

HOW LONG, O LORD?

A Bible-Based Study

of the Times and Seasons

Re the Return of Our Lord

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"And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held.

*And they cried with a loud voice, saying, **How long, O Lord,** holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?*

And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled."

Revelation 6:9-11

INTRODUCTION

The greatest mystery of the ages is the time of the appearance of the promised Messiah. The fog is lifting in these last days, as His coming draws nigh. We live in the days foretold by Daniel when "the wise shall understand". Christ told the early disciples that it was not theirs to know the times and the seasons, which were in the Father's hand. But God always forewarns - the last generation will know if they watch.

God works in cycles; His 7 basic time cycles in creation are: the millennium (1000 years - Psalm 90:4, II Peter 3:8); the Jubilee cycles (49 years per cycle); the solar year (365.242 days - the time the earth takes to travel one cycle around the sun); the month (linked to the lunar cycle); the week (Gen 1) - 7 days; the day (Gen 1) - 12 hours; the hour. This brief document makes the following assumptions:

* That Adam was created in the year 4043 B.C., and stayed in the garden of Eden for 40 years before his fall due to sin. The 40 years is taken from Jewish Rabbinic tradition. The Jews also believe that Adam was created to be biologically 30 years old - this could explain why God told Adam that "the **day** thou sinnest, thou shalt die"... Adam could have been exactly 1000 years old biologically when he died, the 930 years attributed to his life in Scripture perhaps dating from his expulsion from the garden of Eden.

* That the Jubilee cycles are 49 year cycles (and not 50), and commenced with the entrance of the Jews into the Promised Land around 1400 BC.

* That Christ was born in a stable in Bethlehem on the night of Saturday 7 Tishri, the 7th month of the Jewish calendar, 3759 AH or 3BC. The Saturday Sabbath officially terminates at 6 pm., so Christ would technically have been born on the Lord's Day (Sunday). The rationale behind this date is as follows: in the Old Testament, both the first and the second Temples were dedicated on the Feast of Tabernacles (15 Tishri), when both times God's shekinah glory filled the Temple. Jesus was dedicated as a babe by Mary on the 8th day of His life on earth (Luke 2:22), in fulfillment of the requirements of the law of Moses, and His body was the very Temple of God. He Himself said "Destroy this Temple, and in 3 days I will raise it up" (Jn 2:19), speaking prophetically of the Temple of His body.

* That there will be a Pre-tribulation rapture midnight (Jerusalem time), 7 years before the coming of Our Lord on the Mount of olives, one year on the First of Tishri (Fast of Trumpets). This rapture may only be for 50% of the body of Christ, in the light of Matthew 24:40-41, and the parable of the wise and foolish virgins in Matthew 25.

In John chapter 6 the events of the rapture are acted out. First Jesus crosses the sea of Galilee, which speaks of His crossing the border of physical death which separates us from heaven. He left His home in glory and came down to man. A great multitude follows Him, whom He feeds with just 5 loaves and two fishes. Jesus then departs alone, notice, into a mountain, prophetically because His coronation day has not yet come. He is there now at this point in time, in the mountain on the sides of the North in heaven, in the city of the Great King, in the Temple, interceding for us in the Holy Place. His disciples, after His departure, enter into a ship on the sea of Galilee. It is dark (verse 17) and Jesus has not yet come. This speaks of the time when the midnight hour is approaching. A great storm arises, speaking prophetically of the impending Great Tribulation. But what happens? Jesus comes to His disciples, walking on the waters of death. At first they are frightened. But Jesus said to them "It is I; be not afraid." Brother, sister, when Jesus comes for us He will say those same words, and we need not fear. The disciples received Him willingly into the ship, and what happened? Immediately they were translated. The Word of God says that "**immediately** the ship was in the land whither they went", the which land speaks of heaven. "Come and go with me to my Father's house", says one popular song of the saints in this hour.

The drama continues to act out events to come. The next day, ie. in the morning after the midnight rapture, at first those left behind see there is no other boat to go across the sea of Galilee (verse 22). But hallelujah, there is still hope. Note verse 23, bracketed, a message for those saints left behind, those sleepy virgins who had insufficient oil in their lamps: other boats are nigh. When these left behind the first time take shipping also, they will come seeking Jesus in heaven (v 24), speaking of saints who will be translated at the coming of the Lord.

Twelve signs Jesus is returning soon

1. The sign of the days of creation

Moses, in Psalm 90, wrote "A thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night." (Psalm 90:4), while the apostle Peter told us not to despair concerning the apparent slowness of the Lord's return, and wrote "one day **with** the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day". (II Pet 3:8).

The world was created in 6 days (earth-time); God rested the seventh day and hallowed it. This was prophetic of 6000 years before the hallowed 1000 years of the millennium. Many of the early church fathers believed this.

There is evidence that there was exactly 1000 years between the completion of Solomon's Temple and the destruction of Herod's.

2. The sign of Jonah

A Jewish "day" in Scripture is just 12 hours - from 6am in the morning to 6pm in the evening. Thus, for example, the Saturday Sabbath day begins legally at 6pm on a Friday. Similarly a night is 12 hours - from 6pm at night to 6am in the morning. Jonah was in the belly of the whale 3 days and three nights before deliverance. Similarly the world has experienced "3 days and 3 nights", and its resurrection hour, with the coming of the Lord, is nigh.

Adam was born around 4000 BC. (Attempts to calculate the year of His birth all center around the year 4000 BC give or take about 200 years.) He represented the dawn/spring season of man. In the noon /summer period of that first day, there was a period of righteousness. Gen 4:26 records that men began to call on the name of the Lord after the birth of Enos, the son of Seth. This was the start of the summer period of that day, which reached its peak in the days of Enoch. Enoch pleased God (Heb 11:5) and was translated. He was a prophet. He foresaw the flood, naming his son Methuselah, which means "when he dies, judgement". He died in the year of the flood. This in itself was prophetic of the time to come when the body of the Messiah being cut off before the flood of judgement comes on the earth. By the Holy Spirit, Jude declares that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, foresaw the second coming of Christ with thousands of His saints to execute judgement upon all (Jude 14-15). Both Adam and Enoch were taken from the earth at the sunset hour (autumn) of the first day. Shortly thereafter (126 years from the death of Adam, and 69 years after the translation of Enoch) Noah was born, and nightfall came.

The years of Noah (950) typify the night period of the age of the Gentiles (c.4000-2000 BC). With the departure of Adam and Enoch, there was an absence of hearing and believing God's Word, and the wickedness of man was great. Around the midnight hour (winter) man was given a grace period of 120 years before the flood came (Gen 6:3). It was a long cold winter after that as man recovered and civilisation began to build up again.

At a new dawn (c.2000 BC) Abram was born, meaning "High Father". His name was changed to "Abraham" meaning "Father of a multitude". He became the father of faith to them that believe (Rms 4, Gal 3), and was also the physical father of the Jews. The morning was overcast, as the Jews were in Egypt. They prospered at first (Ex 1:7), but needed to be delivered eventually. This Moses did. The children of Israel entered the promised land under Joshua in summertime. There were short patches of bad weather in the times of the Judges, but God was with His people, raising up Judges and prophets and guiding them directly. In the autumn/sunset period, the Jews' troubles began when they wanted a King like the other nations. There was a beautiful sunset in the days of King David, but the Israelites soon fell away from the Lord, looking to human leadership rather than God.

Nightfall came. In punishment for sin, Israel was taken into captivity - first the northern tribes by the Assyrians, then the remnant by the Babylonians around 600 BC. The midnight hour saw the writing of the book of Lamentations - but there is always hope, because "new every morning is His faithfulness". (Lam 3:22-23). God did not make a total end of man in the days of Noah, nor of the Jews in their captivity, and the "stars" in the night of the prophets still shone, prophesying of the new dispensation to come.

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. The "Sun of Righteousness" was about to arise with healing in His wings. Christ, the daystar from on high (II Pet 1:19), and the bright and morning star (Venus, seen at dawn) ushered in a new dawn at His birth. The church was born on the day of Pentecost around 30 AD. Forty years later (70 AD) the Jews were dispersed when the Temple was besieged and destroyed by the Romans.

The early church shone brightly, polished by 10 eras of persecution, from that under the evil Nero, who became Emperor in 54 AD, to the persecution under Diocletian around 303 AD. Constantine became emperor in 306 AD and embraced Christianity in 312 AD. The summer came with the conversion of the Roman empire to Christianity. There were to be no further persecutions of Christians for about 1000 years. Rome was sacked by the Vandals in 455 AD, and the Western half of the Roman Empire fell in 476 AD. The evening was heavily overcast as the Roman Catholic Church and the Papacy began to drift from the principles of Scripture. At sunset, in 1073 AD Pope Gregory VII asserted the Roman Catholic church to be without error, the pope to be supreme and above all law, and entitled to the homage of all princes.

Nightfall came. There was terrible darkness in the church. Hatred against God's people the Jews reached fever pitch. The Word of God was unavailable to the people in their mother tongue, and there were many martyrs again for the faith. Hope of a new dawn came with Martin Luther and the Reformation or Protestant movement in 1517 AD. Within the first half of the 16th century every major European nation had a Bible translated into its own language. The gospel has since spread rapidly, as the sky brightens. The hour of **His** coming draws nigh, since 3 days and 3 nights are about up.

3. The sign of a Sabbath Day's Journey

Also, Jewish rabbis, by tradition, define a sabbath day's journey as about 2000 cubits (7 and a half furlongs). This is the maximum distance that one is allowed to travel on the sabbath day; if you go past this you are "working" and, strictly speaking, breaking the Jewish law.

The mount of Olives is "about a sabbath day's journey" from the Jerusalem temple (Cf Acts 1:12). When Jesus removed Himself from the Jews at His ascension, He went 2000 cubits from their capital, Jerusalem. When Christ returns to the Jews, His feet will touch the Mount of Olives for the first time since He ascended from there in 30 AD. (Acts 1:11, Zech 14:4). On His return to the Jews, Christ will journey from the Mount of Olives to the Temple to cleanse it. He did this on the sabbath day preceding passion week, riding on an ass from the Mount of Olives, foreshadowing the future. Perhaps He will once again ride an ass, in a double fulfillment of Zech 9:9, and fulfilling Zech 9:10.

4. The sign of Nathaniel and the Fig Tree

On the first two days mentioned in John 1, Jesus calls the disciples associated with evangelism who were all fishermen: Peter and Andrew on day one, and Philip on day 2. At the start of day 3 He prepares to journey into Cana of Galilee, which typifies heaven. Cana means "high place". Before He journeys, He calls Nathaniel from under the shade of the fig tree. In Cana of Galilee Jesus performs His first miracle: changes water into wine at a wedding feast. Then He goes down into Judea and cleanses the Temple. The prophetic picture is as follows: The age of evangelism will last 2000 years; the Jews will only be called forth when the fig tree (Israel) is no longer withered, but providing shade, having put forth its leaves, and only then will the marriage supper of the lamb take place in the high place of paradise in heaven, followed by the descent of Jesus to the Jews to cleanse the Temple.

The week of His death, Jesus was asked by His disciples when He would return (Matt 24). He told them He would return in an hour they were unaware of (v 42, v44). But in the middle of His speech He gave a parable, a curious riddle - the parable of the fig tree (Matt 24:32-35).

The fig tree is prophetic of Israel. Just before His death, Jesus cursed a fig tree - an action prophetic of the temporary cutting of the Jewish nation from His life (read Matt 21:17-22). According to the parable, when the branch of the fig tree would be yet tender, and put forth leaves, there would be a generation which would not pass away before His coming.

Israel, a nation young and "tender", put forth leaves when Jerusalem - i.e. the Temple mount area - was taken in 1967 AD. A generation is 70 years, and it seems likely that the generation from 1967 AD will not pass away before Christ returns.

5. The sign of the Samaritan sojourn

In John 4, after converting the Samaritan woman at the well, the Lord abode two days with the Samaritans as they responded to the gospel. This was prophetic of His spending 2000 years **with** the Gentiles.

6. The sign of Lazarus

When Lazarus, typifying the Jewish people, was dead and Jesus received word of it, He abode 2 days where He was. Everyone was surprised at this because Jesus loved Lazarus much, but it was a prophetic sign. Then Jesus went to him, and wept at the sight of the tomb. Lazarus had been in the tomb 4 days before Jesus raised him from the dead. The whole picture was prophetic. The Holy Spirit was leaving a sign in the scriptures. The Jewish people will be in the tomb for 4000 years before their spiritual resurrection. Jesus will delay 2000 years before raising them from the dead. Looking at their spiritual tomb, he wept over Jerusalem on the mount of Olives, which overlooks the city. The shortest but most poignant verse of Scripture is "Jesus wept". He will weep again over His people 2000 years later, even as Joseph wept privately, before He reveals Himself to His people.

Notice that Bethany, where Lazarus died, is exactly 15 furlongs or 4000 cubits from Jerusalem. Recall that the Lord of the Sabbath travels using the sabbath-day journey measurement, which is 7 and a half furlongs. Observe that Jesus took exactly 2 days to reach Lazarus. The sickness of the Jews is not unto death, but to demonstrate the glory of God. By now their dead body "stinketh", but Jesus will roll away the stumbling stone that is before them, and call them forth, and this will happen soon. In passing, note that the healing of the man blind from birth in John chapter 9 is

also a beautiful prophetic picture of the time when Our Lord will remove the veil from the eyes of the Jews, who have been blinded from their birth and cannot yet see Him.

7. The sign of new birth

There was a gap of approximately 2000 years between the birth of Adam (c.4000 BC) and the birth of Abraham (c.2000 BC) - ie. between the birth of the Gentiles, and the birth of the Jews. Similarly there will be a gap of approx. 2000 yrs between the spiritual rebirth of the Gentiles and the spiritual rebirth of the Jews. God is creating a new race approximately every 2000 years: first natural man, then the Jews, then spiritual man, then translated man (after the first resurrection).

Viewed another way, there was a gap of approx 2000 yrs between the birth of Abraham and that of Christ. The Jews, built on the foundation of the 12 sons of Israel, were pregnant with the promised seed for c.2000 yrs before being delivered of a son who will rule the nations with a rod of iron. Even so the church, largely composed of Gentiles, built on the foundation of the 12 apostles, will be pregnant for c.2000 years before full maturity and deliverance with His appearing.

8. The sign of the Stars

God placed the stars in the heavens for signs. Approximately every 2000 years the 12 signs of the zodiac rotate one place along the ecliptic. The age of Pisces - the sign of the early church, a fish, was prophetic of the catching of souls via evangelism. The fish was an early symbol of Christianity, since the Greek word for fish, **ICTHUS**, is an acronym for the Greek phrase **I**esous **C**hristos **T**heou **H**uios **S**oter, i.e. Jesus Christ, of God the Son, Saviour - it was used as a secret password when Christians were being persecuted by the Romans. It is now ending, and the "age" of Aquarius" is about to begin.

Pisces relates to the last 2000 years, ie. church history, and Aries (ram) relates to the age of the Jews, from the time that Abraham saw the ram in the thicket to the sacrificial ram of Christ. The age of the bull (Taurus) relates to the Gentile age (from Adam to Abraham), and Psalm 22:12, which refers prophetically to the Roman soldiers at the foot of the cross, is in agreement with this interpretation.

Multiple New Age organisations are actively working towards their goal of bringing about a New World Order. The satanically inspired "New Age" movement is actively prophesying in the writings of its prominent leaders that a new world ruler will soon emerge (i.e. the Antichrist) and further that Christians will be "purged" from the earth around that time. For example, Vera

Alder, in her book **The Initiation of the World**, wrote:

"The Piscean Age, as you know, lasts two thousand or so years, as do the other zodiacal signs. Its inception marked the beginning of the Christian era. It is passing out of manifestation now, as the new Aquarian Age is coming in."

The nigh appearance of the AntiChrist will usher in the Great 7-year tribulation (prophetically indicated by the 7 years of famine in the days of Joseph, the 7 years of famine in the time of Elijah, and Daniel's 70th week). This will be followed by the return of Christ, with the Age of Aquarius corresponding to the Millennium age of the Reign of Christ Rev 20:2-4) and earth's subsequent cleansing.

9. The sign of Jesus in the Temple

Jesus made His first major appearance in the Temple c. 9 AD, at the age of twelve, around the time of the Passover feast (Lk 2:41-52). His mother, kinsfolk, and acquaintances travelled for a day from Jerusalem without noticing His absence, then took a day to return to Jerusalem, and only discovered Jesus in the Temple on the third day. This is prophetic: two thousand years from His first coming, the Lord, whom we seek, will suddenly come to His Temple (Mal 3:1).

10. The sign of the Jubilee years

In the days of Daniel, he studied the writings of Jeremiah the prophet. The Jews had not been observing the sabbatic years. They were supposed, by ordinance, to be keeping the land fallow every 7 years, but they were not doing so. Hence God prophesied that they would have to be removed from the land for 70 years so that the land could enjoy its sabbaths. This came to pass. It was the background for the most important prophecy of all time with respect to the date of the coming Messiah: Daniel 9:24-27 - which would be 70 weeks (sevens) of years (or 10 Jubilee cycles) after the commandment to restore and rebuild Jerusalem.

The apostle Peter asked Jesus once: "How often should I forgive my brother?" Jesus replies prophetically: not seven times, but **seventy times seven**. There is no record in Scripture that Israel ever observed the regulations with respect to the Jubilee years. The Messiah, the brother of the Jews, may forgive them exactly 70 times 7 times, no more, no less.

A Jubilee year was the year after a set of 7 sevens of years. It was an especially holy year. This holy year would mark the beginning of the next set of Jubilee years, etc. It is possible that Jesus will return at or around the end of the 70th Jubilee cycle. God was specific as to when the Jubilee years should begin

to be counted from - they were to begin from the day that the Israelites set foot in the promised land of Canaan. The exact date that the Israelites actually entered the Promised land differs according to which book you read, but it was around 1400 BC. From this date, the destruction of Herod's Temple in 70 AD roughly marked the end of the 30th Jubilee cycle, and the year 2030 AD will roughly mark the end of the 70th Jubilee cycle.

11. The sign of the Cubits

God ordered that there be a gap of approximately 2000 cubits in the wilderness between the tabernacle (housing His shekinah glory in the Holy of Holies) and the people of Israel. (Joshua 3:4). As the ark contained the Word of God, so the church contains the Word of God, Christ. It will be 2000 years before Israel closes the gap.

The East Gate of Jerusalem is shut until the Lord returns. He will come through it from the Mount of Olives, which lies to the East of Jerusalem.

In Ezekiel 42:15-20 we see an angel measuring the gate; it measures 500 cubits to the East, North, South and West, 2000 cubits in all. This is prophetically symbolic of the 2000 years between the first and second coming of the Lord.

12. The Seventy Weeks Sign of Daniel 9

There are significant times in Scripture that a time period of years in the four hundreds is mentioned, all multiples of ten, are as follows:

(1) 400 years from the casting out of Ishmael to the Exodus (Gen 15:13, Acts 7:6-7).

(2) 430 years from Abram's call to the Exodus, or between the Abramic and Mosaic covenants. (Ex 12:40-41, Gal 3:17-18)

(3) 450 years from the division of Canaan to King Saul, the period of the Judges (Acts 13:19-20).

(4) 480 years from the Exodus to the time construction began on Solomon's temple (I Kings 6:1) which was 7 years in building (I Kings 6:38).

(5) In Daniel 9, an angel informs Daniel of a seventy weeks or 490 years period from the commandment to rebuild Jerusalem to the promised Messiah (Dan 9:24). Within the period would be sixty-nine weeks (sevens) or 483 years from the time the commandment was given to rebuild Jerusalem's walls to the Messiah, who would be cut off (slain) for the people (Dan 9:25-26). The most fascinating interpretation of this prophecy is in the book "The Coming Prince"

by Sir Robert Anderson, where he claims that the seventy weeks refer to prophetic years of 360 days each, and were fulfilled on the day when Christ rode the ass into Jerusalem at the start of Passion week.

Compare these timings with the history of Daniel's people the Jews from the Jewish year 5278 (1517 AD):

- (1) 5278 plus 400 = 5678 (1917/1918 AD).
- (2) 5278 plus 430 = 5708 (1947/1948 AD).
- (3) 5278 plus 450 = 5728 (1967/1968 AD).
- (4) 5278 plus 483 = 5761 (2000/2001 AD).
- (5) 5278 plus 490 = 5768 (2007/2008 AD).

Concerning (1): the Ottoman Turks took over Jerusalem in the Jewish year 5278 AH. Exactly 400 years later, in the Jewish year 5678 AH, Jerusalem was freed by the British under general Allenby (October 31, 1917 AD), and the modern day exodus of the dispersed Jews back to the Promised Land began in earnest thanks to the Balfour Declaration (November 2, 1917 AD).

In passing, Sarah in the Old Testament prophetically represented Free Jerusalem (Gal 4:22-26). She had to wait until she was 90 years old to give birth to Isaac, the son of promise. There may be 90 years between the liberation of Jerusalem (1917 AD) and the new release of Holy Ghost freedom to the Heavenly Jerusalem, the body of Christ (2007 AD.). Also, the maximum number of solar and lunar eclipses in one year is **seven**. The **seventh** appeared just as General Allenby marched into Jerusalem in 1917 AD to free the city from the Turks.

Concerning (2): Israel became a nation Iyar 5, 5708 AH (Friday, May 14, 1948 AD), exactly 430 Jewish years from the taking of Jerusalem by the Turks in 5278 AH (re this calculation, Jewish civil years start in our September or October, on Tishri 1, the Jewish New Year). Also, the floodgates for the exodus of dispersed Jews back to the promised land were swung open.

Concerning (3): the Holiest spot on earth to the Jews, the Temple Mount of Jerusalem, was captured in the May 1967 war, exactly 450 Roman years after it was captured by the Turks in 1517 AD.

The re-gathering of God's people back to the promised land, their attaining nationhood, and their recapture of the Temple Mount, added together, are all a clear sign of the soon return of Christ.

Concerning (5) one can speculate that from the year 2007 onwards, Jews will discover Jesus as their promised Messiah in astonishingly large numbers.

The "Holy City" mentioned in Daniel 9:24 can be prophetically equated to "the New Jerusalem" in the New Testament in Revelation, and also to God's Holy people who believe in the Messiah (Rev

21:2-3). Hence the prophecy may be a sign for the church. Note:

- The year 5278 (1517 AD) is of prophetic significance in church History - the start of the Reformation.
- 1947/48 AD marked the start of the "latter rain" outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the mainline Protestant denominations of the Church. The earlier Azusa street revival had been largely confined to the Pentecostals.
- 1967 marked the time of the commencement of the Catholic Charismatic revival, when the gifts of the Holy Spirit likewise invaded the world of the Catholics, the first and oldest of the denominations.
- 2000/2001 AD, sixty-nine weeks of years later, marked the "cutting off" not of the Messiah, but of an old millennium and the start of a new. It is also interesting to note that this date is 70 sevens of 360-day prophetic years from 1517 AD.
- Seventy weeks of years (70 times 7) were prophesied between the commandment to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem to the promised Messiah (Dan 9:24). Similarly, this prophetically indicates that the Lord will visit His church in restoration and rebuilding in a new wave of glory from 2007 AD, which is 70 weeks of years from the time He divinely began to rebuild His church in 1517 AD.

CONCLUSION

The first coming of Christ was associated with the number 3. In Genesis 1, life comes from the dead earth on the **third** day. Elijah stretched himself out on the widow's dead child **3** times before life came (I Kings 17:21-22). Jonah was hid **3** days in the belly of the whale before being "resurrected". These triplets in the Old Testament pointed to the ultimate **3**: Christ rose the **third** day from the dead.

The second coming of Christ will be associated with the number 7. The seventh millennium from the birth of Adam will open to reveal the 70th Jubilee Cycle, culminating with the rapture, and followed by the last "week" of years of the seventy weeks of years of the prophecy re the coming of the Messiah in Daniel 9, the which prophecy was only partly fulfilled by the first coming of Christ.

On the 11 Av, the day when grapes are ripe in Israel, the grapes of the cluster of the vine of the earth will also be ripe (Rev14:18). Then the time will be nigh for Christ to return to His Temple the Church; the souls of believers in Him will be all gathered on the sea of glass, awaiting the wedding robes of their glorified bodies at the last trump on 1 Tishri...7 weeks will remain. At the start of each of those weeks, a plague on the earth is poured forth, 7 in all (Rev 15:1). Then the Jewish seventh month (Tishri) will open to reveal a new Jewish year, the feast of Trumpets, and the bodies of slain saints rising at the Second Coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, noon, Jerusalem Time...

Even as the body of the Messiah was cut off before His resurrection and ascension to glory, so too the spiritual body of Christ, us His people, will be cut off before His people are given new bodies at the time of His return. Some will be raptured and translated to glory; others will be slain by the forces of the AntiChrist. Either way the restraining hand of the church must be taken out of the way before the AntiChrist is fully revealed as the man of sin, sitting in the Temple of God in Jerusalem, masquerading as God (I Thess. 2:1-4). But fear not, church. Even as the body of Christ was anointed by Mary of Bethany before burial while He was yet living and not at His death, so too at the appointed hour a special anointing of the Holy Spirit will come upon you in the last hours while you yet live, before your burial, and the blood of the slain saints crying out for justice under the altar of God (Rev 6:9-10) will hasten His coming. They will cry "**How Long**, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?"

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

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