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THREE MESSAGES:

ALL OF THESE THINGS WILL HAPPEN WITHIN ONE GENERATION

In recent months I have watched events come and go and have seen many Christians grasp at any positive action or movement or event in hopes of a bright and better future here for the United States. I certainly understand that desire, but I do wonder what book have they been reading, and just who is guiding them, if they are being guided spiritually.

The Lord himself was very clear of events to happen in the last days before his return. He spelled them out in chapters in the gospels. He answered a direct question about this from the apostles. It is in black and white in Matthew 24, Luke 21, Mark 13, and parts of Luke 17. And after going through a long list of prophecies, in Luke 21:32 he made the point that all the prophecies he spoke would happen within one generation.

Adding to that, several of the prophets of old and the first century disciples added prophecies of things to happen now in their own writings.

And the prophecies have happened. Nothing needs to happen for the Lord to return in the clouds to collect his believers – for the trumpet to blow, for his shout, for the voice of the archangel. And only the signing of a peace agreement, a covenant, with Israel that will truly be believed, and the revealing of the anti-christ are needed before the seven year pouring out of God's final judgement on earth begins in the Tribulation period. We are obviously moving in that direction as witness the recent conversations among political leaders.

The nations are aligning for the final battles. Russia, Iran, and Turkey are coming together, the leaders of the attack on Israel described in Ezekiel 38.

Beyond the prophesied events to happen, all the prophesied great changes in human behavior – deception, falling away from God, rise in lawlessness – now abound.

God has not hidden what is happening and where we are in time. He has not been operating behind a closed door or in secret. People have no excuse.

And still the focus on things of the earth and of human activities. There is hope among many in the US that the new government will lead to a revival of the country's health and prosperity. Certainly it is true that the new government of President Trump has interrupted the steady move toward the one world government of the end times. Certainly it is giving Christians a momentary breath of freedom from increasing opposition in the USA. Certainly this is a time efforts should be increased to reach more for Christ. Still, millions in America rage and plot and hope to bring down or dramatically change the American society. The fact is the forces of the evil one seeking a one-world government have not gone away and still work towards that end.

The future timetable is simple. That covenant is signed, the man of lawlessness – the antichrist – is revealed, Jesus comes to collect his sheep, the seven year tribulation begins, the first seal in heaven is opened, and on the Tribulation goes.

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It will be like this on the day the Son of Man, the Lord Jesus Christ comes to collect his sheep. People will be going about their daily lives as usual. Suddenly in an instant the catching away of the believers will be upon us all. No believer should do anything but go instantly when he is summoned. Do not go back into your house, the Lord warns. It will be quick and instantaneous. Likely an angel will come to you to gather you to this group. And it will be over.

God wrote his book so people could seek and search out and learn more and more about him. We do have the implicit obligation to use and investigate and study what he has given us. Even if you ignore the direct calls and revelation the Lord has made to some of his disciples in these last days, you still have this printed wonderful Bible to guide you through this time.

Soon we believers will be home with the Lord. This place where we are now has never been our home. That is why there is such intense longing in our hearts, longing for him, for more of him, for a greater understanding and awareness. Have faith. He is coming soon.

[NOTE: If you want to a quick summary of events to happen before Jesus' return, go to our website and read our May 2016 newsletter. Also go to our blog and search for Jesus' return. Numerous writings will come up. Lastly, watch our television programs on the return on the website or request our CDs on the return.]

THE WHOLE WORLD IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE EVIL ONE (but of course he who is in us – Jesus - is greater than he who is in the world)

Those who are born anew have the kingdom of God within them. They have a new spirit in them. God himself, as John says in John 1:13, is their father.

Those who have the armor of God on live covered by the shield of faith, which quenches the arrows of the evil one (Ephesians 6:16). Faith in God overcomes the attacks of the evil one.

Those who will inherit salvation are served by angels sent to them (Hebrews 1:14).

And those who are Jesus' followers, his believers, his disciples, are alert and ready for him in response to his direct guidance and command:

"Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man." – Luke 21:36 (NIV)

Believers in the Lord know the following from 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 (NIV) is soon to happen:

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

All this is true. And still believers also know what John wrote in 1 John 5:19, that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. I know that is shocking to those who don't know the Bible, who have not studied it seriously and deeply. But it is true.

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You, if you are a true believer in the Lord, are not under that control. But the world is. Just looking outside your window, scanning the front page or the Internet or TV news should make that case firmly.

Jesus certainly overcame the evil one and he overcame the world. And in him we overcome the world too. But the evil one still as of now is operating broadly with his legions of demons and evil spirits. Look at the daily terrorist toll throughout the world. Look at the local crime report on the eleven o'clock news. Look at all the evil and misguided behavior of so many in authority and entertainment and media and business and even your workplace and all around. Never forget that is where you are physically living right now.

We do know according to 1 John also that Jesus keeps us safe and the evil one cannot harm us (1 John 5) ...not in the since of real eternal harm. Remember, Jesus is not going to lose you.

There is no time nor cause for personal dismay. We know the King. We know the immediate future. We know what is about to happen.

We also now after all the years of study and prayer and receiving the guidance of the Lord know that the number of believers on earth currently is not a great number...as least not percentage wise. Some like to say it is a remnant. We hope and pray there will be a great awakening before the Lord comes, or if not then in the early days of the Tribulation period, so many more will receive the Lord and be in the Kingdom. But as of now the majority of the earth's population is not in the Kingdom and shows no signs of being there. Individuals are being added hourly of course, and there are spiritual breakthroughs in spots, but millions or billions? Not yet.

Is that in the plan? Will that happen? No one on this planet knows. I do expect an end times revival, but how big I do not know.

One thing that is certain. The end of this age is upon us. And we all need to stay focused on the Lord.

NO ONE CAN FATHOM

Almost lost among the many great phrases and thoughts in Isaiah 40 is this little powerful phrase about God in verse 28 (NIV):

"...his understanding no one can fathom."

We just cannot know fully what God knows and how he thinks, what his plans are. We are not him. We do not have his all-encompassing wisdom and knowledge and perspective. We don't. Even those who steadily seek the Lord and more revelation and insight never can get to that point. The Bible has more on this:

*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,"*

declares the LORD.

⁹ *"As the heavens are higher than the earth,*

so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts. – Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV)

God's ways and thoughts are higher than our ways and thoughts. Not a surprise to be sure, but here we have it stated clearly as fact. It is true. The serious disciple of the Lord realizes this eventually. It is a tough realization. But if a person does not come to grips and peace with this there is a risk of going bonkers.

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God knows everything. We do not and can not. Some blessed immeasurably receive guidance from the Lord. Revelation. Guidance. Direction. But know all there is to know? Hardly.

There are long periods in the life of a true believer when he is sincerely following God but not in any way seeing where the guidance is leading. Sometimes years. Sometimes maybe never. I think we do not necessarily ever see the impact of or understand all that God does through us. Sometimes – but only sometimes and then probably for encouragement in a tough time, God lets us hear or see or receive knowledge of someone impacted, someone healed, someone whose life has been changed. It has been that way in my life for years. One time years ago a young man telephoned the office from the Boston area. After a few minutes of conversation and asking about some CDs, suddenly he blurted out “Your programs are wonderful. Saved my life.” And with that he was gone. I’ve lived a long time on that telephone call.

Years ago I was talking with an older famous Christian leader. I mentioned that God had called me to something specific many years before, and I had been waiting fifteen years for it to happen. He replied, “It’s been forty years for me.” That’s the way it is. God’s time. His wisdom and knowledge. His plans. His ways are higher than our ways. His thoughts higher than ours too. Way higher.

We just don’t know everything. Years ago in one of those wonderful close moments with the Lord, he suddenly said to me, “John, you know many things, but you will never know everything.” That was it. Point taken.

We will never know everything. But we do know that we have a wonderful loving God who in all things works for the good of all of us who have been called according to his purposes. That will have to suffice. It will. Forever.

The Lord is coming soon. I have it on good authority - his. Always remember to stay alert! Our time is full of people who call evil good and good evil. You must be discerning all the time. May you live in the blessings of the Lord always. And always,

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