

Take Heed

Matthew 24, 1 Thess 4, Revelation 1

- Been studying Genesis, the end times before the flood...judgment
- Couldn't escape these area of scriptures lately.

Back to eden gardening, can't vouch, but the point is going back to the natural way - perhaps they went too far, Adam was meant to care of the land...

Reading Genesis - do we believe it? Perspective changes

Who you are, where you came from, who God is, where he's taking us

With that - knowing where we're going, and what's going to happen before then

Our ultimate end vs. the world's ultimate end

Where do you start? Where do you draw the line in your life?

How far are you willing to let the gospel go in your life?

That's how far it will take you in this life.

Limiting the gospel's penetration into our hearts and lives limits its effectiveness in our walk

We can only lead people as far as we've gone. And we can only go as far as we've let Jesus go in us.

So why this study?

I think we need to let the Word wake us up even further.

Every morning, but also in our lives.

Are we WOKE as the world might say for it's selfish agenda?

Or are we sleeping, dead in our walk.

Ask yourself - how far do you want to go in life?

Really, how much do you want to know God?

Is there a limit? Is there a line?

It's one thing for God to set limits on our lives.

It's another when we set limits on God in them.

If you're a believer - do you believe Genesis? Do you believe Revelation? Everything in between?

Do you believe Jesus when he says:

[Rev 22:12-13 NKJV] 12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward [is] with Me, to give to every one according to his work. 13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, [the] Beginning and [the] End, the First and the Last."

He is the beginning of everything. The end of everything.
The First of all and Last of All.

Before things began, he was there and made them begin.
After things end, he is there and made them end.

Ask yourself, consider, do you believe these are the last days? Do you really believe today could be it? If you did, what would you do? Would it be what you're doing, or something else?

**I believe that's why God has me sharing this rather than going on to Gen 7.
That if He comes back today, or tonight, I want to be found sharing this message.
That if He does this afternoon, and I shared Gen 7 instead, I'd be ashamed, and wish I had did this instead.**

Turn to Matthew 24:4-14

Take heed that no one deceives you

2 things here

1. we need to do something to not be deceived
2. It seems everybody could or would desire to deceive you and me

Politicians
Advertisers
Cults
False Teachers

The enemy.

The enemy doesn't want you to believe in the beginning or the end, because if you do, you'll believe in The Beginning and The End. And you'll begin living like it is the end.

Live like the end. Not recklessly, but purposefully.

Reaction is either Immature vs. mature

Working on deadline.

When we don't have a deadline, isn't it easy to procrastinate?

Take heed

to see, discern, of the bodily eye

with the bodily eye: to be possessed of sight, have the power of seeing

perceive by the use of the eyes: to see, look descry

to turn the eyes to anything: to look at, look upon, gaze at

to perceive by the senses, to feel

to discover by use, to know by experience

metaph. to see with the mind's eye

to have (the power of) understanding

to discern mentally, observe, perceive, discover, understand

to turn the thoughts or direct the mind to a thing, to consider, contemplate, to look at, to

weigh carefully, examine

in a geographical sense of places, mountains, buildings, etc. turning towards any quarter, as it were, facing it

We need to see what time it is exactly we're living in. Where on the timeline do we fall.

Doomsday clock

North Korea, missiles

Israel is a nation

Russia, Iran, Israel, "palestine"

Europe, "refugees"

America - morals, abandonment

Antifa/rebellion/romans 1, 13

[2Th 2:1-12 NKJV] 1 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.

The great falling away first

You can't fall away if you were never there first

I think the biggest sign, perhaps, is the state of the church, Christianity

Post Christian cultures come from

Post Christ churches happen from

Post Christ Christians die from

Sin over obedience

Lust over love

Believing the lie over the truth

The same condition of the heart in the garden can happen in the heart of the believer

What happens in the heart, if not repented of, taken care of, killed, comes to live in our life

[Luk 6:44-46 NKJV] 44 "For every tree is known by its own fruit. For [men] do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. 45 "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. 46 "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?

[Mat 15:16-20 NKJV] 16 So Jesus said, "Are you also still without understanding? 17 "Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated? 18 "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. 19 "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. 20 "These are [the things] which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man."

Adulteries, mu

We can be deceived if we don't understand the truth.

It's more than believing, it's understanding.

Eve believed, but she didn't understand

Adam understood, but he willfully disobeyed

Wars, rumors of wars

WWI, WWII, Korean War, Vietnam, Cold war (ultimate rumor)
 Many claiming to be Christ, knowing the end times
 David Koresh, other cult leaders, gurus, talk show hosts
 JW watchtower society believing Jesus was in a room in brooklyn.

Kingdom against kingdom
 War on terror
 disease
 Hurricanes, earthquakes everywhere
 Corruption everywhere

Endure to the end will be saved

We have to endure. We can't sit idle in our faith.
 Faith and works in lock step, a steady stride, become indistinguishable (a quote from someone)

Turn to 1 Thess 4:13-18

Hip term today is "that's ignorant"
 Like defiantly cool, so dumb, it's cool

to be ignorant, not to know
not to understand, unknown
to err or sin through mistake, to be wrong

We can be wrong about things even when we know them
 But do we even know the things we should and need to know as believers?
 Or do we willfully stay ignorant to it?

Don't like to think about hard things, scary things, like fire safety, ah, it will never happen (not believing) or it's too scary to think about it happening (too afraid) but you gotta think about it now because you won't have time to when it actually does happen.

How you train is how you fight - another quote

You won't be ready on that day if you're not ready now

Talking to Mia, you're not going to miss him. He's going to tear the sky open and come through
 The trumpet will sound and we'll be raptured

But are you even listening for the sound? *All aboard!*

Falling asleep on path train in college

Turn to Revelation 1:1-3, (7-8)

Revelation, John the apostle, island of patmos, 90's, end of his life, was apostle of Ephesus, Took care of Mary (read 1 John 2 for homework, consider context, who's writing, etc)

If God gave revelation for Jesus to show his servants and we're not looking, are we indeed His servants?

Things which must shortly take place

They must

it is necessary, there is need of, it behooves, is right and proper

necessity lying in the nature of the case

necessity brought on by circumstances or by the conduct of others toward us.

necessity in reference to what is required to attain some end

a necessity of law and command, of duty, equity

necessity established by the counsel and decree of God, especially by that purpose of his which relates to the salvation of men by the intervention of Christ and which is disclosed in the Old Testament prophecies

concerning what Christ was destined finally to undergo, his sufferings, death, resurrection, ascension

[2Pe 3:9 NKJV] 9 The Lord is not slack concerning [His] promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

His promise of returning...not lazy, not slacking off, not procrastinating

[Jhn 14:2-4 NKJV] 2 "In My Father's house are many mansions; if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, [there] you may be also. 4 "And where I go you know, and the way you know."

Jesus went away to prepare a place for us

He doesn't know the day or the hour, only the father does, so I'm sure, in a way, he's working feverishly to get it done and done well for us, just like Noah

And he's waiting, watching, listening intently to the Father for the command to go get his bride

Imagine that!**And we should be doing the same**

Like Noah, Like Jesus, and like the bridesmaids. Looking for the groom.

Keep the things, the time is near
At hand

near, of place and position

near

those who are near **access to God**

Jews, as opposed to those who are alien from God and his blessings

The Rabbis used the term "to make nigh" as equivalent to "to make a proselyte"
of time

of times imminent and soon to come pass

Guys, it's IMMINENT.
ABOUT TO HAPPEN
OVERHANGING

He's right above us, so to speak, angels ready to blow on the trumpet. He can't wait to get the order!

Meme about looking out the window the second you order something on amazon looking for UPS guy

7-8**7 - this is a verse**

There's NO missing him when he comes
NO ONE WILL NEED TO TELL YOU WHEN HE DOES
No one can tell you the day or time either

Coming back like he left (Acts 1, ascension)

Even they who pierced him - the Jews, Israel

The earth will mourn because of him
Wail, beat one's breast for grief

Not because they're repentant, it's too late for that

But because his return spells their doom, and they didn't believe
And there will be great weeping and gnashing of teeth
And they will wish they could have repented for all of eternity

Mourners of their own death instead of mourners of his

Remember Communion

EVEN SO Amen

Even so this is awful to think about, amen...let it be, let it happen as God has commanded it

**There is still time now to repent
Still time now to reach the lost**

**God is the beginning and the end
The ALMIGHTY**

He can do it in you, for you, through you

But we have to let him

1 Peter 4:7

But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.