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STAY ALERT IN ALL THIS CONFUSION OF OUR DAY REMEMBER WHAT IS SOON TO HAPPEN

All of us living now are right on the cusp of these great happenings in God's timeline for human beings:

- The coming of Jesus to collect his believers and take them with him
- The beginning of the seven year period known as the Tribulation
- The coming of Jesus at the end of the Tribulation leading a huge army of his holy ones to win the battle against his enemies at Armageddon
- The Lord's establishment of the Kingdom of God government on earth based in Jerusalem

Taking them in order, consider the two points listed first above. We are living now shortly before the beginning of the Tribulation, the seven year period. It has not yet begun, but it is soon to start. In fact, the moment the currently much talked about peace agreement is signed with the Jews, with Israel, it will begin. The actual scripture here is Daniel 9:27:

He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him. – Daniel 9:27

The individual bringing this about, the "he" in the verse, is the antichrist. And note that the antichrist reaches his end at the end of the seven years, at Armageddon.

Right at the same time as the beginning of the Tribulation, perhaps shortly before as I expect, or maybe just shortly after, the Lord Jesus will come to collect his believers and take them with him in an action known by many as the rapture. The description of that event is in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17:

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.

It will be an amazingly quick event, coming at a time not specified but coming very soon. In Jesus own words,

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Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. – Matthew 24:40-41

I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. – Luke 17:34

I believe and expect this rapture will happen before the beginning of the Tribulation. Why do I say that? Because in scripture in several places, we are told we believers are not appointed to suffer wrath. And wrath is what is poured out during the tribulation. Here are the key scriptures on this:

Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. – Revelation 3:10 (Jesus' letter to the church at Philadelphia)

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! – Romans 5:9

Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath. – 1 Thessalonians 1:10b

For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. – 1 Thessalonians 5:9

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

At the end of the seven year Tribulation, the Lord Jesus returns leading a huge army of his holy ones to win the battle at Armageddon and then to establish the Kingdom of God rule from Jerusalem.

A great description of Jesus at this moment, just before he comes to earth to win the battle at Armageddon and then to set up the Kingdom of God rule on earth, is these words from Revelation 19:11-16:

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron scepter.” He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

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The great prophecy below was written by Isaiah 2700 years ago. The first two lines came about with the birth of Jesus about seven hundred years after he wrote them. Now the rest of the prophecy is coming about. Jesus when he comes at the end of the Tribulation to win the battle of Armageddon and then to establish the Kingdom of God government on earth indeed fulfills all the remaining words.

*For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the LORD Almighty
will accomplish this.*

- Isaiah 6-7

As Zechariah 14:9 says about the end of the battle of Armageddon,

The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and his name the only name. – Zechariah 14:9

The Lord Jesus will establish his government base in Jerusalem. He is King of the Kingdom of God, and he will be king of all the earth. This bold Jesus is the same Jesus who was on earth two thousand years ago but he is now in manner and style and position quite different. This is the all powerful King of the Kingdom of God, the leader of the army of holy ones (his angels and his believers). All things are under his feet.

Maybe we should repeat the key points: Jesus' coming to take away his believers before the start of the Tribulation is referred to popularly as the rapture. His coming back leading the army of his holy ones (his angels and his believers) to win the battle of Armageddon and to set up Kingdom rule from Jerusalem occurs seven years later at the end of the Tribulation.

So step back now a moment and take a breath. These final events are all to happen very very soon. We see the catastrophe that is taking place in the Middle East. We see the world turning against Israel. We see so many lost in the United States aggressively demonstrating against the Jews and against Israel. We see the international pressure for Israel to enter into a peace agreement.

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Maybe the pressure on Israel will become so burdensome it will be open to that agreement. However that happens, the man who is the antichrist will appear at some point as a leader in all this and bring that agreement about. If believers were here at that moment they would know who the antichrist is by his actions. I expect they will be gone, that Jesus will have come in the rapture to collect his believers just moments before that. (If not, he will surely come very shortly after that signing, for the Tribulation will then be underway.)

Always, keep your eyes on Jesus and watch as Jesus advised. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in all encounters, that you might tell others as possible about the gospel and how to go with Jesus when he comes.

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Remember, the only thing that really matters is Jesus and your relationship with him.

May you live in the blessings of God always.

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