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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!
HIS SOON COMING RETURN



It is the last couple of days in April as I sit down to begin this newsletter. Still not able to travel and looking forward to starting two new CTC locations in Nigeria and Togo asap. In the meantime, I have been working on the CTC online program, correcting English spelling and grammatical and outline errors in the Spanish and French versions. Tedious, mind numbing work, but it needs to be done if we are to have a top-notch program worldwide.

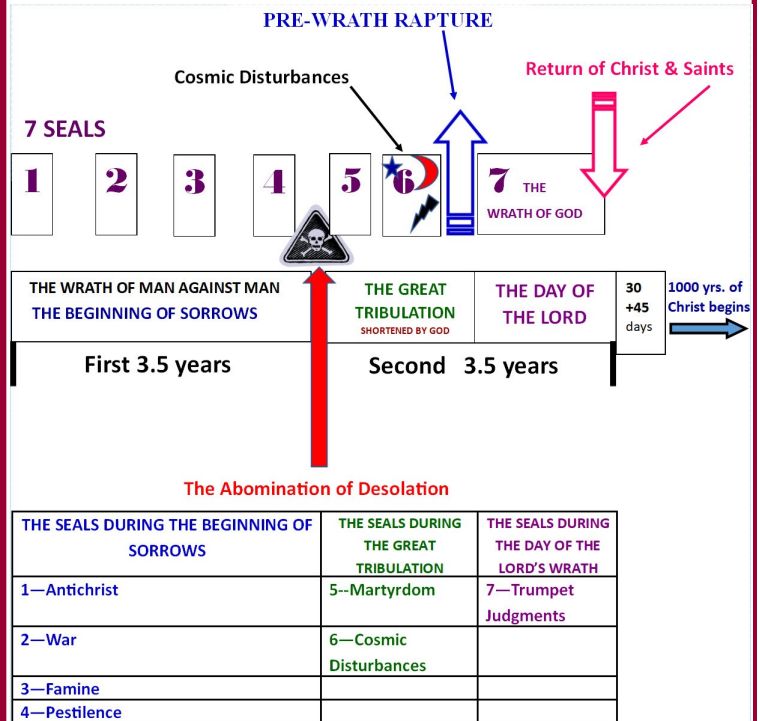
The number of deaths in the USA from the COVID-19 virus has now surpassed the 58,220 young men and women who died in the ten years of the Vietnam war, doing so in a matter of days, not years! Yet as difficult as this statistic is to comprehend, consider that the fourth seal in the book of **Revelation 6:7-8** suggests that possibly as many as **25% of the world's population will perish and not just from sickness**. This would mean that as many as **82,000,000** could perish in the USA alone and approximately **TWO BILLION** could perish worldwide.

If I and others are right, **the church of Jesus Christ will still be here on earth until just before the opening of the seventh seal**, the beginning of the outpouring of God's wrath. Knowing the "**Great Tribulation**" that Jesus said was coming doesn't begin until the fifth seal and finishes just prior to the opening of the seventh seal and the rapture of the church; what should we be doing and how much time do we have? This is the question that has been on my heart for weeks. I sincerely believe what I shared in May's newsletter concerning the COVID-19 virus being a wake-up call (a sign, and signs, are for seeing so we can know) for the body of Christ to realize that the time of His return is near as only a few events are yet to fall in place. In case you missed it, you can view the May newsletter on our website: revc.org

So, is there time to prepare? Yes, undoubtedly, but there is no time to waste! Jesus gave us some signs to look for that will help us know that the time of His return is near. In **Matthew 23:37-39**, Jesus mourns over the city of Jerusalem as they had missed the hour of their visitation. Then in the **Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24)** Jesus remarks to the disciples in refer-

ence to the temple that, **"...there shall not be left here one stone upon another..."** That was fulfilled in 70 A.D. with the destruction of Jerusalem and its temple, a temple which has yet to be rebuilt. The disciples are anxious to know what the sign will be of His coming and the end of the age (**24:3**). I believe there are several signs that we can watch for that will enable us to know the season of His glorious return, even if only the Father knows the actual day and hour.

In the chart from the May issue, I indicated that I believe the **pre-wrath** rapture of the true "church," the "body of Christ," will take place prior to the opening of the seventh seal as we will meet the LORD in the air (**I Thessalonians 4:13-18**). This means that there will be six seals

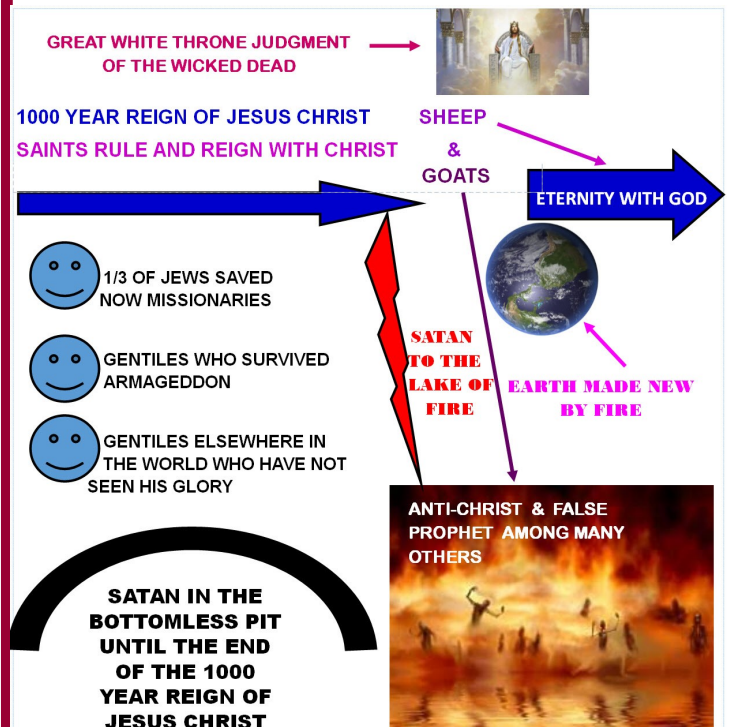


opened prior to the wrath of God being poured out beginning in chapter eight. In chapter seven there is the sealing of the 144,000 Jews, vs. 1-8, for their protection as a remnant and perhaps to preach the gospel of His coming Kingdom, then the pre-wrath rapture of the church, vs. 9-17. Prior to that are the fifth and sixth seals, what Jesus refers to as "**The Great Tribulation.**" Were it not for the fact that God shortened its length, no

one would survive, not even the elect of God (**Matthew 24:21-28**). The following is a timeline of **some of the end time events** as I see them unfolding and some idea of how much time we have to get prepared for the opportunities ahead.

1. Signing of a seven-year treaty with Israel (**Daniel 9:27**). This may be at the start of the **first seal** as the Anti-Christ subdues nations without war. Note the bow in **Revelation 6:1-2** has no arrows, yet he is crowned. Anti-Christ will be someone the world will look to for leadership.
2. Temple site selected and constructed. Likely prior to the beginning of Daniel's 70th week but could be in the beginning of it as a result of the 7-year treaty.
3. Jewish form of worship and sacrifice reinstated once the temple is ready. I understand that the Jews have everything ready now, only need their temple.
4. The remainder of the beginning of sorrows (**seals two - four**): Man's wrath against man, **not the wrath of God (Revelation 6:3-8)** a time of wars, famine, pestilence, and much, much **death**.
5. **Three and a half** years into the treaty the abomination of desolation; Anti-Christ becomes "the beast," breaks the treaty, declares himself to be god (**Matthew 24:15-22; Revelation 13:1-10**).
6. The mark of the beast - people not able to buy, sell or trade without it (**Revelation 13:11-18**).
7. Return of Elijah and one other as God's two witnesses, working miracles for 1260 days (**Revelation 11:3-14**). They may return prior to #5 are here 1260 days.
8. The Great Tribulation (**Matthew 24:21-28; Revelation 6-7**). The 5th and 6th seals.
9. Many believers martyred - **fifth seal (Revelation 6:9-11)**.
10. Signs in the heavens, asteroid storms, earthquakes, many wish for death - **sixth seal (Revelation 6:12-17)**.
11. **144,000** Jews sealed, protected by God (**Revelation 7:4-8**).
12. **Rapture of the true church to meet Jesus in the air (I Corinthians 15:20-26, 51-57; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 7:9-17)**.
13. **God's wrath** poured out beginning in **Revelation 8** with the opening of the **seventh seal**.
14. Nations gather against Israel (**Revelation 16:13-16**).
15. Jesus returns with His saints and touches earth, defeats Israel's enemies (**Zechariah 14:1-7; Revelation 19:11-16**).
16. One third of the Jews alive at the beginning of Daniel's 70th week are saved in a day while two thirds have perished (**Zechariah 13:8-9; Isaiah 66:7-9**).
17. Anti-Christ and False Prophet sent alive to lake of fire (**Revelation 19:20**).
18. Satan imprisoned in the abyss for 1000 years (**Revelation 20:1-3**).
19. The Marriage Supper (**Revelation 19:7-9**).

20. The Judgment Seat of Christ (**Romans 14:10**).
21. Survivors of Armageddon (**believers and non-believers**) enter 1000-year reign of Christ (**Zechariah 14:16-17**).
22. The 1000-year reign of Christ (**Revelation 20:4-6**).
23. Saved of Israel are missionaries to the world (**Isaiah 66:18-20**).
24. Satan is loosed for a season and leads many in rebellion that God destroys (**Revelation 20:7-9**).
25. Satan is cast alive into the lake of fire (**Revelation 20:10**).
26. Separation of the sheep and goats (**Matthew 25:31-46**) and a judgment of the living who survive the 1000-year reign of Christ.
27. Earth renovated by fire in preparation for the eternal Kingdom (**2 Peter 3:7, 12-13**).
28. Great White Throne judgment of the wicked dead (**Revelation 20:11-15**).
29. Establishment of the new heaven and new earth—the eternal Kingdom of God (**Revelation 21:1—22:5**). The plan of God goes full circle back to God dwelling in fellowship with mankind, this time without a tempter and with those who want to be with Him.



Although these are only some of the events, these are enough for us to visualize the remaining plan that God has for His true followers. With this in mind, how much time do we have before all this begins to take place? God never intended us to be caught unaware of the time. Jesus even went so far as to use some of His parables to warn of the need to be watchful and ready!

Remember, a parable is a simple story that illustrates a moral or spiritual truth or lesson.

Matthew 25:1-13 is the parable of the ten virgins, five of whom were wise and five of whom were foolish. The wise ones took oil along with their lamps so they would not run out and lose their light. However, the foolish took only the lamp with the oil it contained and eventually their lights went out. When the warning sounded that the bridegroom was coming, the foolish had no light and no extra oil and wanted to borrow from those who had prepared. The wise refused, lest they not have enough. The foolish went to purchase more but the bridegroom came while they were gone. He, along with those wise virgins who had prepared, went into the marriage and **“the door was shut.”** When the others arrived, saying, **“Lord, Lord open to us,”** the answer was **“...I know you NOT.”** Jesus closed the parable with these words, **“Watch, therefore; for ye know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of man cometh.”** We may not know the day or hour, but we can have a good idea of when the bridegroom will come for his bride as we see events escalate.

Jesus uses two parables about the fig tree to again illustrate that we should watch and prepare for Christ’s return as well as understand the times in which we live. The fig tree is a type or symbol for the nation of Israel. Jesus is wanting the disciples to connect the dots with what He has shown them concerning the fig tree, Israel.

In **Matthew 21:18-22**, Jesus uses an actual fig tree to share a lesson on praying in faith, although I think there is much more to the story! Though it is not the season for the tree to bear fruit, even in colder weather a fig tree with leaves might still have had some fruit. This one does not so Jesus curses it. That might seem like cruel and unusual punishment for not having fruit in a non-fruit season. However, the tree, Israel, has had Jesus in her midst for almost three years, demonstrating that He is God and has come to reveal the Father. This was the hour of Israel’s visitation from God and they missed it. Israel is a fruitless nation after three years of opportunity. Thus, Jesus curses the tree as it is now too late to do anything meaningful. Israel had green leaves, a show of religion. However, the outward show cannot of itself produce real fruit. The tree was worthless! It deserved to be cursed as it was about to crucify its Savior. How sad will it be when Christ returns for the true church and finds many with leaves of green but no godly fruit of righteousness through a personal relationship in Christ. For them it will be too late as with the foolish virgins.

In the parable in **Matthew 24:32-35**, Jesus is saying that when you see the fig tree begin to stretch forth its branches and leaf, it is a sign that summer, the time of fruitfulness, is near. Since the destruction of Jerusalem

and her temple in 70 A.D., Israel has been dispersed, wiped out as a nation, disposed of her homeland, her form of religion done away with, and her people scattered among the nations of the world. However, God did not abandoned His people. On **May 14, 1948**, Israel was recognized as a nation and returned to her homeland, the only nation, that I am aware of, who had ever been totally disposed of their homeland to again reclaim it. This is what I believe Jesus is referring to when He speaks to His disciples about the fig tree stretching forth her branches again with green leaves, approaching the season of her fruitfulness. In **Matthew 24:33**, Jesus tells the disciples, **“So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the door.”** The “it” He is referring to is the time of His return! Then He says something that I think is even more phenomenal. **“...I say unto you, this generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.”**

What exactly does Jesus mean by the statement, **“this generation will not pass...?”** In researching what constitutes a generation biblically, it would seem to mean a span of approximately 40 years (**Numbers 14:34; 32:13**). Using that number as an approximate, for we are trying to identify the season rather than the day or hour, here is one mathematical possibility:

First, if, and I admit I’m speculating. If He was referring to the re-establishment of Israel as a nation on May 14, 1948, after nearly 2000 years of non-existence, then that generation, those born between 1948 and 1988 will not pass from the earth before all these things are fulfilled. Giving a normal life expectancy of 70-80 years (Psalm 90:10) from the youngest group, those born in 1988 + 70 or 80 yrs., we might expect to see His glorious return sometime between 2058 and 2068.

Secondly, if He is referring to anyone from that generation still remaining alive on the earth, then of course the dates could be further out as people are living into their 90’s and more. This should at least give us some idea of the possibility that His glorious return is near! It would not surprise me to see an escalation of events such as the COVID-19 virus and other indications that beings are at war in the spiritual realm. Remember, our weapons are not carnal but are mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds! (2 Corinthians 10:4)

Regardless of the accuracy of my predictions, the main thing is to be ready for His return! We must have extra oil for our lamps, stay alert to the signs around us, and use the talents He has given us for the expansion of His Kingdom! **We can make a difference!**

In the parable of the talents, found in **Matthew 25:14-30**, Jesus teaches us about our **responsibility** as true followers of Christ to be fruitful, not slothful, with what God has placed into our lives for the upbuilding of His Kingdom. We are to be Kingdom builders, but not of our own kingdoms—rather The Kingdom! In this parable, the master gives each of his three servants “**his goods**,” each “**according to their ability**.” To one servant He gives five talents, to another two talents, and finally to the last one talent. Upon his return, the master asks each servant to give account of what he has gained with what has been given to him. The man given five has gained five more. The man given two has gained two more. The third servant, however, was “**afraid**” and hid the one talent given to him. Here is that word again, **FEAR**. It is the devil’s tool and robs us of the Master’s blessing! The servant returns to the master what was given him. Note what Jesus says of that man:

1. **THOU WICKED** vs.26
2. **AND SLOTHFUL SERVANT** vs.26
3. **TAKE THE TALENT FROM HIM** vs.28
4. **GIVE IT TO THE ONE WITH TEN** vs.28
5. **CAST THE UNPROFITABLE SERVANT INTO OUTER DARKNESS** vs.30
6. **THERE SHALL BE WEeping AND GNASHING OF TEETH** vs.30

Definitely not a good day for the fearful servant who made no effort to advance the master’s “goods!” Works are not what we do to enter God’s Kingdom, but they are what we do to gain reward in heaven—which is what the judgement seat of Christ is all about—rewards!
(2 Corinthians 5:10-11)

Israel was cursed because of their **fruitlessness!** They missed their hour of visitation! This servant was also cursed because he gave in to fear, kept what he had been given, and **failed to make any effort** to use his talent to advance the master’s kingdom. **He had a “heart” problem. He feared the shame of loss (self-interest)** more than what the master would do to him. The evidence indicates that he was not in union with the master and thus deserved his fate. The others were eager to do whatever they could to advance the master’s goods with what had been entrusted to them. They did not fear the master but only wanted to please him. As a result, God blessed their efforts! Note that the master gave the one who had the most the wicked servant’s talent. The master was a wise investor, putting his money where it would be multiplied. Multiplication is exactly what this ministry does!

In closing, let me challenge you to consider, in the midst of this storm which I believe will pass, that God holds even our breath in His hands. There is a time appointed to each of us, and each day we draw closer to that time. Are you advancing the Master’s Kingdom on earth? Is there fruit being added to your heavenly account? We who are in the body of Christ are to live with eternal purpose, knowing that decisions we make each day will echo throughout God’s eternal Kingdom. Keep your eyes fixed on God’s eternal purpose and your part in that and not on the world in which we are sojourning. Do your best to make each day count for something that will advance God’s Kingdom. Do so in practical ways as opportunity presents. Each day we can have an impact in God’s Kingdom by releasing Him to have His will on earth in each situation of our lives through prayer and intercession for others.

The Boy Scout motto “**Be Prepared**” is echoed by Jesus as well. What has God called you to do to expand His Kingdom in the time you have left? The **responsibility** rests in each of our hands, first individually and then corporately as part of the body of Christ. God bless you for standing with us in prayer and giving. There is time left to make a tremendous difference in God’s Kingdom! Let us be about His work until the trumpet sounds! The Covid-19 warning has been given, now it is time to prepare!

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