

THE NEXT GENERATION

LIVING OUT OUR CHRISTIANITY IN AN EVER-INCREASING TIME OF EVIL.

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Knowing The God Who Is In The Know.

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1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. :14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. :15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. :16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. :17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. :18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Revelation 4:1-11

After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this." :2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. 3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald 4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. 5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. :6 Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. 7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. 8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do...

...not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!". :9 **Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever,** 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: 11 **"You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."**

These are a few of the more controversial passages of scripture, not because the passages are **unclear** - but because they are **very clear** about what both Paul and John experienced by the Hand of God.

Repeatedly Jesus Warned *"Watch and be ready for I am coming in an hour you do not expect."*

All of These Events Around The World Today are unlike any other in human history and for many reasons, one being that the worldwide community turns out to be linked to a system of belief: a global governing agenda that has tied us together by an invisible, cyber chain of information and data, and it's all about YOU!

**But to the Bible Believing Follower of Jesus,
These Events Serve as Signs Along The Road.**

Deception would be the first "Road-Sign" we see

Matthew 24:1-8

Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. 2 And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down." :3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, (1) when will these things be? And (2) what will be the sign of Your coming, and (3) of the end of the age?" :4 And Jesus answered and said to them: ***"Take heed that no one deceives you."*** 5 For many will come in My name, saying, "I am the Christ," and will deceive many. 6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8 ***All these are the beginning of sorrows.***

Luke 21:9

But when you shall hear of **wars** (small and large) and **commotions**, (global instability) be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not yet.

Geologists and Seismologists tell us that great earthquakes rarely, if ever, happen without warning.

When a super quake takes place, the earth first begins to have random, seemingly subtle minor quakes.

But as time goes on, the instruments begin to detect low frequency vibrations that begin to increase in intensity and frequency until...

Dr. John Walvoord;

An intersection of End Times Biblical events that have been prophesied in Scripture will someday converge on earth before the Second Coming of Christ. Jesus Christ referred to this time as being like the 'labor pains' upon a woman that announce something is coming, someone is coming...

These signs will arrive like waves on a shore - coming one upon another with rapidity and intensity. These "labor pains" are varied such as increased spiritual deception, wars, rumors of wars, races of humanity rising up against differing races of humanity, and kingdom against kingdom and famines and earthquakes and disease and pestilence while the martyrdom of believers increase. God will allow this convergence to happen.

All things will be completely shaken and moved out of their place. Because of the increase of lawlessness us and wickedness, the love of most professing Christians will grow cold. In that day only those who have persevered unto the end will be saved. (a dualism of being saved **from** and **through**)

The Last Days or End Times Doctrine:

As we have just recognized last Sunday being Pentecost Sunday, we remember that the Holy Spirit came downward at Pentecost. And He will graduate the church upward into heaven at His rapture.

What Can We Expect to See Next In Our World?
Next: Knowing The God Who Is In The Know.

1.) **NEXT** is **the world** falling right into place.

That's right. I don't believe the world is falling apart,

Luke 21:25-26

"And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; **26** men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth... :**28** Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

That's right. I don't believe the world is falling apart,
I believe the world is falling right into place because what we are seeing is
exactly what the Bible has told us about.

That's right, there's a grand, divine plan at work
and everything that's going on is exactly how God knew it was going to go!

History has shown us that we are terrible at predicting the future.

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

The Authority of God is at Work.

Psalms 47:7a

For God is the King of all the earth.
(malak – the becoming king or arriving king)

In every generation – man has failed to recognize God's
plan in the mix. We must confess our inability to see the future.

The Christ-follower is at peace at this hour.

John 14:1

"Let not your heart be troubled; (because) you believe in God,
believe also in Me.

Notice here the qualifier – "Since you believe in me like you
believe in the Father, your heart will not be disturbed or upended.

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2.) NEXT is the Lord preparing His people.

Keep Your Eyes On The Nation of Israel
It's perhaps the most misunderstood theological reality of our day.

Imagine a Great Grandfather Clock in the Room - -
Silent. No Ticking, No Tocking.

Isaiah 46:9-10 ESV

Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, **10** declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.

Why Should I Care? *you should care because the fact is that....*

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3.) NEXT is the Church finally going home.

I want to ask you this simple question –
That has an eternal answer...

**Can you sense that something of epic proportions
is approaching?**

But First – We Must Get Ready

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. **2** For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. **3** For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. **4** But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. **5** You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. **6** Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. **7** For those who sleep,

sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. **8** But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. **9** For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. :**11** Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, **2** not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. **3** Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, **4** who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. :**5** Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? **6** And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. **7** For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. **8** And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. **9** The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, **10** and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **11** And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, **12** that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

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4.) NEXT is the world being prepared for judgment.

Matthew 24:9-12

“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. **10** And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. **11** Then many **false prophets** will rise up and deceive many. (why and how) **12** ***Because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.***

Pseudo'prophetes; a false or lying, deceiving messenger. an unauthorized prophet, a self-appointed prophet.

All around the World wickedness and lawlessness
has taken centerstage. Just a week or so ago the big news was the
coronavirus – now it's unmitigated lawlessness - - which is marching
the world towards judgment!

There is a demonic atmosphere over the nations.
Daniel 10 & Revelation 12

Revelation 12:7-9

And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon;
and the dragon and his angels fought, **8** but they did not prevail, nor was a
place found for them in heaven any longer. **9** So the great dragon was cast out,
that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world;
he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

1 John 5:18-19

We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born
of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him. :**19** We know
that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

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It all happened like lightning.

#1- No one on earth saw the unprecedented speed of which the entire world
was shut down and brought to a halt in a matter of days.

#2 – Suddenly, technology forever connected the Citizens of this World.

Suddenly - We were in lock-step with uncertainty = *for fear*
Suddenly - We immediately trusted strangers with our lives = *for fear*
Suddenly - We instantly surrendered our liberty and freedom = *for fear*
Suddenly – We willingly closed the doors to the church = *for fear*

Fear / Confusion / Deception – Led to Control and Power Struggles.
(never again can you say “we don’t discuss politics” – it’s all you’ve done
these pasts 5 months)

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5.) NEXT is the hour that is running out.

Tick Tock - The Clock is Ticking

1 John 2:15-19

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. **17** And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. **18** Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. **19** They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest.

Revelation 10:5-6 the amplified version

Then the angel I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand toward heaven. **6** He swore an oath in the name of the One Who lives forever and ever, Who created the heavens and everything in them, the earth and everything in it, and the sea and everything in it. He said,
“there is no more time left!”

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Titus 2:11-13

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, **12** teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, **13** looking for (the Christian is to be expecting, with pregnant hope) the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

End of Study

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