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IT IS GOD'S PLAN THAT COUNTS

In Joshua 5:13-15, shortly before the attack on Jericho, Joshua encounters a spiritual being in front of him. The Bible describes this being as a man standing in front of Joshua with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua asks, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"

"Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." With this answer it is apparent that this is either the pre-incarnate Jesus himself or possibly the archangel Michael.

Joshua's reaction gives the importance of this person. Joshua falls face down. He asks what message the Lord has for him, and the commander of the Lord's army replies, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." I would think obviously this is the Lord Jesus he is speaking with.

But the message is the point today. Joshua and the Israelites are about to undertake the attack on Jericho. Here Joshua encounters the commander of the Lord's army. When he asks what side the commander is on, the commander says neither! This commander, the Lord, God, is on God's side. God has a plan, God has his secrets, God has his mission. Whatever Joshua and the Israelites do that lines up with God's plan is good, to be sure, but regardless of what they do God has his plan and the Lord himself, the commander of the Lord's army, has come to see that it goes forward as planned.

God's plan is God's plan. His plan for this time in history today is his plan. And he will bring it about. It will happen. Regardless of what we do, God's plan will go forward. If we join in with his plan, take the role he has for us, well, good, certainly there is blessing in that. But regardless, it is God's plan that is going forward.

Now, God has a plan for each of us. Look at Jeremiah 29:11 – "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." God always has a plan.

Sometimes he announces what he has planned well in advance. Isaiah 48:3 makes that point: "I foretold the former things long ago, my mouth announced them and I made them known; then suddenly I acted, and they came to pass."

God tells us what is going to happen. Through scripture. Sometimes directly through prayer. There may be a long time of waiting from the telling until the happening. Years. But suddenly God will act, and it will all happen. If you have received clear direction of something to happen in the future in your life, stay focused on the Lord. Stay in faith and belief. It will happen. No matter the current circumstances.

Once years ago I mentioned to a well-known minister and writer that God had given me an assignment fifteen years before and I was still waiting for it to happen. He replied that he had been waiting 40 years!

Keep Your Eyes on Jesus!

God's timing is his timing. I know from personal experience that it seems sometimes he does not understand how his timing affects us humans, for years of delays in the fruition of a call from God lead to all sorts of issues as to how we are to live and act in the meantime. But this does not seem to deter God. And of course he does understand. You see, he has his plan. It is his plan that counts. His plan.

Once years ago the Lord told me he was bringing two men around me, and that I was to listen to them. Naturally in my normal human approach, I thought the men would come that day. But no. Not that day, nor month, nor year. A few years later, a man knocked at our office door. He asked what kind of ministry, then came in. He was one of the two. Then still later, a year or two, another called me. He had been in a store, and a woman told him he needed to see me, a woman I had not seen in years. This was the second man. Suddenly God acted and it all came to pass. I am still meeting with and listening to these men.

And it is thus with the Lord's return. The time of the end will come at the appointed time. What has been determined must take place. (Daniel 11:35-36). God will act suddenly and it will all just happen. And I tell you regarding much of the end times God has already acted and much of what has been prophesied has happened.

HOW ARE WE TO SURVIVE ALL THAT IS HAPPENING?

We who seriously believe in the Lord Jesus are increasingly going to have to steel ourselves to keep our eyes on Jesus while not letting all the inane and insane behavior of business, government, media, and entertainment leaders and loud small minority interest groups occupy and frustrate our very hearts and minds.

2 Corinthians 4:4 explains what is happening. The god of this world [the devil] has blinded the minds of nonbelievers. We are seeing this in action. It is difficult to watch highly educated, bright, well dressed, urbane individuals make statements that are just basic nonsense to anyone who can discern and think rationally. But that is just the point. They can't. Not at this time in history. I know some people may think these individuals clearly do know what they are doing and are doing it for political correctness or personal gain. If that is so, the 2 Corinthians 4:4 verse still applies, for it also refers to their not being able to see the light (the truth) of the gospel.

I wrote in the last WATCHMAN WARNING of several very serious incidents of just bizarre and inexplicable behavior of these people, inexplicable except for 2 Corinthians 4:4 (If you did not receive this one, you can request an email or paper copy by emailing or calling the office.).

We are rapidly moving ever closer to the end of the period leading up to the seven year Tribulation. As we approach the falling away from God seems to be at an ever increasing clip, maybe even building to a crescendo. And suddenly, almost simultaneously, the anti-christ will be revealed and the believers will be taken out of the world by the Lord. Nothing will be here anymore to hold back the evil that will increasingly come on the earth through the actions of this antichrist, the devil, and the false prophet. On top of which throughout the period God will pour out his wrath on the earth. You can read a description of that wrath in Revelation beginning in chapter 6.

But we have been told many times in scripture that we were not appointed to suffer wrath, and thus we will be gone. We have to be gone, for that matter, so that the antichrist will be free to work his evil. Otherwise true believers on earth would act and pray to greatly interfere with the actions of the antichrist. But as the Bible says, what has been holding him back is gone. It is no longer doing so. Believers will be gone and in some way, God the Holy Spirit will himself no longer act in holding back this evil being.

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No one knows how much more evil and wicked the world will become before the events just described happen. But I expect it cannot go on too much longer at this pace. Just this year there has been a marked step up in evil, in deception, and in this extraordinary inability of leaders in many fields to think rationally and make common sense decisions. And that atrocious behavior of so many who just cannot think clearly – political correctness – seems to be escalating horribly. Face it. This is not a comfortable time to be living, is it? But it is our time.

What can we expect in future months? More and more bizarre and inexplicable actions and decisions by many. More and more attacks on Christians, for the people whose minds have been blinded just will not be able to abide Christians who will point out the wrongness of their ways and actions and will disagree with them on many issues.

Stay focused on Jesus. Be alert as he warned in Luke 21:36. Rely on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, on that great gift of discernment. And on God's protection.

ANY HOPES FOR THIS ELECTION YEAR?

Who seriously has any real hope of a great positive step forward coming from all those running for president? By now people who have lived more than a few years have seen every type of deception, misdeed, stupidity, incompetence, selfishness, malevolence, and corruption imaginable in the halls of government. How can any sane person expect something better?

Well. Buck up. Something better is coming. A wonderful government. A government of truth. A government of laws that are enforced with justice and mercy. A government which has no elections. A government which is itself not elected by the people.

It is a kingdom. It is the kingdom. The king is the king of all kings. The government is on his shoulders. He doesn't need opinions to help him rule. He doesn't need or take any votes on anything. He just knows the truth himself and goes forward. It most definitely is not a democracy. You see, as it turns out democracy really isn't the best form of government.

Only a portion of the people alive now will be in that kingdom though. Only those the king collects as his. So you and those around you might want to spend some time checking up on him and what he thinks. Read about his principles. His commandments. Encourage others to do the same. There is a book out on that. Been out some time. Best selling book ever.

Most important book ever written. You wouldn't know that from the public schools or government institutions of course, all of which are so impeccably lost and confused, focusing as they are on false religions and politically correct ways to talk. So you'll have to go elsewhere to get a copy. No problem, though. There are millions of them out there in bookstores and homes and churches. It's even on the Internet, at least for now.

A new government that works, that is truth and light and justice and all things good. Thank God. Well, yes, that's right. Thank God. Let's all hope and pray that government gets here soon. All the signs point to that.

UPDATE ON PAKISTAN AND KENYA MINISTRIES

In **Faisalabad Pakistan** Shagufta continues to lead her End Times Revival Ministry - the church, the school, the caring for widows and orphans and others. Last spring and summer we through your gifts were able to provide the funding for a security wall to be built around the church/school. And they acquired a couple security guards.

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Praise God! But the danger and horror and tension in the area for Christians continues unabated. On Easter Sunday her husband's relative and his wife and son were killed in the horrible terrorist bombing of a Christian group meeting in a park in Lahore Pakistan. Two daughters were not killed. Seventy were killed and several hundred injured, primarily women and children. Obviously the needs of this ministry continue. Key is funds to care for the orphans – support, school, food, etc. The cost per orphan per year is about \$1200.

In Kenya near Kisii, the ministry of Ann and Thomas continues. Through your gifts, we were able to help Ann and Thomas in the building of a home and an adjacent house for the orphans, both very basic metal and concrete structures. We also helped them acquire a laptop and have been able to SKYPE with them.

- They still do not have electricity at home (Hope for \$300 for a solar provided electric system).
- They also hope for funds to acquire a cow or cows (\$450 to \$600 per cow). They had to sell their land and cow when Thomas broke his leg in a car accident about a year and a half ago. The cow would give them income means. Currently they also raise chickens for income.
- And their big hope is for funds to acquire land to build a church so they do not have to meet on their home grounds (and in the rental facility they had been using). Cost for that land is about \$2000.
- Just ongoing living and providing for care for the children is a challenge. Anything that happens out of the ordinary upsets the ability to provide and keep going. Right now Thomas is fighting what is thought to be malaria as well as something else. Their life is a challenge.

Both ministries are on the front lines as you can readily tell. But we – and you – do help them keep going. Please consider these needs as you pray about contributions to our ministry.

Always remember to stay alert! The Lord is coming soon. I have it on good authority - his. May you live in the blessings of the Lord always.

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