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NEVER FORGET THE GREAT TRUTH OF OUR TIME: Everything is secondary right now to the fact that Jesus is coming soon and that to be in the Kingdom, to go with him, you must be a true believer in him. You must be born anew. Jesus must be your Lord.

2019 – KEEP ALERT! TIME TO WAKE UP, WORLD

The end of the age. All so very near. We are at the door, and still the people for the most part go about their lives as they did in the times of Noah and Lot. They just don't know. They don't know God. They don't know Jesus. They don't know the Bible. They don't have the guidance of the Holy Spirit. They can't discern truth from falsehood.

Every day gobbledygook in the news. Confusion in Washington and throughout the globe. Great hatred and violent behavior and vicious beliefs displayed by all sorts of people. Russia, China, a coming war? Danger from all sorts of high tech devices and the big social media companies? Wide-spread breakdown in morality and decency. On and on. The world system spiraling out of control and away from God. Too much for anyone to comprehend so most go about their lives and try to ignore all the noise.

But you – you are a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. You are born again, filled with and baptized with the Holy Spirit. What are you to do? **KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS!** That's it - the message that has always been true. He is returning soon.

This new year of 2019 will see a further giant step forward in end time events. There really are three remaining end time wars. Farthest away is Armageddon at the end of the Tribulation, where Jesus eliminates his opposition and sets up Kingdom rule from Jerusalem. Before that, as described in Ezekiel 38-39, is the attack on Israel from Russia, Turkey, and Iran which God uses to demonstrate his power so all can see as he destroys the attackers. Likely this happens early in the Tribulation period while a naïve Israel lives supposedly at peace, having entered into the famous agreement of Daniel 9: 27.

Why have they entered into that agreement? Because somehow the threatening Arab nations that are so close to Israel have been eliminated or reduced to weak shells of themselves. This occurs during the Psalm 83 War, the first of the three wars. That Psalm describes a war between Israel and many Arab countries which Israel wins. Likely it is in that war that Damascus is destroyed as described in Isaiah 17.

It is my understanding and discernment with God's guidance that this Psalm 83 war may happen in the next 12 months. If that is indeed the case, sometime thereafter – perhaps right away or perhaps in a very few years - we likely may find Israel entering into the Daniel 9:27 agreement and the beginning of the Tribulation.

More importantly for believers, we can expect the Lord to come to collect his believers anytime between now and that agreement being confirmed or shortly thereafter before the terrors of the Tribulation come into play full force. We are moving forward strongly now in this critical time in human history.

Keep Your Eyes on Jesus!

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THE GREAT QUESTION

With so many of the prophecies of things to happen before Jesus' return now having happened and with what is about to happen as discussed above, why hasn't he returned already to collect his sheep?

Well, first, there is the scripture from 2 Peter 3:9 -

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

And the scripture from 2 Corinthians 5:15 -

And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

But while we are thinking about these two wonderful scriptures and the incredible depth of the Lord's love and extent of his sacrifice for us all, we must also consider these two verses:

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. – Mt 7:13-14

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. – Matthew 7:21

So Jesus did all that is necessary for everyone to be saved. He died for everyone. And the Lord has been patiently waiting for people to come to repentance (and thus him). But that patience is about to run out. Obviously everyone does not come to Christ. In fact, it is a minority of the people that do. Only a few find the way to life.

Adding a bit more to the requirement to be in the Kingdom, the Lord points out only people who do God's will enter the Kingdom. If we read a bit more in Matthew 7:22-23 we see the Lord says to some people who tell him of all the wonderful things they have done that he has never known them.

So we are in the final days waiting for the Lord's return, and the final numbers of people to be in the Kingdom before that return are being gathered in. The clock is approaching that set moment which in Jesus' words is "soon." In his many words on the return to me, he has stressed how imminent this is today, which is why I write and speak so much about his return. That and the fact he says his return is my message today!

I thought I would close with a few scriptures about who does get into heaven. So many – really almost all people who say they are Christians – do not know the full extent of what Jesus has said on this. You can't believe just one or two scriptures and ignore others. They are all from the Bible and all inspired. In the list below, all are said by Jesus himself except one by Paul.

CRITERIA FOR BEING IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD - CRUCIAL SCRIPTURES AND TRUTHS YOU MUST KNOW:

- *Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again. – John 3:3, Jesus speaking*

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- *Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.* – John 3:5, Jesus speaking
- *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.* – John 3:16, Jesus speaking
- *Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.* – Matthew 7:21, Jesus speaking
- *Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.* – Matthew 18:3, Jesus speaking
- *If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.* – Romans 10:9, Paul speaking

And one more regarding the actual going with Jesus when he returns to collect his sheep:

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, Jesus speaking

To end this piece, I would be derelict if I did not also reference the powerful parable of the ten virgins in Matthew 25. Read and reflect on this. Pray about it. Jesus told it just after giving all the prophecies of things to happen before his return in Matthew 24. The key point here is that among ten virgins who have light (truth, knowledge of Jesus and the gospel), five are not ready for his return. These five in the parable do not have fuel for their lamps and are out looking for that fuel when the bridegroom (Jesus) returns and goes in with the other five waiting for him. When the five who have been looking for fuel return, they cannot get in to where Jesus is. In fact, Jesus tells them he never knew them. This comes across as a harsh parable to many, one that doesn't fit with all they have been told about salvation in Sunday Schools and church. But it fits very well with the scriptures we have presented earlier in this article. Being alert is a key and essential characteristic to have.

BY NOW WE ALL SHOULD HAVE REALIZED: LIFE IS ALL ABOUT JESUS!

Millions have just celebrated Christmas and the birth of Jesus long ago in Bethlehem. But Jesus is not a baby anymore. He most certainly is not in a manger. His coming as a baby almost 2000 years ago brought a life of divine love, teaching, preaching, healing, and above all the opportunity for all to be reconciled to God. That baby in Bethlehem has grown up, gone around teaching, preaching and healing, been arrested, tortured horribly, and murdered on the cross. He has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven. He has left the planet and returned to his father, where he sits at the Father's right side. All things are under his feet. He is the King of kings, the Lord of lords. In fact, he is preparing to return very, very soon. Imminently. I know first hand that is true. He has told me, many times.

The human race of course is not ready. A handful of serious believers recognize the signs, the fulfillment of prophecy, the increasing turmoil of the world as it spirals out of control heading toward the tumult of the very last days of this age. But the majority of others, including a great number who attend church on Sundays, don't know at all. They are not being taught, they have never heard, they don't study the Bible on their own, likely they don't seriously seek God in prayer. They just don't know.

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Jesus said it would just be a few. In Matthew 7. But that doesn't stop us from hoping and seeking to get the truths out. He is coming first to collect his believers, who will receive a new glorious body and be with him forever. He will then come a second time leading a massive army of his holy ones to defeat the opposition of the antichrist and false prophet (really, the forces following the evil one, the devil) at Armageddon and to set up his Kingdom rule physically from Jerusalem. That victory at Armageddon involves the killing of all people fighting against him in that battle.

We are close to these final steps. Make sure you are ready. Life – a wonderful future for you – really is all about Jesus. (see also <https://johnnewlin.blogspot.com/2018/12/sign-of-these-times-and-all-time-it-is.html>)

Get the truths of Jesus and his imminent return out to others. Our new book **WAKE UP AMERICA!** is a great tool to use in this. To order use these Internet links:

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ANNOUNCING UPCOMING MEETING ON THE RETURN!!

We will shortly announce a meeting in the Wilmington NC area to focus on the imminent return of the Lord. It is our plans to have this on Saturday during the day so the most people can come. We will let you know all the details when the date is set. Please come and bring those with you who need to hear the truths of where we are and what is happening. All those who would like us to hold such a meeting in another area please let us know. We would appreciate your help in finding the appropriate place or church there to have such a meeting and in getting the word out to all.

May you live in the blessings of God always.

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