moab. Then they move quite rapidly toward the final camp east of the Jordan River. It is from this point on that we see Israel shifting from defensive warfare to an offensive posture²⁴ at the instruction of God, e.g., the battle and victory over the Amorite kings.²⁵ It seems that God shortened the sentence for them, giving them credit for the two years of time spent after crossing the Red Sea at Mt. Sinai, and before the first visit to Kadesh-barnea.

²⁴ I believe that a prophetic word has been given in the early months of 2012 that the church should change from a defensive posture to an offensive one against the forces of hell. Are we crossing the Zered?

²⁵ Num. 21 & Deut. 2:24

God's Seven Millennium Calendar

So if we can now go back to the discussion of time before we took up the 70 week calendar of Daniel, I would like to take another look at the 7000 year period which I might call the Grand Calendar and let us see where we stand in this time period. We are quite certain that man has lost track of time to the extent that our Gregorian Calendar is not accurate. Scholars now acknowledge that the priest who was commissioned by Pope Gregory was off by about four years in his calculation of the time of the birth of Jesus. Even the names of our first eight months have been corrupted by the names of pagan gods and kings. The current thinking of most time scholars is that Jesus birth was about 4 BC and that the creation would have been in about 4004 BC. It seems that we have already passed into a new millennium and have crossed the 6000-year mark from the creation and that we are now into the seventh millennium, but at what point did we cross over, is it significant and what can we expect now?

God spoke to Moses at the time of the Passover in which he set them on a calendar as he had intended from the beginning.

Ex 12:2 ***This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.***

In Deuteronomy 16:1 we find that this month (March-April on our calendar) was named **Abib** (also referred to as Nisan). The Hebrew meaning of the word "Abib" refers to a specific point of maturity of the barley fields in this region. So the month of Abib cannot come, thus the year cannot begin until the barley is at this point of readiness. I would like to come back later and show how barley is a type of the "first fruits company."

Many scholars have sought to answer this question. Some have even sought to return to God's ancient ways of reckoning time. They have also returned to the reckoning of a new month by the sighting of a new moon by two witnesses. Using this method and NASA information (which claims a precise lunar cycle of 29.53059 days) and astronomical projections, one pundit has come to some of the following conclusions: The eighth day of creation was Abib 1 (March 26) 4001 BC. Jesus of Nazareth was born on Tishri 15, 3 BC (September 23), at the time of the Feast of Tabernacles in the 3999th year of creation. The Messiah was cut off (i.e., crucified) in the midst of the week, 33 ½ years later at the time of Passover and precisely fulfilled every detail of the law to become the perfect Lamb of God. He also projected that Abib 1, 6001 would occur on April 5 or 6, 2000 depending on New Moon sighting and Abib readiness. This much of his work and conclusions I don't have much of a problem with, although his math still doesn't line up with work that others have done. Nevertheless I am satisfied that by this time (2012) we have certainly crossed into the 7th Millennium of God's time since creation. So we know that God set time in motion at the time of creation and that

he also re-set some keeping of time for them at the first Passover. The passage below shows the nature of antichrist in wanting to corrupt God's laws and times.

*Daniel 7:25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to **change times and laws**: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.*

Evolution of the Modern Calendar

So to discover what has happened to the calendar over the past years I went to the 1958 edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica. The history of the calendar takes up 16 pages in the encyclopedia; much of it complicated calculations and mathematics. So let me try to summarize what I believe to be the part that might interest us the most.

We cannot be certain how the early Hebrews accounted for time. During their years in Egypt they must have adopted the Egyptian method which was not very sophisticated. They counted the beginning of a new year to be the heliacal rising (after being hidden by the sun for a season) of the star Sirius (Sothis), which corresponded with the rising of the Nile, which is said to reach its maximum flood stage about the first of September. It is said that Julius Caesar borrowed his keeping of the calendar from the Egyptians. However, we do know that God told the Hebrews at the time of their Exodus from Egypt that they were to keep a different kind of calendar.

Exodus 12:2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.

This new year was now in the spring of the year (March/April) and it was to begin with the month of Abib (later called Nisan). Now this was not an event which could be predicted by methods of man's calculations, but it could only be determined by observations of natural events. The coming of the month Abib could only be declared by the ripeness of the barley²⁶ in the fields, and the beginning of that month (or any month) could only be determined by the observation (not the calculated actual astronomical event) of the new moon by two witnesses. Passover was then to be celebrated 14 days after this new year.

It is not known how long the Hebrews kept Abib as the first month of the year, but we do know that after the Babylonian captivity, they were using the Babylonian names of their months and were keeping Tishri²⁷ at the time of the

²⁶ The barley came to maturity in the fields before the wheat (Ex. 9:31) and were smitten by the 7th plague. Barley is therefore a type of "Firstfruits" Company.

²⁷ They had reverted back to a more Egyptian way of keeping the new year, which is still their practice. September 17 is the Jewish new year (Rosh Hashanah) in 2012.

Day of Atonement and the Feast of Tabernacles, as the month that began their new year. This was quite out of keeping with God's instructions for them, even though they kept their feasts at the proper time. This Semitic keeping of the fall as the new year is still carried on today by the Jews and the Semitic people of Ethiopia.

We also know that in the 2nd century BC the Book of Jubilees was written which contains a peculiar calendar, which records every event from the creation to the beginning of the Exodus and is dated in Jubilee periods of 49 years and heptads (groups of seven). It is doubtful that this calendar was actually used. About the year 921 AD a great debate arose among two sects of the Jews over the calendar issue; there were those who believed calculations were impious and useless and who sought to reintroduce observation. By the end of the 15th century, necessity forced the adoption of calculation (not observation of barley and sightings of new moons) for their calendar.

The early Romans kept a calendar that began with March (Martius) and ended with February (Februarius). This calendar was quite confusing and clumsy and Julius Caesar attempted to reform it in 46 BC. The 5th and 6th month he renamed after the Caesars, Julius (July) and Augustus (August). But the remaining months kept their original names September (7th month) through December (10th month). He added 67 days to the calendar that year between the months of November and December in an attempt to correct the loss of that many days because of past miscalculations.

That calendar stood as the world's standard until the present day Gregorian calendar, which was introduced by Pope Gregory XIII in March of 1582. This calendar corrected much of the miscalculations of past calendars and was really the work of a brilliant astronomer and physician by the name of Aloysius Lilius, who died before it was introduced. The work was finished by a man named Clavius, who confirmed all of the calculations and published an 800 page treatise on the subject in 1603. Gregory directed the removal of 10 days from the Julian calendar, declaring October 5th to be the 15th of the month, and thus restored the spring equinox to the intended permanent position of March 21st. By the 18th century this 10 day gap was 11 days and by the 19th century it would be 12 days. The Gregorian calendar was readily adopted in the Catholic countries of Europe. But the German protestant states held the Julian calendar until the year 1700. Great Britain changed to the Gregorian calendar in 1752, at which time the legal beginning of the year was changed from the 25th of March to the 1st of January.

It is clear from this article that Gregory's (the Catholic Church's) primary motive of making the new calendar was not so much to correct the astronomical errors of the old calendar, but to establish a fixed time for the celebration of Easter. Their definitions of the time of Easter were so precise as to specifically avoid any concurrence with the exact date of the Jewish Passover. In 1923 a committee of the League of Nations also considered a reform of the calendar in order to

establish a fixed Easter date. It is interesting to note that this year (2012) Passover and Easter are only one day apart, April 7 and 8 respectively.

So any reference to our present calendar year can only refer to either the keeping of a Gregorian or a Julian marking of time. It cannot refer to the span of time from the birth of Jesus Christ until now. Nearly all “time” scholars agree that this calculation (which was intended to mark the time from His birth) is off by 3 or 4 years. One time student claims he was born on what we call September 23rd (the 15th day of Tishri [seventh month] on the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles) in the year 3 BC. So if we were counting time from the actual birth of Christ it would now be 2015 or 2016. However this one also claims that the year 2000 coincides with the year 6000 from creation (which is kind of confusing). He claims the final 7th day of creation was Abib 1; therefore a true 2000 should start with Abib.²⁸ Thus our year 2000 would have marked the 120th Jubilee, which we are now 12 years into. He may have been right about the calculations up to 2000 but his predictions of what that would mean to natural Israel have been far from what we believe (i.e. rebuilding of a Millennial Temple etc).

The one thing we know about the Gregorian calendar is that they messed with God’s new year and set it in a pagan (solstice) time setting. At least the Julian was close to the proper time of new year, within a few days or as much as a month. I doubt that God would mind a correction of the calculations based on the true astronomical benchmarks that He gave us to keep time. But Gregory’s Roman Catholic motives were not exactly pure, as they mainly wanted to establish their Easter dates and furthermore they had a genuine distain for the true Passover.

First the Darkness

So getting back to the creation of man and Adam’s first full day (God’s seventh) on this earth, after only a brief taste of daylight, then his first real lasting experience would have been 12 hours of night. To draw a spiritual lesson from that would be the understanding that whereas we have surely crossed into God’s seventh millennium, in which He promises us a long season of rest and light, we seem to be seeing only increasing darkness. And this could be upsetting to many Christians because we were fed on erroneous church teaching about the coming of Christ, expecting that our passing into the seventh millennium would immediately manifest the universal reign of Christ on this earth. However we fail to consider that God’s new day always begins with the setting sun. So as we see this present darkness waxing stronger, we wrongly conclude that we are not in the 7th day yet. I can clearly remember a time about 30 years ago of thinking that

²⁸ The apparent source is the Book of Jubilees, which showed the giving of the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mt Sinai at the 50th Jubilee.

the life of this world cannot get any darker, but how wrong I was about that as there has been a lot more darkness that has come.

Now I believe that God has hidden another clue in His word about time and in particular about our coming through the darkness. What is needed is some teaching on the biblical reference to “midnight”.

At Midnight

I believe that we will see that midnight not only represents the darkest hour spiritually²⁹, but that it also represents a significant turning point in the circumstances.³⁰ We read:

*Exodus 11:4, And Moses said, Thus saith the Lord, About **midnight** will I go out into the midst of Egypt.*

This was the night of the Passover. This was the final event, the tenth and fullness of plagues, which turned the tide and persuaded Pharaoh to release God’s people. It was not the end of their labor to enter into the rest, but it marked the point of their deliverance. Read on:

*Exodus 12:29, And it came to pass, that at **midnight** the Lord smote all the first-born of Egypt...*

The man Samson, who is a type of the man-child,³¹ was found in the Philistine city of Gaza in a harlot’s house on a certain night. The men of the city had him surrounded and were waiting for daybreak to kill him.

*Judges 16:3 And Samson lay till **midnight**, and arose at **midnight**, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of an hill that is before Hebron.*

It is unfortunate that a son of God was found in a worldly place or in a harlot’s house, but at least he heard the call of God

Revelation 18:4,...come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Judgment for Babylon

²⁹ Apparently we have not yet come to that point, yet it must be coming very close.

³⁰ Let the reader understand please, that I am in **no way** suggesting a 50% (500 years) of a millennial period of darkness for this 7th day.

³¹ Rev. 12:5

Brethren, let us not wait until midnight to flee from the harlot church system. If God intends her judgment at midnight, another minute could be too late. While it may be true that there are born again believers in almost every “church” system, perhaps even “sons of God”; it is still true that while God loves the individual, he makes it quite clear that the harlot systems are an abomination to him. I believe the reason God’s children are not hearing the call to “*come out of her*” is because of two main deceptions about her. The first is because they can’t believe that their system or denomination could possibly be a part of spiritual Babylon. The arguments go: “people are getting saved, we are sending out missionaries, we have such a good youth program and my children really enjoy the activity, our pastor really loves the Lord,” etc., etc. But our love for her does not change God’s definition of or his judgment plan for Babylon. If your loyalty and your headship, i.e. your covering, is any one or anything besides the person of the Lord Jesus Christ (not a representative of Him), then you are involved in something that is a substitute to the true church. Over the past fifteen or twenty years, I have come to understand that Babylon is bigger than I ever thought. Brethren, we cannot be in Babylon and at the same time be in the body of Christ. The Word tells us in Revelation 18, that when her hour of judgment comes:

(Rev 18:22) “the voice of harpers and musicians and of pipers, and trumpeters shall be heard no more at all in her”... (v.23) And the light of a lamp shall shine no more at all in her...”

Yes, God even acknowledges that there is pleasant music and even some enlightenment in Babylon, but at midnight even that ends.

The second deception that some of God’s children have drunk from the cup of Babylon is: “I need to stay with her so I can change her”; or perhaps, “There are dear ones here who will starve to death if I pull out now”. Now I know that we have presented this following word early in this article, But at the risk of repetition let us again hear the wisdom of God on this subject:

*Jeremiah 51:6-9 “Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul; be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the Lord’s vengeance; he will render unto her a recompense. Babylon hath been a golden cup in the Lord’s hand, that made all the earth drunk; the nations (does this not include denominations?) have drunk of her wine; therefore, the nations are mad. Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed; wail for her; take balm for her pain; if so be she may be healed. **We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed; forsake her**, and let us go every one to his own country; for her judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies”.*

Brethren, you can neither change nor heal the system. You may be able to give some life to the beast, but you cannot cure her of her bestial nature.

There are many ecumenical voices among church leaders that are being heard in this hour to try to find a way to unite the community of believers as one, and eliminate the things that keep them apart. But, if we simply distance ourselves from every trait of Babylon and then hide ourselves “*under the shadow of the Almighty*”, in the fullness of truth (He is the truth) are we not then **one** in Christ.

Also at Midnight

There are other pictures of midnight in the Word. It was at **midnight** that Boaz³² (a type of Christ) was stirred and found Ruth (a type of the bride of Christ) at his feet. It was there and at that hour that she desired and obtained the covering of his mantle. Here she was blessed for her faithfulness and for not following after other young men (lovers). From here Boaz made haste to claim her as his bride.

In the next example it was at “*the beginning of the **middle watch***”³³ of the night that Gideon began his victory march with his three hundred (overcoming) company of men. He had previously gone down into the camp at night and overheard a dream of one of the Midianite soldiers. In the dream the man saw a barley cake (a type of the first fruit overcomers) roll down into the camp and flatten one of the tents. His fellow interpreted the dream to mean that this was the Sword of (the Word of God in the hand of and by the mouth of) Gideon that was come to defeat them; for God had delivered the Midianites and all the host into the hand of his servant Gideon.

The final reference in the Word concerning midnight is found in the parable of the ten virgins. The arrival of that hour found most of the church asleep, with the exception of the watchman. “*And at **midnight** there was a cry made, Behold the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him*”³⁴. It is my belief that we are fast approaching the midnight hour and at that point in time we had best be found with our lamps³⁵ burning brightly and our vessel³⁶ filled with the oil of the Holy Spirit. It will be at this midnight (darkest) hour that it will be determined who is wise or foolish, because this will be that which separates the **bride** from the other *daughters of Jerusalem*³⁷. This distinction will last throughout the tribulation and will determine those who will reign (joined as one) with Him. It is for this reason that we write as such in this hour. The door is still open for whosoever will, but as in the days of Noah; there came a time when God shut the door. Now a door has two sides: those on the inside are shut in; whereas those on the outside are

³² Ruth 3:8

³³ Judges 7:19

³⁴ Matthew 25:6

³⁵ Our spirit life, as from Proverbs 20:27

³⁶ Our soul, as from Lk.21:19, 1 Thes. 4:4 and 2 Tim. 2:21

³⁷ see Song of Solomon 5:8

shut out, and these foolish had neither the power nor the protection in this time of tribulation.

Brethren, I want to make this point very clear. I believe the evidence is abundantly clear, that at the time of the greatest spiritual darkness on this earth, even a time of gross darkness upon the people, a time that we will call **midnight**, that this will be the time when the “thief in the night coming of Christ” will be manifest in the sons of God who are watching and ready for such an hour. We are not talking about a matter of some kind of mechanical preparation or the following of recipes or formulas, but it is a matter of the preparation of the heart in response to his dealing with us. This takes time and is costly and this is the price that the wise virgins paid to be found as the prepared ones at that hour. It is not yet the darkest part of midnight, and yet the midnight cry is now being sounded throughout the land; prepare yourselves for His coming. In His chamber is the only safe hiding place. Don't believe the pre-tribulation rapture escape fable; it simply isn't going to happen that way.

What Can Man Know ?

Now we have said much about time and we have not given any thing about a specific date. I can only take the words of Jesus:

Mt 24:32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Now the purpose of this word is not to predict the day or the hour. Let us not overlook verses 32 and 33, in which we are expected to discern the season of the fulfillment of these things. Luke also wrote:

*Luke 21: 34-36, “And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting (excessiveness or overindulgence), and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so **that day** come upon you unawares. For like a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye, therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape (literally to flee out of the midst) all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the son of man.”*

In both of these passages, the Lord mentions the observance and passing of natural events and seasons, in admonishing us to be aware of the signs of his coming. I believe He wants us all to believe that His coming is imminent. There are things in God's calendar that we are not going to know by calculations and mathematics. But there are things that we will be able to know by the spirit. The approximate season of the coming of Jesus into this world should have been known, even by those who counted the years. Yet the specifics of his birth were known by the prophetic revelation³⁸. Spiritually what that means to me is that I would expect God to speak something through His prophets or those who have a prophetic/spiritual sensitivity. I would expect to hear a timely and a loud enough trumpet (announcement) in order for us to get in whatever order we will need to be in. Everything about the coming of Jesus the Christ can historically be seen to have been in precise order and according to God's specific keeping of times, feasts and seasons. When His second coming has become a past event we will likewise look back and marvel at God's exact punctuality. And many will say, "We should have known". May God bless you.

³⁸ Luke 2 : Shepherds, Simeon, Anna, Mary.