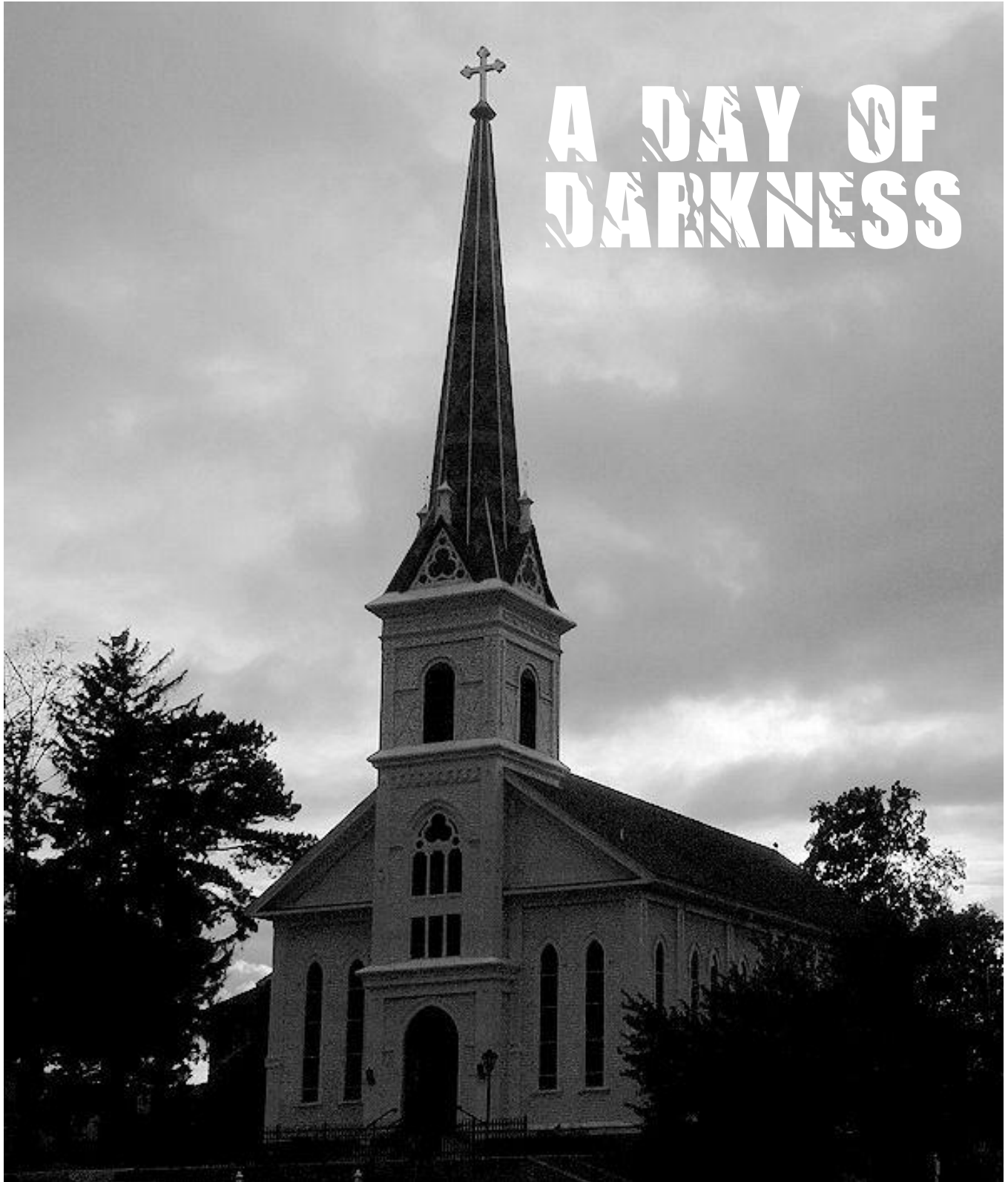


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Ten years on the Web and still growing

By Larry Danko


The People of Truth's internet effort started in the mid-1990s. At that time, the "state of the art" was the use of the various Bulletin Boards. We had a board on AOL, and while there, we were able to make contacts and experience great online fellowship. We maintained an open atmosphere where anyone could participate, even if they did not fully agree with our point of view. The AOL moderators decided that our size did not warrant our own bulletin board, and shut our board down, even though ours was as active as any other in the denominations category.

While we continued to be active on other boards, the creation of *The Bible Guys* newsletter gave us a ready source of content that could keep a web site "fresh" and allowed us to establish **ThePeopleOfTruth.org** (which was later shortened to **tpot.org**). For ten years we have been online, publishing the truth about God's prophetic plan, and where we are on His timeline. During this time, we added Russian, Spanish, and Albanian versions; and through this "presence" on the Web, we have come into contact with ministers in the U.S., India, Mexico, and Kenya. We now continue to focus our efforts on the English and Spanish versions.

While our site has grown to over 400 articles, the technology of the Web has changed as well. In addition to offering static content, we also are able to provide dynamic, interactive content and social networking. In 2008, we started **holynation.ning.com**, with discussion forums allowing for the free exchange of biblical questions and answers and, largely through the efforts of Bro. Joel McNabb, giving the work more exposure on the international level.

In June of 2009, we started using Streaming Video, now broadcasting our regular services, as well as conducting live online Bible studies, where questions and comments can be submitted and answered in real time. We can also record content for later viewing. All of these programs are open to the public worldwide on <http://www.blogtv.com/people/tpot-live>.

Additionally, **tpot.org** is being upgraded, visually to fit in with the new sites, and technically to allow content to be added by the author, instead of having to be processed by a Web Editor. This is being done while preserving the rich content that documents the last ten years of fulfilling the word of God.

I thank God for the time in which we live. May we be good stewards of these marvelous tools, as we use them in His service to publish God's word and share it with people around the world both near and far. 

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The Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet

By C. Elden McNabb

When I was in my late teens, living in Los Angeles, I would often hear some preacher expound on “The Beast” and “The Antichrist” and “The Son of Perdition.” Somehow, they would tie them all together as if they were the same thing, or at least closely related.

I would take my Bible and my concordance, and diligently search the scriptures, but I could never find any connection between them. However, *I did manage to find the truth about “The Beast.”* The picture of *the Beast* is wonderfully written in Revelation 13 and Daniel 7.

“**The Son of Perdition**” is about someone more like Judas Iscariot, whom Jesus called The Son of Perdition, and John said was a thief (John 12:6; John 17:12). Judas was one of Jesus’ Twelve Apostles, yet he betrayed the son of God. The Son of Perdition, of whom Paul spoke, must also appear on the scene, in a high position in the Church, quite some time before Jesus comes. He must work his work, and be revealed for what he is (2 Thess. 2:1-6). There, “That man of sin, the Son of Perdition” was described as sitting in the Temple of God – “The Church of God” – showing himself to be God (Eph. 2:19-22). He was manifested in that seat, in Cleveland, TN, between 1964 and 1972, and in 1985, I publicly revealed him in my book, *God’s Church: Prophecy in Motion*.

Paul told us that, after the saga of “The Son of Perdition” was finished, “*Then shall That Wicked be revealed*, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivable-

ness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion (especially the stubborn and rebellious of His children, Deut. 21:18-21; Judges 2:19-22), that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness” (2 Thess. 2:8-12).

That strong delusion is with us now, and multitudes of Christians shall perish in the wrath of God, just as the descendants of Seth died in the flood in the days of Noah. Noah was a “preacher of righteousness,” but multitudes of the lineage of Seth lived too far away to hear the message. Inside God’s mercy, when Jesus “gave up the ghost,” He went into hell and preached to those who were “disobedient in the days of Noah” (1 Pet. 3:19-20), giving them another chance at the resurrection. Even so today, many who believe in Jesus will be caught in that awful day of darkness, not having heard, nor believed the messenger of the Lord. Some of them will finally see that their only way out, with hope of eternal life, is to stand firm in faith and suffer the wrath of the evil trio: The Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet.

A relatively small group of Christians will escape the delusion, because they will believe God’s messenger, and hide themselves from the trouble that is coming. It is they who will be the Bride and the guests who will go in to the wedding (Isaiah 26:20; Matt. 24:37-39; Matt. 25:1-13).

There seems to be no such personage in the Bible which is called “**The Antichrist**.” Rather, Jesus warned us, saying, “Many false prophets shall arise, and shall deceive many” (Matt. 24:11). John agreed with Jesus, saying, “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world” (1 John 4:1-3). These *many false prophets*, of which

they warn us, are ministers who, John said, are motivated by the Spirit of Antichrist and are determined to convince us that Jesus is not the Son of God (1 John 2:18-26).

“**That Wicked**,” in 2 Thess. 2:8-12, together with the Dragon and the Beast, is what we really need to be concerned with. They are described in Rev. 16:12-14, Rev. 19:19-20, and Daniel 7:7-11. There he is called “**The False Prophet**,” and in Daniel, he is referred to as “a mouth speaking great things.” He will spearhead the greatest deception that Satan has ever unleashed upon the world.

John said, “I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. ... And I saw The Beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And The Beast was taken, and with him The False Prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.”

These passages show clearly that the Fourth Beast and its Little Horn, in Daniel’s prophecy, are the same thing as the Beast and the False Prophet in Revelation.

For many years I wondered which of the Beasts the “big preachers” were preaching about. Was it the beast which made the image to the first beast, or was it the image itself being called “the beast?” Or was it...? As I relentlessly continued my examination of the subject, I finally began to understand the matter. Daniel’s description of the Fourth Beast, with its ten horns, and the other, Little Horn which came up later, is what John called the “image to the [first] beast,” in Rev. 13:11-17. The creator of that Image, “the Beast with two horns

like a lamb,” is the U.S.A. The image is the U.N.

So we see that “The Beast”, so often alluded to, is actually created by another beast in the image of the Holy Roman Empire. In the thirteenth chapter of Revelation, John relates a symbolic prophecy of the “Holy Roman Empire” rising up “out of the sea.” That term is a direct reference to the fifth thousand year period from Adam. It is understood by looking at the six “Days” of creation as a prophecy of the six thousand years from the creation to the establishing of the Kingdom of God just before the coming of our Savior and King. That “Beast” began to form in the fourth and fifth centuries A.D.

It is a fact of history that it was about four thousand years from Adam to Jesus, and that the “Holy Roman Empire” rose up during the thousand year period from Jesus’ first coming to A.D. 1000, and consisted of 10 European nations. It was that fifth thousand years which was typified by the fifth day of the creation, on which day everything which was created came out of the sea (Gen. 1:20-23; Rev. 13:1).

Did not Isaiah say, “Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me. *Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done,* saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure” (Isaiah 46:9-10).

After John described for us the beast that rose up “out of the sea,” he testified of the rise of the United States, saying, “I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven

on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by *the means of* those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name” (Rev. 13:11-17).

When World War II ended, the U.S.A. began immediately to establish the U.N. in the image to the first beast. All the other nations of the world had been devastated by the war, and it was the ideal time for the U.S. government to begin to set up a one-world government which they might control. The political and financial powers united together, and formed the G-10 and the G-7 (concealing their identities in recent years by creating a bogus G-20 and G-8). And now, with great subtlety, those “Powers that be” are taking advantage of a financial downturn to force the finality of the formation of that “One-World Government.” To use a very old saying, “You’d better believe it!”

It became apparent that the U.N. was “The Beast” in the mid-1960s, when the Encyclical of Pope Paul VI was read in the U.N. General Assembly. Revelation 17 was being fulfilled as “The Woman” began to mount the scarlet colored beast.

I told my congregation then that “with that prophecy having been fulfilled, we would soon see 10 of the U.N. nations become very prominent, and be recognizable as


the ‘ten horns on the beast.’” And, in November 1971, the G-10 went to Rome to form the World Monetary Fund as we know it today.

Since September 2001, we have watched as the Little Horn has been created and developed under the name of “the Department of Homeland Security.” Since October 1, 2008, it has been teamed up with a Canadian military unit. This U.N. military unit is deployed on U.S. territory under the authority of the North American Military Agreement which was signed by the U.S. and Canada on February 14, 2008. It is another way of saying that we have U.N. troops supplanting our National Guard units which have been, conveniently, assigned overseas duty. When the riots begin, it is they who will be there to quell them.

Perilous times have come, but it is not yet apparent just how perilous the time really is. God is setting up Christians in America for a great purging. It will come “as a destruction from the Almighty” (Joel 1:15). It shall come suddenly, as a thief in the night to western Christians. For as they continue to say, ‘Peace and safety, it will not happen to us,’ *“then sudden destruction cometh upon them,* as travail upon a woman with child, and they shall not escape” (1 Thess. 5:1-3).

The prophet showed us that God would do just such a thing to his children when he said, “Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?” (Amos 3:6).

“A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished” (Prov. 23:12). There is a hiding place, but it will be found only by those among God’s children who will listen to God’s messenger, and believe the truth. We have believed in fables too long already. It is high time to awake out of our sleep, and pursue the truth, the whole truth.

We must pursue God in fervency of spirit and prayer, and “Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life,” and they, and they alone, are the path to truth (John 5:39). “And that knowing the time, that it is now high time to wake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed” (Rom. 13:11). Even nearer than we think. 

Who Knows?

By David M McNabb

Any discussion of end times will inevitably include a reference to Matt. 24:36, “But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.” So, many people today are convinced that we are to be ignorant of times and seasons.

First of all it never says that no man “CAN” know, only “no man knoweth” (present tense). So it is that no man, at the time of the writing and no doubt well beyond, *knew*. Compare that with Luke 10:22, “All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.” Here it is obvious that there is something that “no man knows” which is known by Father and by the Son. But the promise here is that they will reveal it to some people. This is always the case when it comes to God’s secrets.

Let us look at the time of Christ’s first coming: 1) Zechariah and Elisabeth knew that their son was going to prepare the way for Christ. A full six months before the birth of Jesus, they knew that Messiah’s coming was very near: probably in the lifetime of their son’s generation. 2) Mary and Joseph knew Messiah was coming a full 9 months prior to His birth. 3) Wise men and shepherds knew he was born, so

they knew that He would be revealed – if not in their own lifetimes (perhaps they were very old), then indeed in their children’s generation. 4) When the baby Jesus was brought to the Temple, Simeon and Anna (both very old and near death) knew that Jesus was the Messiah which was to come, and that they had witnessed the generation that would see Messiah’s work. 5) John knew to look for Messiah, because God had told him that He would show up at the river one day, and John would recognize him by the Holy Spirit descending upon him.

This all means that people knew some 30 years prior to the start of His ministry that Messiah’s time was at hand, and that He would be revealed and do his work.

God always lets His people know what is happening. With regard to the destruction of Jerusalem, Jesus said, “And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto” (Luke 21:20-21). Now, of course He did not say, “In 70 A.D., when ye shall see...,” but He let them know the sign of the destruction of Jerusalem, and told them that the destruction would swiftly follow the sign, so they would have no time to pack or return to the city. They would have to flee immediately. They did not know the timing of the sign, but they certainly had a “heads up” as to the swift destruction the sign would foretell.

As to Jesus’ return, Paul knew that Jesus’ second coming would not be in his lifetime, because he said that the day was not yet at hand (2 Thess. 2:1-3; 2 Tim. 4:6-8), and that after his death, the apostasy would come (Acts 20:29). He also knew that someone would see that day coming (Heb. 10:24-25).

“But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be” (Matt. 24:36-37). Well what about Noah?

When God called Noah, He did not tell him when the flood would be. So Noah began to build an ark, knowing only one thing: God gave him enough time to get it built. When the time came, God told him to get in the ark because the flood would come in 7 days. Now Noah knew the day, a full week in advance.

When Moses brought the children of Israel to Mount Sinai, God called him up and told him to prepare the people for the third day, “for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai” (Ex. 19:11). The children of Israel knew that they were going to meet the Lord when they left Egypt, although they did not know precisely when. Now they knew the Lord was coming three days before the event.

GOD NEVER CHANGES!!!

“Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7).

Before the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, the immutable God said, “Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do?” (Gen. 18:17), then He proceeded to inform Abraham of Sodom’s impending doom.

Jesus said to His disciples, “Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you” (John 15:15).

God told His friend, Abraham (James 2:23), what he was about to do. Jesus told His friends, the disciples, all things which the Father told Him. Does God have no living friends today? Is there no one to

whom He would desire to tell the exciting work that He is doing or is about to do? Are we to rejoice, and shout “PRAISE THE LORD, WE KNOW NOTHING, IT’S GOING TO BE A SURPRISE PARTY!” ?

What of Israel’s tribe of Issachar? “And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment” (1 Chron. 12:32). Are there no such people today?

Yet we are often taught that those “left behind” will know precisely the return of the Lord following the “rapture.” These apostates and sinners will know that He is coming seven years after that, but the Saints – God’s friends – that were taken knew nothing of time at all? That makes no sense at all!


No, dear brothers and sisters! Before the Lord comes, there will be signs. We will see things and know that it is near, even at the doors (Matt. 24:33). One of the greatest signs of Jesus’ coming will be when “His wife hath made herself ready” (Rev. 19:7). He’s not coming until she’s ready, and she’s not ready yet. But according to the will of the Lord she **WILL** be, and He will come very, very soon after that.

Today many claim to have an “expectation” of His coming, though they do not expect it to happen in their lifetimes. This reminds me of the words of Jesus’ parable in Matt. 25:1-13.

“Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept” (Matt. 25:1-5). These thought He was coming, but He took longer than

they had thought He would, so they all went to sleep. But at midnight a cry was made that he was coming.

Midnight is near. A cry will precede His coming. Are you wise? Will you be ready when Jesus comes? Will you hear the cry and respond? Will you enter into the chambers? Or will you find yourself with the foolish on the outside?

Today’s Christians are yawning and their eyelids are heavy with slumber. On one hand, it is thought that Jesus could come at any time; on the other hand, many do not expect him in their lifetime. The Lord has not changed; He will reveal His secret unto His friends – unto His servants the prophets. A cry will go out at midnight, “Behold the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet Him.” When that cry is made, will you deny the criers? Will you reject them because you believe that no one can know the time? There was a time of ignorance, to be sure. But that time is passed, and we must begin to see the day approaching, and prepare to meet the Bridegroom. Will you be ready when Jesus comes? 

The Day of the Lord – A Day of Darkness

By Joel McNabb

When I awoke this morning to the sound of thunder and lightning, I thought of the day of the Lord and how it would be, seeing the times that we are living in today. A dark cloud looms over the world, with the wickedness of men becoming greater and greater. As when God was recreating the earth in the Book of Genesis: “darkness covered the deep.” Man’s rejection of the true God and his Son (the word of God) has brought us to the turmoil that we see. It is as the prophet Amos prophesied, “Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine

of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD” (Amos 8:11).

Look at the U.S. since 1963: the Supreme Court made the ruling removing BIBLE READING AND PRAYER RECITATION FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS, thus rejecting God. Our schools are now infested with teen pregnancy, sex, drugs and murder. All evil that man can think of is going on in our schools, even with police monitoring the halls. In 1955, when my mother was about to graduate high school, she and my father got married. As a married woman, she wasn’t allowed to participate in the graduation ceremonies, and it wasn’t even a shotgun wedding, as I, the eldest of 4 brothers, was born in 1957.

Now, our schools teach sex education to our children and that sex before marriage is natural. There is no light or real knowledge taught, and the rest of the world is no different. “Darkness has covered the deep.” John told us that light shined in darkness, and darkness comprehended it not. As in the first 1000 years of man, God let man eat of the tree of knowledge, and Adam and Eve knew they were naked. The first day “God said, Let there be light and there was light (knowledge)” (Gen. 1:3).

God commanded the light to shine out of darkness, to give the light of knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. Here we are today, and darkness is all around us (John 1:5; 2 Cor. 4:6).

I ask you a question today if you are a believer and you desire the day of the Lord, what do you think that day will be like? Once again I go back to Amos, where he is talking about those that desire the day of the Lord (Christians). He prophesied that it would be darkness and not light, even very dark and no brightness (Amos 5:18-20). How can that be? If we are Christians, believing and having the word of God, how can it be darkness for

us? If we look at the parable that Jesus spoke of in Matt. 25, in which he describes the kingdom of God as ten virgins that went to meet the bridegroom, five of them were wise and the other foolish. They all had lamps (the word of God), but only the wise took oil in them. I have heard some say that the oil is the Holy Ghost, but Paul compared the Holy Ghost to wine, saying “be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit” (Eph. 5:18). And the 120 in the upper room seemed drunk to those that saw them spill out into the street. So what could the oil be? If we look at the candlestick in the tabernacle or in the temple, the oil is what caused the lamps to burn. Without it there wasn’t any flame – no light.

Having the word of God doesn’t mean that we have understanding in the word of God. We can read the Bible, and unless God reveals the true meaning, we are still in darkness. How many bible schools or academies are there today where students are learning from man’s teachings and not the Lord’s? Paul told Timothy that in the last days, there would be perilous times, and he lists how men would be. They would have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof, and though ever learning, they would never be able to come to the knowledge of the truth (2 Tim. 3:1-9). They have not brought oil in their lamps; and they are asleep in darkness with the Bible sitting right there on their night stands: the true knowledge and understanding of God’s word being darkened and hidden. They are like the lawyers that Jesus spoke of in Luke 11:52: they have taken away the key of knowledge. They wouldn’t enter in themselves, and kept those who wanted to use the key of knowledge from it, keeping them in darkness also. Jesus said, “Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth

not whither he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light” (John 12:35-36).

The light of God shines down on us when we are born again, and His light and understanding begins to illuminate our new life in Christ. This in no way means we have come to the fullness of this light. Jesus said, “Take my yoke upon you and learn of me.” The job of a newly born again believer is not to try to win souls to Christ. It is rather to learn and walk in the righteousness of God as it is revealed from faith to faith, as the light that shineth more and more unto that perfect day. (Rom. 1:17; Prov. 4:18). Each step we take in our faith should lead us to that day where we can put away childish things and become a man in Christ, no longer having need of milk, but growing to adulthood and partaking of the meat of the word (Heb. 13:1-13; Heb. 5:12). (Even so, as adults, we still need a glass of milk now and then.) We need to use the whole Bible, not just the New Testament. Isaiah 8:20 says that those that use only the New Testament “have no light in them.” They have not come to full age in the Lord, as Paul said, “every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe” (Heb. 5:13).

Where are the preachers today with the light of knowledge in the word of God? What church can you go to in the world and hear anything more than Jesus saves? Jesus told us that the coming of the Son of man would be like Noah’s day before he entered the ark. Noah knew the flood was coming for seven days before it came. God told him to get into the ark, and that the flood would come on a specific day. On that day, the flood came just like God said. As for those that did not get in, Jesus said “they knew not till the flood came.” Why do preachers tell us today that we are not to know the day when Jesus is

to come? It is because they have neither meat nor light in the Word. But someone will be out there who is a preacher of righteousness and warned of God, to give all those that have the breath of new life in Christ Jesus “meat in due season,” (Matt. 24:37-39, 45-51).

What will the LAST DAYS be like? Most preachers believe we are not to know anything. They just keep looking up to the skies, for “He can come at any time” they say. When Jesus ascended up and was taken into a cloud forty days after His resurrection, His disciples stood there looking up, thinking that He would come back as He had done in the past forty days. Two men stood by them in white apparel saying, “Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven” (Acts 1:11). They were not in darkness. They were told what to do, and they did it. The disciples went back to Jerusalem, waiting for the power of the Holy Ghost to come. They were not just standing around. Before the Holy Ghost came, Peter had meat in due season for them. He knew that Judas needed to be replaced. Then the day of Pentecost was fully come, and I want you to hear that, **fully come**. All those Jews knew when the day of Pentecost was coming; and, they were prepared for it. When it came, it was not like a thief. The disciples in the upper room knew it was coming, too. They just didn’t quite know what the experience was going to be like. Peter saw what had happened and said “this is that which was spoken of by the Prophet Joel,” the light of God’s word being revealed unto me.

The preachers of today keep their people in darkness, telling them that Jesus can come at any minute. They say that Jesus could come even before they finish

preaching or before morning. They tell us that we are not supposed to know the day or the hour. How does this make sense? We are not to know, but we know that He can come any minute or any day now. They have their people looking up, and not looking for Him to come. God's people should be looking for Jesus to come, but they have been sung to sleep by this lullaby. They are in a deep sleep with darkness all around them, with the word of God (their lamps) gone out. The whole subject of not knowing the day or the hour gets me. I hear Christians rejoicing they do not know anything. If you really look at what is said in Matt. 24:35-36, Jesus was telling us about a time when the earth would burn and pass away, not about His coming. We will know when He is to come, both the time and the season. Noah knew when the rain would start. And seven days before, he gathered his family and all the animals into the ark with food (the word of God) for everyone and every animal that got on the ark before God shut the door.


In Jesus' parable, a cry is made at midnight. Those who have oil with their lamps trimmed will get in. To them who "look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Heb. 9:28). The day of the Lord is a day of Darkness and not light, but Paul

thought we were not in darkness that that day should overtake us as a thief (1 Thess. 5:4). Yet, Christianity is asleep, not coming to the fullness of what God wants of it.

Christians cannot see that our time of visitation is near, and God asks, "Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days?" (Job 24:1).

The cry is going out today, "Blow the trumpet and sound the alarm in His holy mountain." Why do God's people need an alarm clock if they are awake? Because the day of the Lord is at hand and all people will tremble and be afraid. A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: the great day of the Lord is near, even the voice of the day of the Lord. That day is a day of wrath and distress against the fenced cities and against the high towers. (Joel 2:1-2; Zeph. 1:14-18.) On Sept. 11, 2001, we entered the thick darkness, hastiness and desolation, and the Christians of the world rolled over and went right back to sleep. Then, in Sept. 2008, the bottom fell out of the economy, and we are still asleep. Homeland Security has risen up to take our freedoms. Those viewed as radical Christian are now called a threat, and still they sleep.

Where is the cry that came up to God from His people like Israel's cry from Egypt? The people that are called by His name will awaken and hear the voice, and go out to meet the Lord, protected behind the door, as on Noah's ark. We are well into the night and our Lord's Day is almost here. We should reject the unfruitful works of darkness, and put on the armor of light. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ our example, not letting the flesh have control of us. (Rom. 13:11-14) "This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:5-7).

Hear the alarm and the trump of God; awake and get the sleep out of your eyes. Jesus is coming! Will you be ready when Jesus comes? Are you truly born again, washed in Jesus' blood? Are your garments spotless, are they whiter than the snow? Will you be ready when Jesus comes? It is my goal to be ready with my lamp shining. May I see you there with your lamp burning also? God bless and keep you is my prayer. 

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Jesus replied, "My light will shine out for you just a little while longer. Walk in it while you can, so will not stumble when darkness falls. If you walk in the darkness, You can't see where you are going. John 12:35