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GOD SHOWS US IN ADVANCE! OVER AND OVER HE TELLS US

But flee there quickly, because I cannot do anything until you reach it.

– Genesis 19:22

Read that verse and think about it. Better yet, for full understanding, read Genesis 19.

We are living in the season of the rapture and the beginning of the Tribulation.

Remember all our writing about how Jesus said his coming was like the time of Lot? Remember how in that time God sent angels into sinful Sodom with the intent of destroying this evil city. There these angels stayed with Lot and sought to save Lot and his family from the coming destruction. Eventually, time ran out and the angel took Lot and his wife and daughters by the hand and led them out of the city. The angel then instructed them to run to the nearby mountains for safety.

But Lot responded he couldn't do that...in other words, that was too much for him at his age. Lot asked if they could go to a closer small town.

The angel responded that yes Lot and his family could go to that town, and then the angel gave the above amazing scripture. He told Lot to go there quickly, to run, because the angel could do nothing until Lot and his family were there. Until they were safe in other words.

Once Lot and his family reached that town, fire and brimstone came down and destroyed Sodom, and Gomorrah too.

So the angel sent by God could not carry out his assignment until God's people were safe. They were taken out of this place to be destroyed and were sent to a safe haven.

This is a straight, direct precursor of the rapture. Jesus comes to collect his believers and to take us with him to a safe place. And then the horrors of the Tribulation begin.

We are at that point. That is why everything is so confused and bizarre on earth, even for those who do not know what is happening, which is most people.

Keep Your Eyes on Jesus!

Jesus is coming. Do what he said in Luke 21:36! Watch! Be ready! Make sure you are in the right relationship with him!

COMBINE THAT WITH ALL THIS ASSURANCE!

The short article above about Lot is wonderful assurance to believers of the importance to God of his saving his believers from the wrath that is coming to the earth and his plan to do just that. I have written about this before, how we believers are not appointed to suffer wrath. So God must get his people out of the way and to safety before the wrath can be poured out, before the horrors of the Tribulation can begin. You should hopefully remember these other several scriptures where this point is made that we are not appointed to suffer wrath:

- *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*

ALL THESE LOST AND CONFUSED PEOPLE: WHY CAN'T THEY SEE AND UNDERSTAND?

All of us believers, all who have been born of water and the spirit and have the spiritual gift of discernment, forget at times that many others around us do not have that gift. Right now with all the falsehood prevalent in society, with all the lying and deception on so many fronts, we find ourselves often wondering why some people put up with some of the leaders or put up with some of the obviously bad policies of government. And then we finally remember: they can't see the truth.

The Holy Spirit leads a born again, spirit filled believer in all truth! He reminds us of things Jesus has said to us. He even shows us things to come. Jesus told us all that. Other people - and that is the overwhelming mass of the population - do not have this guidance. And they don't have the gifts of the Spirit, one of which is the great gift of discernment by which we readily recognize when people speak falsehood and lies.

I am reminded by something God said to me long ago about nonbelievers in general – they don't know because they really don't know. In this instance they don't see because they really can't see.

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Of course, there is one final remark to be made. Recently a friend and I discussed this very subject and he said he even knows some people who he thinks are believers who just can't see the truth – e.g., can't discern the truth – of all these things happening around us. The only answer I have for that is first that they may not have the Holy Spirit and the wonderful spiritual gift of discernment; and then second that they just haven't put in the effort to study and pray to be able to operate in the Spirit, to be sensitive to his guidance. Remember, he guides believers in all truth.

GOING TO BE WITH JESUS...AND THOSE LEFT BEHIND

These really are the last days of this human age, the time right before the Lord comes to collect his believers and the horrible aptly named seven year Tribulation begins.

I have written often about all that is to happen soon as prophesized in the Bible. And I have with the guidance of the Holy Spirit worked to apply all those prophecies to the physical secular world in which we live right now. These times are difficult, confusing, increasingly unpleasant in general.

You have read in our writings or seen in our videos discussion of Jesus' first warning about these times – Watch that you are not deceived. Well, we all could teach a course on that couldn't we. Deception is the order of the day and the operating style of so many in public life.

And I have written about perilous times. They are perilous for those people who just refuse ever to come to the light, to recognize Jesus for who he is, to ask him to be their Lord. Scripture clearly makes the point that eventually, God really does turn these people over to a spirit of delusion, to a lifestyle that is not acceptable to God. In other words, apparently, he gives up on them. May that never happen to anyone we know and care for!

I have gotten past the point in life of being overwhelmed by all those that just do not know. Jesus himself said no one can come to him unless his father draws the person to him. So the best we can do, and what we should do, is all we can to help the Father in this. We can ask daily for the Holy Spirit to arrange and guide us in all encounters and all discussions. We can represent Jesus in all situations. We are the only thing many people will ever know or see about Jesus.

The fact is huge numbers will be left to suffer through the Tribulation. But on the positive side, that again is a time where they might come to accept Jesus. Remember the angel guiding John in Heaven shows him a great number there called tribulation saints.

Another thought to keep in mind is that God chose specific people to be with him in the Kingdom before the world was made. So there surely is a predestination element in all this. And surely only a specific group are going to be with God in the Kingdom. Right now apparently God is waiting for those people he has chosen to realize who Jesus is and be born anew. At some point he will decide enough have come and the rest can come during the Tribulation; and then Jesus will gather all his believers in the rapture. We are right at that point.

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Today is not a pleasant time at all. Definitely. Keep your eyes on Jesus. And use the wisdom God has given you. Ask the Holy Spirit for guidance always. Cast out evil frequently. Live behind the protection God has given us. And stand. Just stand. Never give in to the evil one. Jesus will soon be here.

STILL WORKING TO REACH THE WORLD WITH THE TRUTHS OF WHO JESUS IS AND THAT HE IS COMING SOON! AND STILL NEEDING FUNDS IN THIS EFFORT!

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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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