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## ESSENTIAL POINTS TO UNDERSTAND OUR TIME AND WHAT IS SOON HAPPENING

All of us need to understand these steps. I have written briefly about them in recent newsletters. Now here they are spelled out in a very direct manner that you can share with others who have not heard this.

- The seven year period we call the Tribulation begins with the signing/confirming of an agreement with the Jews, with Israel (Daniel 9:27).
  - All of us should be able to see today the great interest of many countries in entering into such an agreement. Secretary of State Rubio recently spoke about that, about how many want to sign such a thing. As intense as the pressures for war and continuing strife are in the Middle East, it should be apparent there are wide-spread pressures for a peace agreement to be put together.
  - There may be false starts and stops in developing this agreement. We have seen that before. But coming soon is this real, meaningful agreement, one the Israelites truly believe brings peace. The Bible notes that in Ezekiel 38 the Israelites are living in unwallled villages when attacked in the future from the north by Russia, Turkey, and more. In other words, they are not expecting to be attacked. They are living in peace.
- As described in Daniel 9, the antichrist leads the signing of this agreement. He is the one who brings it about. As of now he is not on the national or world scene, at least as far as we know.
- Why not? As explained in 2 Thessalonians 2 the antichrist is being held back from being free to act in the world. He will be free to do so when what is holding him back is taken out of the way.
- What is holding the antichrist back? We believers! And the Holy Spirit acting through us!
- So how are we taken out of the way? Jesus comes to collect his believers and take us with him. THE RAPTURE, as popularly termed! The rapture must happen before the antichrist is freed to go about what he is to do. And thus we believers will be gone from here before the signing of this key peace agreement with the Jews, with Israel, that signals the beginning of the Tribulation.

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Obviously we are very close to the coming of Jesus to collect his believers, his CHURCH. Lots of things are happening in the US and around the world, some of which are encouraging and some not. But no matter. Remember, Jesus himself said that his coming will be as in the times of Noah and Lot. People will be going about normal things of life like buying and selling, planting, building, marrying and giving in marriage, and so on when suddenly he will be here and that will be that. On with God's plan. The precise moment he comes to do this we do not know, but watching the direction of events on earth and things that cannot go forward until he comes to collect his believers, it cannot be far off.

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## **ALL AROUND US - PEOPLE PERISHING IN OUR MIDST**

In our day many people are perishing because they refuse to love truth and so turn and be saved. Despite God's great patience, they just never recognize the truth of life – e.g., God and the gospel message of the Bible. So God gives them over to a depraved mind and they do what ought not to be done. He gives them over to a spirit of delusion.

These few sentences summarize the essence of 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 and Romans 1:28-32. There is more to read in both chapters about the subject. But this certainly gives an explanation for many of those in society who seem truly lost, unable to engage in rational discussion of issues and unable to see and recognize basic truths, at times leading very bizarre lifestyles. We see these troubled people in our daily lives, in the news, in their at times violent and irrational behavior in support of dangerous ideas. God has given them over to a spirit of delusion, and that is the dark place from which they view life and the world. To the extent any of these achieve any positions of power and authority in government or other significant organizations, all people are at risk.

Here are the core scriptures:

*... and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness. – 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12*

*Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them. – Romans 1:28-32*

Of course there are still many more who are just spiritually lost and have not yet heard or realized the truths of Jesus and the gospel. And many of these have been led astray by the deception that Jesus warned all of us of in these last days.

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## **LAST DAYS REVIVAL UPDATE!! - GOD IS REACHING SO MANY THROUGH OUR MINISTRY RIGHT NOW AND YOU ARE HELPING WITH YOUR SUPPORT and PRAYERS!**

Last month I wrote about this. Now look at what has happened since! Obviously in these very last days God is reaching the world through all the new technology now available, reaching huge numbers, often many who have never had the opportunity to hear. Chapter 12 of Daniel notes how knowledge increases near the end of the age. Surely we are seeing this through Internet technology, social media, videos, and God's ministries taking the Lord's truths to the very corners of the earth.

Just a few days ago in a three and a half day effort, our video HOW DOES ANYONE GET TO GO WITH JESUS WHEN HE COMES was promoted in Malaysia, a Muslim and Buddhist country. This video post reached more than 515,000 people, a record so far for any of our videos for this short time period!!!

The week before two video promotions of the same length – one in Belgium and one in Hungary – reached more than 700,000. Quite apparently, it is God setting all this up and giving us such favor in all the countries and with the X (Twitter) organization.

A final encouraging note: As of the end of February, our videos being promoted around the world in our THE IMMINENT RETURN OF JESUS series have now reached about 6 and a half million people!

Praise God! And thank you for your prayers and financial support in helping us reach these people in the obvious end times revival!

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## **THOMAS PASSES AWAY**

Most of you have read of Thomas over the years. Thomas and Ann have a church, a family, and an orphanage in rural western Kenya. Just recently I was reading again the first email I received from Ann telling about their ministry back in 2013. Over the years we have been able to help them in all sorts of ways – providing a laptop, solar panel for the roof to provide electricity, giant water tank to store water and prevent so many trips down to the nearby river, a cow they named Cathy, the birth of a daughter they named Cathy, more involved electric supply, Bibles for the church in the local language, all our teaching CDs, some general financial support, and more. We have shared their joys and their heartbreaks over the years.

We have talked over the telephone even though English was not their first language, and have sent texts and emails, and even had discussions over SKYPE.

Well, earlier in February Thomas suddenly was taken to the hospital with severe pain in his head. And now after many prayers and much medical help, he has left us all to be with the Lord. We all know where Thomas is. But we miss him so much.

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Please pray for God's peace, wisdom, guidance, and protection for all his family and all the orphans and church members, and especially for Ann as she goes forward as God directs in all they were involved in. It is a huge task.

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## A REFLECTION ON WHAT GOD IS DOING

For just a moment when you have some quiet time, think and meditate a bit on these few words about what God is doing right now:

God is sifting humanity. He is training, refining, arriving at who will be with him in eternity. Of course he already knows. Time has no meaning to God. He has known from the beginning who will be with him because he sees through time. He stands back and looks at the end as easily as at the beginning. But humans must live out the hours and go through the experiences. They must make the choices before them.

*<sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— Ephesians 1*

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## THANKS AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR HELP

Thanks for your continuing support in prayers and financial donations. None of us know precisely of course the day and hour of the Lord's return, but we do know it is very soon. We know we are living in the season of that. We can see with our own eyes the events of the last days playing out. Please continue to help us to reach more and more of those who do not know the truths of Jesus and the gospel! Thank you for partnering with us in this wonderful effort!

**STAND FIRM IN YOUR FAITH AND KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS. SOON YOU WILL BE SEEING HIM IN A WHOLE NEW WAY.**

***May you live in the blessings of God always.***

**John**

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