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Just like falling dominoes, the events of our time are racing to the finish line.

We have made the case for almost five years now that Jesus truly is coming very soon. We've gone through all the prophecies fulfilled in the past century or so, and have pointed out how the time is now, how Jesus could return at any moment and call out his Church (e.g., the rapture). And we've even pointed out some of the signs active right now that make the case we are at the end of this age. All this can be found in our past newsletters, on the Web site, in our CDs, and elsewhere.

For some time as we move through these last of the last days before Jesus' return, God has impressed this scripture on me:

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. - Hosea 4:6

May we all take necessary steps to ensure that this cannot be said of us. Now, let's turn to the most intriguing question:

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

We are living in a difficult secular world, one characterized by deception and apostasy. Jesus' first words to the disciples when they asked him about signs of the end of the age were that they should watch out that they are not deceived. We are seeing that fulfilled right now – in government and political leaders and actions, in the entertainment world, in media, in people we know personally – in the US and throughout the world.

Paul pointed out that one sign to happen just before the revealing of the antichrist and the Day of the Lord is apostasy – a rebellion against God, a falling away from God. I would submit that is also happening right now, in a large measure. Of course at the same time there are many true believers, and new people come to know Christ all the time. The wheat and the tares grow together.

So we are right there. The next step is the revealing of the antichrist. How does that come about?

In Daniel 9:27 it is pointed out that just before the start of the seven year period – which we call the tribulation – a peace agreement will be negotiated with the Jews, with Israel. This is a serious agreement that the Jews actually believe. The individual who is most responsible for bringing this about is the antichrist. Thus you have here a definite way to identify the antichrist.

Shortly after that happens, Ezekiel 38 and 39 describe an attack on Israel led perhaps by Russia and involving several Middle Eastern countries, including Iran specifically identified. God himself wins the battle for Israel, destroying the attacking forces. A couple of key points need to be made. Ezekiel describes how this attack comes on people living in unwalled villages. Why unwalled? Because they are living at peace, they do not feel threatened, they have signed a peace agreement they really believe. Now, the destruction of the attacking forces is so great the Israelis spend seven months burying the dead of the attackers and seven years burning the destroyed weapons for fuel.

In the middle of the seven year period we are told the antichrist takes up residence in the temple in Jerusalem and declares himself to be God. Much about this individual and about the false prophet is written in Revelation 13 and also in 2 Thessalonians 2:3 - 12. A key point to note in Revelation 13 is that the whole world worships the antichrist (the beast) and also the devil (the dragon). The antichrist, it is noted, has had a fatal wound but is now alive again, and the world is astonished. This is another way to identify the antichrist, but of course at this time believers will no longer be on the earth. They will have been raptured, called by Jesus to join him in the clouds at the beginning of the seven year period.

Revelation 13 points out over and over how the people worship this antichrist – well of course they do, they are not born again, they do not have the Holy Spirit, they do not recognize truth, they have no gift of discernment. I want to point out that they are no different than many people we see in our society today – in our personal lives, on television and in the media, in Washington in the government. Lost people.

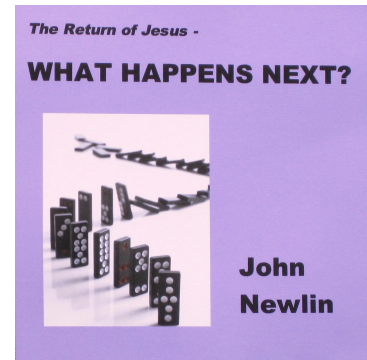
This chapter 13 also makes the point that all people will be required to receive a mark on their right hand or forehead in order to buy or sell. In the next chapter you can see that if a person receives the mark, they will be tormented forever. I expect all reading this will not be there at this time, but if any of you are, do not take the mark. It is better to be killed physically than to have your eternal connection to God destroyed and be tormented forever.

Now, at the end of the seven years there is a great battle at Armageddon in Israel. Jesus and his heavenly army – consisting of angels and believers who have gone to join him – come to fight against the forces of the antichrist, the false prophet, and the devil. The antichrist and the false prophet are captured and thrown into the lake of fire. Jesus then destroys the rest of the forces. All the forces of the evil side – millions upon millions – are destroyed. All of them. The devil himself is captured by an angel and thrown into a pit for a thousand years, during which time Jesus rules from Jerusalem. At the end of the thousand years, the devil is let loose. He gathers another army from the earth. Fire comes down from heaven and destroys this army, and the devil is thrown into the lake of fire. After that comes the new Jerusalem, the new heaven and earth.

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Lots of things to come! This is an amazingly abbreviated summary here in these pages. Our new CD *WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?* contains much more with detailed scripture references, and I suggest you get it. **There is no need not to know what is happening. God has told us in advance.**



HELP US GET THE WORD OUT – BECOME A SUPPORTING PARTNER!

It is amazing how little most people know of scripture, of all that Jesus did, of who they are in him – not just so-called unbelievers but many “Christians” as well. Staggering is another word. After so many various meetings and programs, it still is just amazing. Jesus did make the point that narrow is the road to life and few are they who find it. I want all of you to be in that few, and I expect you to join with me in wanting as many as possible to be in that “few” – your family, your friends, your neighbors, your relatives, people you work with, really everyone.

Please help us get the truths God has revealed to us out to more and more. We cannot have the ministry television program without paying the air time and paying the production costs. We cannot produce and distribute newsletters without spending funds – you would be surprised how much it costs to send this newsletter out. And we cannot continue to produce the CD’s and then to send them out no matter the level of contribution without funds coming in. And how are we to hold meetings and to travel? It takes senders as well as messengers.

There are many promises of the blessings that return to the person who gives to God, which is what donations to this ministry are. And in this secular world, of course, we are approaching the end of the tax year, so any contributions to the ministry count as deductions for use in figuring your annual income tax payment. I notice some ministries really stress that benefit. It is real and worth considering. But you and I know the real benefit, the blessings of God. Jesus described them as a hundredfold. Above all you should give to God because you want to, because you purpose in your heart to give a certain amount.

NEW WILMINGTON/SE NC DARE TO BELIEVE! MEETING!!! **FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

In line with Hosea 4:6 we have begun a new teaching meeting 7 PM the first Thursday of each month in Wilmington at the Hampton Inn, 2320 17th Street. All of you who live in the Wilmington/southeastern NC area are invited. This meeting focuses on subjects the Holy Spirit guides me to cover – I expect as always that will be all the amazing things Jesus did for us, who we are in him, the return of Jesus, and how to live healthy and victorious lives in this very difficult world in which we find ourselves. Even though these are primarily teaching meetings, we will still always pray for healing as requested at the conclusion of the programs.

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A FINAL WORD

It is astounding to me that in the times we are living, with the fulfillment of so much prophecy, with the events taking place in the United States and throughout the world that so clearly line up with end of the age events, most people still wander about their lives as if they have forever to live on this planet.

Perhaps it is excusable for people who are not Christians. It certainly is not for those who say they are. But again, many of our traditional non-spirit filled churches, some led by preachers not born again, themselves are just out of touch with what is happening – out of touch with Jesus and with his return, and if all a person is getting is through those facilities, then that person surely will be lost.

But you are receiving this newsletter, if you receive nothing else. So you will not be able to say you did not hear. And to whom much is given, much is expected. That means you.

Pray every day for increasing discernment so that you might be able to see all that is happening around you. Always seek God, seek to hear God, listen to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. That is your key to survival until the day you are summoned to join the Lord.

May you always hear and receive the messages God sends you.

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