# The Blessed Hope!

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;" –(Titus 2:13)

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### An Imminent Sign of Jesus' Soon Appearing

The books of Daniel and Revelation tell us that in the years prior to the Second Coming, a vicious world empire will emerge and for a short while rule over the nations. The Apostle Paul describes its leader as the "man of lawlessness" who will defile a Jewish temple in Jerusalem before Jesus destroys him at His return to earth -(2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:3-10).

Do we see evidence today of Satan's minions preparing the way for the antichrist to enslave humanity? Absolutely! Of all the many signs pointing to the nearness of the Tribulation and thus to the Rapture, the prepping of the world for the coming beast kingdom has captured my attention the most in recent weeks.

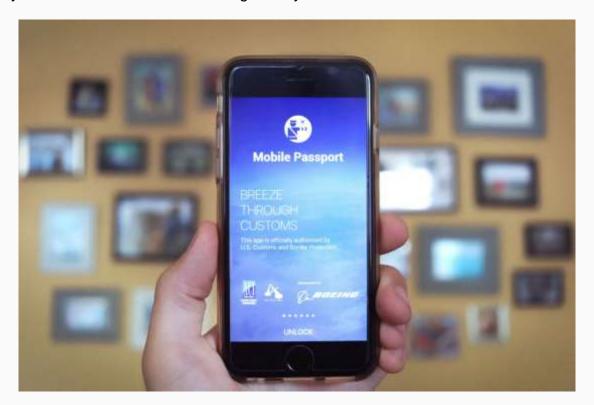
#### The WEF Meeting in Davos

During the week of January 16-20, 2023, the World Economic Forum (WEF) held its annual meeting in Davos, Switzerland. Its attendees included 50 heads of state, 380 top government officials from all over the world, scores of top corporate CEOs, and an abundance of other powerful dignitaries.

Many prominent government leaders from the U.S. also attended. The governor of Georgia, several members of Congress and the Senate, and the director of the FBI all spoke in support of various WEF initiatives. While the yearly Davos meetings has been drawing increasing media coverage, it was interesting to note the fact that at the last moment many invited found it to be inconvenient and chose not to attend, and that included many U.S. politicians.

While their stated agenda seems benign to many, their true intent is anything but that. Leo Hohmann, blogger and investigative reporter, wrote this about their plans for humanity: "They intend to digitally enslave the world in a total surveillance state based on a global digital ID (likely disguised as vaccine passports) and a global digital currency to replace cash." The so-called global digital ID will be

installed on a person's cell phone as final proof of having been vaccinated. The next phase of this digital ID 2020, a person's data (financial, health, and personal) that will link them into the ranks of being a global citizen. Think "Mark" of the Beast system as unless one has their digital ID you will be locked out of existence.



**Digital Currencies** 

You might think that most people in the world would never go along with the diabolical plans of the WEF, and you'd be totally correct. The resistance of the masses, however, doesn't phase the globalists; they don't need widespread support to impose their Marxist agenda on humanity. Bill Gates calls his system the QUANTUMDOT:HYDROGEL-ID2020.

Bill Gates and MIT unveiled quantum dot technology in October, 2020 to mark children's skin so they can be scanned for vaccine compliance and anything else to be determined later. The MIT researchers have been funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the National Cancer Institute. This new technology uses nano-crystal dyes called quantum microdots. These patterns of dye contain data that can for now mark that a vaccine has been received into the person's body. This pattern of dye is embedded under the skin as a vaccine is injected into the human recipient. Therefore, these dots can be injected into the body without our knowledge or consent under laws being prepared in many countries. These dots are bio-compatible micro-particles that are 20 microns in diameter. This arrangement allows the dye to remain fixed in place under the skin upon injection.

There is a much grander agenda going on. Bill Gates does not want to increase the world population; he was raised to worry about it. Simply put, I find it inconsistent that this guy is really trying to help humanity rather than limit the population when he is also developing **chips that remotely control birth**. Gates has been focused on India and Africa to **reduce population growth**. Reports this past week have confirmed the effectiveness of birth declines in multiple countries.

This is why Republic forms of government are so dangerous. He only has to bribe politicians to create a totalitarian state. Democracy is where the PEOPLE decide these issues on a direct vote. This is why I am against career politicians of any party. They are for sale to the highest bidder. Evidence heretofore suggests that they can be bought cheaply for a few thousand dollar donation to their re-election campaigns.



Several nations in our world have either already adopted or are headed toward a digital currency. Many expect that a central bank digital currency (CBDC) will be introduced in America during 2023.

The elite will showcase its many advantages, but they won't explain the implications of a totally programmable currency. This will give the state access to all financial transactions and in the future, allow it to exercise control over how people spend their money. Many will welcome the introduction of a CBDC, especially during its initial, and perhaps limited, implementation, only to discover far too late they will lose their financial freedom. Joe Biden, or his look alike signed

an executive order #14067 on March 9, 2022 last year in March that would create a Central Bank Digital Currency. Such a "cashless" economy would be controllable from the top down. A former advisor to the Pentagon called it the most treacherous act by a sitting President in our history!

In a report from pro.paradigmnewsletters.org, Jim Rickards, An attorney and investment banker and the author of 7 books on currencies and International economics and a former advisor to the Pentagon, the CIA, Congress, the White House, and the Department of Defense, says they are laying the foundation for the demise of the U.S. dollar. The Bill calls for:

\*Legal government surveillance of all US citizens...

\*And the ability to silence all dissenting voices for good. In this new war on freedom, the Democrats aren't just coming for your guns...

They're coming for your money!"

Rickards says it won't be long before your cash is confiscated and replaced with programmable digital tokens. Rickards says this will result in total control of the American people. Every digital currency will be programmed by the government and can be shut off if you get out of line or aren't up to date on your mandated vaccines, a total police state many of us have warned about for years is now on our doorstep.

### **Vaccine Passport**

Another item high on the agenda of the WEF gathering was the matter of a vaccine passport. The objective is to have the vaccine status of everyone in the world digitally available in the form of a passport. Again, to many this seems reasonable, but far too few recognize the trap it will set for them. The ultimate goal of the globalists' is to combine vaccine information with all other health information as well as the financial data that comes from the CBDCs. The passport will connect the individual to a massive database where all there is to know about that person will be stored and readily available to the elite (remember, it's all about control).

Ultimately, this passport will pave the way for the "man of lawlessness" to control all buying and selling throughout the world. All the technology needed for the fulfillment of Revelation 13:16-18 is already here and will surely be available for worldwide implementation during the Tribulation. Over the past decade we have witnessed the roll out of the technology which will enable the Antichrist, to control the world as JD Farag often says, "The antichrist will just need to flip the switch."

### **The Pandemic Treaty**

<sup>\*</sup>Total control over your bank accounts and purchases...

The World Health Organization (WHO) met a week before the 2,700 powerbrokers met in Davos. High on their agenda was discussion of a Pandemic Treaty. If approved by member nations during their May 2023 meeting, it would give the WHO and its head absolute control over member nations in regard to what they deem as health emergencies. I do not think that any of us expect that World Pandemic Treaty will not be signed and activated later this summer of 2023.

In other words, in the event they declare such a crisis, the WHO could prescribe a course of action for everyone. It wouldn't matter if the president of a nation disagreed, the dictates of the WHO would become law in his or her country. Should a U.S. governor say "No!" to the WHO mandates that also wouldn't matter. The WHO would have the power to militarily enforce compliance with its health dictates. Several congressional representatives have introduced bills to ban this WHO tyranny. The Governors of Florida, Texas, and Oklahoma have likewise taken steps to prevent such a move under the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment powers under the U.S. Constitution. Don't hold your breath!

#### The Demise of the United States

The globalists need a severely weakened America in order to impose their agenda on the world. Articles on the WEF website boast that the United States will no longer be a super power in the near future. We see this happening now! The war in Ukraine has drained America's supply of needed military assets and has greatly weakened its ability to respond if attacked. President Biden, just this week, announced that the U.S. will send thirty-one advanced Abrams tanks to Ukraine, which will further agitate an already furious Putin. He has threatened many times to retaliate with nuclear weapons against NATO and the U.S. Is he serious?

Some economists predict that that the demise of the United States will come as the result of a financial catastrophe rather than an attack initiated by Russia or China. Such turmoil would surely lead to the rapid implementation of a CBDC in America and surely hasten the state's absolute control of all spending.

I could describe many more signs pointing to the rise of the beast empire the Bible says will happen during the last days. The good news for us is that the Scriptures also says that the Rapture *must* happen before the Antichrist appears on the world stage. I believe that the reason 'Mr. Big' or the Antichrist will not be known by most of the world is because he works from behind the curtain of secrecy in order to avoid being blamed for all the things occurring in the world. Upon our departure he will have the world eating from his hand like candy. The facts support my contention that Prince Charles is 'Mr. Big' or the Antichrist. In an article I wrote several years ago, "The Satanic Talmud and the Synagogue of Satan, Part 6", we have undisputable evidence that Prince Charles is the "prince" of Daniel 9:27.

While the Prince works from behind the scene through the "Order of the Garter" and his power as the ranking member of the Knights of the Round Table. The link to the evidence for the compelling evidence can be found here at:

The Satanic Talmud & The Synagogue of Satan--Part 6 posted on 02/26/20.

We can't say precisely what or how many of the above plans we will see initiated before then. However, the actors are in place waiting for the curtain to rise on the coming Day of the Lord. Jesus is coming soon to take us to glory! Folks are stressed out as the days drag into weeks and months; however we can take comfort and encouragement from the Biblical Message of the "Blessed Hope!"

Two weeks ago Jonathan Brentner pointed out a number of points which remind us that are faith is not in vain. On January 12, 2023, Jonathan posted these 12 Questions. They deserve our attention and support our view that time is short.

12 QUESTIONS FOR THOSE WHO DISMISS THE VALIDITY OF FUTURE BIBLE PROPHECY

Was the reestablishment of Israel as a nation in 1948 a fluke of history or the result of God's miraculous working on behalf of His people? Although I and many others see God's supernatural hand in it, most church leaders today claim Israel's current existence has nothing to do with Bible prophecy.

They teach that God rejected the people of Israel after their actions led to Jesus' crucifixion. As a result, He transferred His promises of a glorious future kingdom from Israel to the church, albeit spiritually. We refer to this belief as "replacement theology" since its proponents say that the church has replaced Israel in God's prophetic scheme.

Does this really matter? Yes, it's highly important because those immersed in this teaching . . .

Fail to recognize the myriad of signs pointing to the nearness of the seven-year Tribulation and thus to Jesus' soon appearing.

Acknowledge the rampant evil of our day, but do not see the satanic nature of the deadly battle that rages around us.

Remain blind to the spirit of the antichrist that is now openly and actively setting the stage for his coming kingdom.

This is not a trivial matter, replacement theology not only strikes at the validity of future Bible prophecy, but it also mutes the voice of the church at a time when pastors need to warn their flock about what's coming and comfort them with the

"blessed hope" of the Gospel.

My prayer is that the following dozen questions and my brief answers to them will encourage you. Our joyous hope in Jesus' appearing to take us to heaven before the seven-year Tribulation has its roots deep in the promises God made to Israel long, long ago.

### 1. HAS GOD RENEGED ON HIS COVENANT OF THE LAND WITH THE PATRIARCHS?

When the Lord made His covenant of the Land with Abraham in Genesis 15:12-21, He made its fulfillment totally dependent on Himself rather than on the behavior of its recipients. Furthermore, Israel has never occupied all of the Land He promised to the Patriarchs.

In Psalm 105:7-11, God specifies that His covenant of the Land is "an everlasting covenant." How can one say that this "everlasting covenant" is now invalid without altering the meaning of the word "everlasting?"

God's covenant of the Land with Israel remains in effect today. It's impossible for Him to renege on the solemn oath He swore to Abraham in Genesis 15:12-21. It is, after all, His eternal promise.

### 2. WHEN DID GOD CLEANSE THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL FROM ALL THEIR SINS AND PUT HIS HOLY SPIRIT IN THEM?

In Ezekiel 34:22-37, God promises, among many other things, to gather the Israelites "from the nations," cleanse all their sins, and put His "Spirit within them." The fulfillment of these verses couldn't have happened before Jesus' ascension back to Heaven (John 16:7) because God couldn't give the Holy Spirit in such a way before that time.

One must greatly distort the meaning of the prophet's many physical promises to Israel in this passage to make them even remotely apply to the church. Both the spiritual an tangible pledges refer to a future restored Israel.

The question remains: When did the Lord fulfill the promises to Israel that He recorded in Ezekiel 34:22-37 after the Lord's ascension? He hasn't done so, but will do so in the future.

### 3. WHEN DID THE ISRAELITES REPENT AS RECORDED IN ZECHARIAH 12:10-13:1?

In Zechariah 12:10-13;1, the prophet records a time of great repentance for the people of Israel that occurs once they recognize that they crucified their Messiah. In this passage, the Lord goes out of his way to emphasize that this prophecy applies exclusively to the descendants of Jacob and no one else.

It's as if God knew that someday people would take this as a reference to the church and He needed to disallow such confusion by making sure we understand that this future awakening further applies to the "house of David" and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

These words surely await a future awakening of Israel, the one Paul refers to in Romans 11:25-36.

4. WHEN DID JESUS RULE OVER THE NATIONS FROM JERUSALEM? In Zechariah 14:9, we read these words:

And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one.

The context makes it abundantly clear that Jesus reigns over the nations of the world from Jerusalem. If we take the words of this prophecy in the way the prophet intended, the reign of Christ as described in Zechariah 14:9-21 has not yet happened. The words of this prophecy absolutely cannot apply to the church unless one subjects them to human wisdom in the form of allegory, the subjective symbolizing of the words.

Since all of Zechariah's predictions regarding the first coming of Jesus happened precisely according to the words in the text, what's the justification for applying symbolical meanings to specific words not yet fulfilled? There is none!

5. WHEN DID GOD "MAKE AN END OF SINS" AND "BRING IN EVERLASTING RIGHTEOUSNESS?"

In Daniel 9:24, we find this promise:

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

This prophecy refers to Daniel's "people," the descendants of Jacob, and "the holy city," which must be Jerusalem. The Messiah will accomplish the ending of sins and the bringing in of "everlasting righteousness" during the "seventy weeks" of years designated for Israel and Zion.

And since these words remain unfulfilled to this day, God must still have a purpose for both His "people," and "holy city."

If one suggests that this prophecy somehow refers to the church, we must ask: Has God ever worked through the church to "make an end of sins" and "bring in everlasting righteousness?" Are these tasks the New Testament assigns to the

church for now or in the future? The answer to both questions is an emphatic NO!

There must be a seventieth week of Daniel because the Lord has not yet accomplished all He promised to do in Daniel 9:24 during the seventy weeks of years.

#### 6. WHEN DID THE SEVENTIETH WEEK OF DANIEL OCCUR?

If there is not a glorious restoration of a kingdom for Israel, that signifies that God gave up on His purposes for His people and city before completing the seventy weeks of Daniel 9:24-27. That scenario, of course, is impossible.

As I demonstrated in The Biblical Necessity of a Third Jewish Temple, there must be a future seventieth week of Daniel because a key event in this week has not yet happened. The Bible says the Lord Himself, at His return to earth, will kill the one who desecrates a temple, which happens in the middle of the last week (see 2 Thessalonians 2:3-8). Has this happened? No!

Either Paul was mistaken about the defilement of the Jewish temple by the antichrist or the fulfillment of the Daniel 9:27 will happen in the future during what we call the seven-year Tribulation.

In other words, if there is no future time when the antichrist defiles a future Jewish temple and is subsequently killed at Jesus' return to earth, we cannot trust Paul's words in 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2.

Of course, the words of the apostle are inspired Bible prophecy; there must be a future seven-year period of time when God turns His focus back to the Jewish people.

7. WHEN DID JESUS RULE OVER THE NATIONS WITH A "ROD OF IRON." If one believes that God has replaced Israel with the church, one must subject hundreds of verses in the Psalms to subjective symbolism. The Psalmists often speak of Jesus' Second Coming and His reign over the nations of the earth.

Psalm 2 is the first such Messianic Psalm: verses 7-12 describe Christ's inheritance of the nations from His Father. In verse 9, we read these descriptive words about the nature of His future reign:

You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Does Jesus rule in such a way over the church? Absolutely not; the Apostle Peter refers to Him as our "chief Shepherd" -(1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:4). Jesus "nourishes and cherishes" His church (Ephesians 5:29), He does not rule with a "rod of iron" over His own body.

Can Psalm 2 refer to the eternal state? Again, that's impossible because sin will not exist in this future realm -(Revelation 21:4).

If the words of Scripture mean what they say, there must be a time between the church age and the eternal state when Jesus rules over the nations just as the prophet Zechariah tells us (14:9-21). This rule must come from Jerusalem and include punishment for evil behavior.

## 8. DID GABRIEL MISLEAD MARY WHEN HE TOLD HER SHE WOULD BE THE MOTHER OF THE MESSIAH?

In Isaiah 9:7, the prophet says that someday the Messiah will sit upon the "throne of David." We take verse 6 as literal when it says that Christ would enter the world as a "child," why not regard His kingdom rule on the "throne of David" in the same way? Many, however, do not.

I believe the words of Gabriel to Mary, as recorded in Luke 31-32 confirm the literalness of all the prophet's words in Isaiah 9:6-7.

"And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

When Mary heard these words from the angel, was she thinking of a spiritual kingdom or a literal realm? Was there any precedent for her to regard her Son's future rule as anything but that of a physical reign on David's throne? If so, what was it?"

Since God knew her understanding would be that of a tangible kingdom on earth, why would Gabriel repeat the entire promise of Isaiah 9:6-7 if Mary was not to take it at face value?

Even the disciples on the day of Jesus' ascension into heaven expected a future physical kingdom for Israel. How can we assume Mary regarded the promise of Gabriel as anything but that? And if so, its fulfillment must happen exactly as the Lord, through Gabriel, promised Mary or else we create a tangled web of epic proportions.

#### 9. WHEN DID GOD BREAK THE FIXED ORDER OF NATURE?

After prophesying about the new covenant that God would make with "the house of Israel and the house of Judah" -(Jeremiah 31:31-34), Jeremiah records the Lord's unalterable pledge to Israel's continuance as a nation in 31:35-.36:

"Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth

the sea when the waves thereof roar; The Lord of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me forever."

The continuing fixed order of nature confirms that the Lord still has a purpose for the nation of Israel. And to counter any "spiritual" application of His words, God cites physical places within the city of Jerusalem that will be rebuilt someday.

He repeats the identical pledge in regard to His covenant with David in Jeremiah 33:14-22 and then again in 33:23-26 in response to Jews who at the time said that God had rejected Israel.

In these passages, we have God's emphatic confirmation of His covenants with Israel and David, which He pledges will remain intact as long as the fixed order of nature continues.

### 10. WHEN DID DAVID RULE OVER ISRAEL AFTER THE BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY?

During the time that the people of Judah were in captivity in Babylon, the prophet Ezekiel recorded the Lord's amazing promises for His people in Ezekiel 37:24-28. Two aspects from these verses stand out in my mind:

David will be king over Israel in the future.

The Lord will establish an everlasting "covenant of peace" with Israel at the time of David's reign over Israel. (See also Isaiah 54:10 for another reference to this still future covenant.)

I believe that during the Millennium, a resurrected David will rule with Jesus in Jerusalem with duties that pertain to Israel. Others regard this prophecy as a reference to Christ, David's descendant. Either way, the promise remains unfulfilled to this day.

Ezekiel 37:15-28 specifies a restoration for Israel that has not even remotely happened since the time the prophet wrote these words. All attempts to apply these verses to the church fall woefully short.

### 11. WHEN DID THE "GREAT TRIBULATION" OCCUR

In Matthew 24:21, Jesus said that a period of "great tribulation" will occur just before His Second Coming. During this time, the antichrist will persecute the Jewish people after desecrating the Jewish temple (see Matthew 24:15-22; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-8).

Matthew 24 presents a dilemma for those who deny the restoration of a glorious kingdom for Israel. If Jesus' words point to a still future time, it confirms that the

seventieth week of Daniel 9:24-27 awaits a future fulfillment.

Abundant discrepancies and contradictions arise when teachers assume that Matthew 24 refers to the entire time from Jesus' ascension to His return to earth. Those who say that all of Matthew 24 represents past history, as many claim, do irreparable harm to the words of the text and too many other Scriptures as well.

The "great tribulation" to which Jesus refers awaits a future fulfillment as it leads directly to His Second coming. All the words of Matthew 24:3-31 were future when Jesus spoke them, but today the Lord is graciously giving the world the precursors of the signs in this text as a warning that its words, as well as the judgments of the book of Revelation, will most certainly happen in the not too distant future.

### 12. WHY DID THE DISCIPLES STILL EXPECT A FUTURE RESTORATION OF A KINGDOM FOR ISRAEL?

In Acts 1:6, the disciples asked Jesus this question, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

I remember a pastor roaring with laughter when I told him that the disciples' continuing expectation of a restored kingdom for Israel meant this glorious realm was still future. I listened as another preacher changed the wording of the disciples' question in order to support his belief in replacement theology.

Four years ago, I wrote a post titled, The Expectation of the Disciples. In it, I demonstrated why the disciples' question in Acts 1:6, along with Jesus' response to it, verifies a still future restored kingdom of Israel.

#### SUMMATION

Only the expectation of a still future glorious kingdom satisfactorily answers these 12 questions.

All the errant views regarding the end times begin with the assumption that God has replaced Israel with the church. I know that many who hold fast to replacement theology also maintain the purity of the Gospel, which I applaud.

However, I also know that those who symbolize Bible prophecy regarding the restoration of Israel open the door for the same treatment of other passages. The churches most likely to compromise with the evils of our culture are those that have long dismissed Jesus' rule over Israel during the Millennium. This comes as the result of applying symbolic meanings to other clear passages of Scripture.

Tim Moore, in a recent Harbingers Daily article, wrote:

Why did God foretell so much about Jesus' First Advent and Second Coming? Clearly, He wanted those "with eyes to see" to have discernment and to keep their hearts attuned to the Messiah.

The Lord Jesus expected the Jewish leaders of His day to recognize the signs of the first advent because of the many prophecies in Scripture (Matthew 16:1-4; Luke 12:54-56). How much more is it incumbent upon us today to do the same with the end times?

#### WE TRUST GOD'S TIMING

We sometimes groan because of personal pain or that of those close to us. At other times, it's because of a world descending into lawlessness and wickedness, the likes of which we once thought impossible.

In the midst of our distress, the words, "And God knew," bring welcome relief. We know our Deliverer is surely coming soon to catch us up to meet Him in the air.

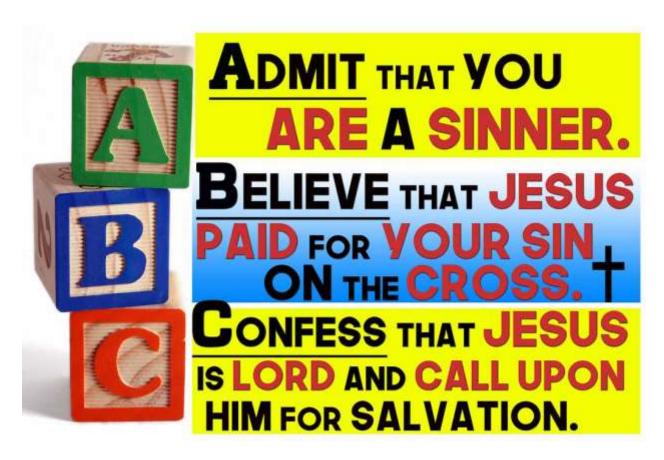
As we wait, we remain confident that:

God is aware of the plight of all those who belong to Him. He sees; He hears, and He loves us more than we can imagine. Jesus remains ever mindful of the promises we hold dear to our hearts. He's preparing a place for us in heaven - (John 14:2-3).

The Lord will surely come for us before the judgments of the day of the Lord -(1 Thessalonians 5:1-10).

Although God's timing often mystifies us, we trust His purposes knowing Jesus will arrive at the perfect time.

Sensing the experience the Israelites were faced with at the Red Sea, I recognize so many indicators that put fear in the hearts of men today. I'm not a nail-biter but I am confident I'm not long for this world!



The clock is running down and when the call comes to "Come up hither" the door will close and those left behind are likely to die for their faith in the final "Seven Weeks of Daniel 9:24-27!"

Blessings,

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