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Rightly Dividing Prophecy

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Because of the technology that is available to us today, we sometimes hear and believe that certain things are about to happen. But as believers unless we know what the word is telling us about prophecy and coming events, we should be careful in listening to and getting ready for some of what is being said by those who have good intentions and are prophesying things about to maybe happen. We know that Jesus is coming back soon, but we cannot set around waiting for that event to happen, He has a job for each of to do and we should be busy about His work, preparing for that second return.

Jesus is not only coming back to earth with His church, because before He comes back with the church, He is coming back for His church, before this happens, He is going to visit His church with the greatest outpouring of power that the world has ever known. The church will be felt around the world with its influence to every government and all people. The gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all nations, bringing healing, deliverance from demonic oppression and salvation to every tribe and ethnic group and all who hear will be able to receive the good news, then we can look for the end and the coming of Jesus.

Statistics tell us that approximately 41% or 3.25billion of the worlds population still have never heard the gospel of the kingdom. The bible teaches us that no man knows the hour or day that He is coming and when someone tries to tell us that they know the time, that is not true, even Jesus and the angels do not know that. We will know the season, but not the exact time or day.

Matt 24:14 "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." KJV

James 5:7-8 "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. 8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." KJV

James is writing to the believer, just like the farmer is patient, we must be patient, waiting for the early and latter rain.

1 Cor 10:32 "Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:" KJV

There are three classes of people mentioned in this scripture. The Jews; the Jewish people, the Gentiles meaning the world and what is going on there, and the church meaning the body of believers in all churches. The people, pastors or others, who are teaching the believers, must be careful not to over emphasize the Jews or Gentiles, their focus must be on what is helping the born again believers in their local congregations, being careful not to get in error in teaching end time prophecy. Matthew 24 and Luke 21 teach that pastors or those teaching end time prophecy must be able to discern what the spirit is saying, able to know to whom the prophecy is being spoken to.

The church is hearing about things regarding the Jews and what is happening in the world, but little is being said about what is happening in the church and what God has spoken prophetically about the church. What is God's plan for the church? He is not coming for a weak church, but one that is

glorious, that is arrayed in the power and the glory of God without spot or wrinkle, doing the works of Jesus Christ on the earth. We have the promise to look forward to the coming of Jesus, but we must be ready, we cannot be like the ten virgins spoken of in Matthew, that as they waited for the groom to come, that some were prepared and some were not. We must live ready to leave out of here at any time.

The recent signs in the heaven does not mean that the time is here now, but that the signs in heaven are signs that Jesus is coming soon.

Joel is speaking about the former rain and the latter rain. They were going to be blessed with a double portion. This promise is to the church also, we shall be blessed with a double portion of His spirit, seeing all the miraculous things that He has promised and when we see these things come to pass, we can lift up our heads and see Him coming and that He will restore the years that have been stolen. There will be a powerful and glorious church coming out from the world because of His blessings. Being bold and confident, not ashamed and hiding behind closed doors, but doing the work of God because of the double anointing of the church. When we see what has been prophesied about the Jews, the Gentiles and the church coming into alignment, then we can look up and rejoice because we may be getting ready to see Him coming.

Joel 2:21-32 "Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things. 22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. 23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. 24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. 25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. 26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. 27 And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed. 28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. 30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come. 32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call." KJV

Amos 9:13 "The time will come," says the Lord, "when the grain and grapes will grow faster than they can be harvested. Then the terraced vineyards on the hills of Israel will drip with sweet wine." NLT

The harvest will be so great, this means that many will be saved, not just a few. We must see the world through Gods eyes, there are so many that have yet to be saved, God gave His son to the world, not just to America.

The following scripture shows the responsibility that the husband and wife have to each other, Paul says that this relationship is a great mystery, helps us to understand the importance of Christ in the church. It takes both, husband and wife to make this relationship work, it is just not the responsibility of one

Eph 5:21-33 "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. 22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. 28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. 29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: 30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. 31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. 32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband." KJV

Being ready at the time that Jesus comes is addressed in this scripture. The church has made herself ready.

Rev 19:7 "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready" KJV

The following scripture is similar to what was spoken of in James 5:7-8 earlier in the teaching. God is waiting for all men to come to repentance that none should be lost. When we see these signs coming and in regards to our walk with the Lord, we should be set apart, looking for that day and ready to go. If we thought for sure that Jesus was coming back right now, we would be more at work to help others make things right, so that none would perish. If we really believe that Jesus is coming, we will have corresponding actions, getting everything ready.

2 Pet 3:9,11-12 "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and *hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?" KJV

*hasting means speeding up, getting ourselves ready, having a continual fellowship with Him, by going to the unreached, praying that God would send laborers into the harvest field, making preparation for His coming

We are seeing all kinds of events going on around us in the natural, hurricanes and earthquakes, large amounts of destruction are happening, threats from other countries, but these are things that Jesus tells us about in Matthew as they begin to happen in the last days.

Matt 24:36-50 "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, 39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. 43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. 44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. 45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. 48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; 49 And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; 50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, 51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." KJV

Reference was given regarding prophecies about the church that other ministers had given or had been given and their response to what was said.

John G. Lake, responded to a letter he had received in which a preacher had proclaimed that the Lord was coming in 1914, during a great revival that was happening, but Lake felt like that talk of this

manner was causing confusion for those in lack of knowledge of God's word. Bro. Lake wrote in response that every man and woman living in union with Him is assured in advance that He cannot and will not come in 1914. That the church was not ready.

Charles Price stated in 1925, there is one thing we can be fully assured of, there will be a full power of Pentecost restored to the church before the coming of the Lord, to those true to God with full consecration, He will pour out in fullest measure the power which was given to His disciples the day the church was born; miracles of healing, supernatural manifestation of Gods mighty power that will break even the hardest of hearts, there will be a cloudburst of the latter rain, rains of the spirit, this he was convinced of beyond measure.

(There was a prophecy given by Tommy Hicks in 1961 that can be found on the internet if you desire to read it)

Jesus is coming back, but there is a lot of work to be done yet, a great ingathering of souls. He is coming for a glorious church, we must be prepared.

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