

Now Concerning Spiritual Things
an historical account of one man's walk with God

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THE TIME IS AT HAND
A Prophecy Fulfilled
Fasten Your seatbelts!

The phrase, "the time is at hand" appears seven times¹ in the King James version of the Bible. In all seven of these references, the meaning of the *phrase* is, "soon, nearby or imminent." For example, during His personal ministry, Jesus began to preach "My time is at hand."² The apostle Paul wrote the following words to young Timothy while incarcerated in a Roman prison awaiting his execution, "the time of my departure is at hand."³ This *phrase* is found twice in the book of Revelation.⁴ Since both may refer to the second coming of Christ, then "at hand" here means imminent, or an indefinite or an undeterminable period of time. "Near" or "nearby" and "imminent" are not synonymous. Imminent means "impending," which means nothing else must happen before an event could take place. That could mean a few minutes, months or years. Hence, the origin of the doctrine of Imminence. The *phase "at hand,"* therefore, must be understood in the light of the context in which it is said or written. Such is the case with a prophetic word given to me recently.

For more than a decade, the Lord has been speaking to a number of his servants concerning end-time events prophesied in the Bible. As evidence of this type of knowledge, I give you the words of the prophet Amos, "Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to his servants the prophets."⁵ Here is the story of how God revealed to me another of His *secrets*.

As I recall, it was in the year 1995 that I was given a certain prayer assignment. That morning in my early awakening moments, the Holy Spirit gave me these words, "Lord of harvest." I knew immediately the scripture to which He referred was, "The harvest is plenteous but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the

Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."⁶ I also knew immediately that He was telling me to add this to my daily prayers. Within a few days I had written and begun using a comprehensive prayer, centered around that scripture, which covered all geographical areas of the world to include every city, county, state and nation on every continent and every island all over the world to "hasten the soon coming of the Lord."⁷ When this "word" was given, I was again impressed with the extent to which *the Lord is dependent on individual believers like you and me* to bring forth or birth His end-time plans into existence. That portends a great responsibility for believers but also proclaims to each of us the wonderful opportunity given to obedient servants of God in these "last days." The prayer I was instructed to pray completed a cycle of prayer requests concerning end-time events given to me by the Lord and it fit perfectly with the other prayers in the cycle.

This *cycle* of prayers continued intact until about a year ago at which time the Lord spoke to me and said, "Your prayer habits will change." Of course, that concerned me and I immediately wondered which of the prayers that He had given me to pray should be discontinued. It's one thing to discontinue part of your own prayers, but an entirely different thing to discontinue a prayer *the Lord Himself has instructed you to pray!* He then told me not to be concerned about that since He would instruct me on my prayer changes. And He has. I have previously written about one.⁸ Here is the story of another.

The Prophetic Word

During my prayer time the morning of March 26, 2004, The Lord spoke to me and said, "There is no need

⁶Matthew 9:37, 38. Notice in this scripture that the Lord is dependent upon believers to "pray in the harvest." The Lord uses the vehicle of prayer to birth into existence His will on earth.

⁷As a spiritual warfare prayer warrior, a number of my prayer assignments cover many geographical areas of the world.

⁸Thirty-six years ago the Lord instructed me to pray for Israel and later revealed to me that my prayers were calling out the 144,000 Jews who will be active during the Tribulation. Then a few years ago he told me that the 144,000 were called out and to discontinue my prayers for them. That means this prayer assignment lasted over thirty years but the dividends therein are innumerable!

¹Deuteronomy 32:35; Matthew 4:17; 26:18; Mark 1:15; 2 Timothy 4:6; Revelation 1:3; 22:10.

²See Matthew 26:18.

³See 2 Timothy 4:6.

⁴Revelation 1:3; 22:10.

⁵Amos 3:7.

to pray the Lord of harvest to send forth laborers to reap His harvest because the threshing floor is bare – the harvest is in, has been reaped, winnowed, sifted, bagged, and put in the storehouse for future use, and the threshing floor is swept clean and put in order.”

The key to the interpretation of this prophetic word is found in Paul’s letter to the Church in Rome. One would expect this prophetic word to come from Paul, who was a Jew, since by his own admission, he was an apostle to the Gentiles.⁹ Here are his words: “For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, *that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.*”¹⁰

The Interpretation

The bare threshing floor that has been swept clean and put in order is the world. The bags of harvested grain are the *fullness of the Gentiles that have come in* [into the kingdom]. I understand this to mean the fulfillment of these prophetic words of Jesus, “And this gospel of the kingdom will be [has now been] preached to all the worlds as a witness to all the [Gentile] nations and then the end will come.”¹¹ This means that (1) *the harvest of the Gentiles is now complete in the proper number as the fulfillment of another prophecy prior to the rapture of the Church*¹² and (2) *the blindness in part that has happened to Israel for more than 1900 years has been removed!* Only the following two things may therefore remain before the Father will say to the Son, “*Go get your bride!*” (1) The ingathering of the Jews to Israel in God’s proper number and (2) the ingathering of the Jews into the kingdom as believers, in God’s proper number, who accept Jesus as Yeshua, the Messiah!

I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit while writing the above paragraph.

Comments

This does not mean that our desire to bring additional souls into the kingdom should cease. It means that (1) two other pre-Rapture prophetic requirements have been met and (2) ***the time is at hand*** when we should intensify our efforts to bring the unsaved into the kingdom, both Jew and Gentile, because the time is short, very short, I believe. Other than the above listed

⁹See Romans 11:13.

¹⁰Romans 11:25, italics added.

¹¹Matthew 24:14, bracketed insertions added.

¹²See 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

two-part ingathering of the Jews, I know of no other prophetic sign that must be fulfilled before the Rapture occurs. Jesus said this about the time of the Rapture: “But of the day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.”¹³

Just because a believer¹⁴ is not taken in the Rapture does not mean he will not be saved. It does mean that the Lord *then* will have his attention “big-time!” I believe the Rapture may trigger a worldwide revival. Those who expected to be “taken” but were left behind may lead the way. They then may realize the seriousness of every Bible prophecy, the certainty of hell and the blessings of heaven. This may prompt a flurry of Bible reading/study with a sense of urgency by some who were left behind that will be unprecedented in human history. The Bible may then become to them that which it has always been: the operational manual for Life.

The Book of James brings this to a focal point with these words: “. . . you [as a mortal] do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.”¹⁵ Another way to say the same thing is that everyone born of woman has eternal life that will be spent in heaven or hell. The young often fail to see the importance of these issues because they believe they shall never die and that the old were never young.

Failure to confess Jesus as Lord is to encamp with the enemy. Life is merely a proving ground for eternity and the stakes are high. For those of you who don’t know, serving God is more fun than anything else. By that, I don’t mean believing in God. Scripture reveals that even “. . . demons believe [in God] and tremble.”¹⁶ I mean *servicing* God – getting to know Him personally on a one-on-one basis. I am not necessarily talking about one who is called by God into full time service as a pastor or missionary, for example. I am talking about

¹³See Matthew 24:36-41; 25:13.

¹⁴All believers will not be raptured since only those who are expectantly watching and waiting – eager for His return will be taken. Concerning the Rapture, here is a small part of a prophetic word given to me Christmas morning, 2002: “Remember to be watchfully expectant of My soon return. For only those who are eager for My soon coming are chosen to be raptured. The complacent, the slothful, the unexpectant will be left behind. That does not mean they will not be saved; it means they will remain until I call those who will receive Me unto Myself, My kingdom. “My kingdom” refers to His Millennial reign.)

¹⁵See James 4:14, bracketed information added.

¹⁶See James 2:19.

plain, common, ordinary, garden-variety-type believers like me and most of you who get my letters. It's a fun trip to know and serve Him personally. If you don't know Him as Lord of your life, today is a good time to start.

A Warning From God

On August 3, 1999, the Lord spoke to me and said, *Warn those who are not saved!* I then prepared the enclosed Eternity Ticket which I have used as an insert in several of my letters. Read the instructions on how to use it. If you are not saved, follow the instructions and pray from your heart the simple prayer on the Eternity Ticket. You can then be sure of your salvation with heaven as your final destination. Send me an email if you make that commitment. If you are saved, you might put the Eternity Ticket in your purse or pocket for future use. Simple instructions for its use are printed on the back of the *Ticket*.

The Warning Repeated

God spoke to me again on July 31, 2004, and said, "Be not reluctant to warn others as I have said. That alone, My son, will save many." I cannot overemphasize this warning. Take it seriously, for the Rapture is imminent. It would be one thing for me to warn you but another thing entirely when the warning *comes from God who has reminded me once more to "warn those who are not saved!"*

I am reminded of the words of Jesus when He talked about the Rapture which will come suddenly, without notice, except for the signs and the warnings of His servants. He said, "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark and did not know until the flood came and took them away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."¹⁷

This reminds me of another recent "word" given to me by the Lord: "The time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God. For those who profess Christ but who still have one foot in the world – you are deceived." Repent while you still have time. The house of God is your physical body in which dwells the Holy Spirit. You cannot adulterate that which is pure without serious, eternal consequences and you cannot straddle the Christian fence. You must be totally on one side or

¹⁷Matthew 24:36-39.

the other. Your secret sins will condemn you. Give them up. You cannot serve two masters.¹⁸ I realize that if the thrust of this letter, this prophetic word that I have received, is correct, and I believe it is, then many of us have been wrong by previously saying all of the necessary prophetic signs have been fulfilled in order for the Rapture to occur. The prophecy concerning (1) *the fullness of the Gentiles coming into the kingdom* and (2) *the removal of the Jewish blindness to Jesus as Yeshua, the Messiah*, obviously had to be fulfilled.

Now, as I understand it, the countdown on the twofold ingathering of the Jews to Israel and to faith in Jesus as Yeshua, the Messiah, has begun. When God's number therefore has been reached on both counts ". . . the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air"¹⁹ and Zip! We are out of here that quick! Get ready!

To Those Who Question

Some Bible students may question the validity of my assumption that Matthew 24:14 has now been fulfilled. Let's examine the doubts. Here are those prophetic words of Jesus again with the brackets, italics and underlining that I have inserted. "And the gospel of the kingdom will be [has now been] preached to all the world as a witness to all the [Gentile] nations and then the end will come." One might say that since the end (the Rapture) has not come, this prophecy has not been fulfilled. Here is my answer.

I am sure of the words spoken to me by the Lord and believe my interpretation is correct. I know of one other person gifted in the prophetic to whom the Lord previously gave the same "word." That's two witnesses.²⁰ It would not surprise me to discover other servants of God to whom He has revealed this same prophetic "word." If you have received confirmation of a similar "word" or know someone who has, please email me with the details.

Concerning the words "and then the end will

¹⁸See Luke 16:13.

¹⁹See 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17.

²⁰The two witnesses meet the apostle Paul's criteria confirmed in 2 Corinthians 13:1: "By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established. This principle is repeated five other times in the King James version of the Bible: Deuteronomy 17:6; 19:15; Matthew 18:16; 1 Timothy 5:19; Hebrews 10:28.

come,” here is my explanation. I believe the end Jesus spoke of was – is – “imminent” as I have previously defined that word in this letter. This is to some degree like the words of Jesus in Revelation 22:20 when He said, “Surely I am coming quickly.” John probably recorded those words of Jesus between 85 and 90 A.D. while imprisoned on Patmos island more than 1900 years ago, and Jesus has not yet come. I believe the meaning of the words “and then the end will come” is “imminent” and should be understood within the context of present world events with our eyes on Israel as God’s time-clock for the future. Israel has always been God’s time clock, notwithstanding what I consider to be ridiculous “Replacement Theology.”

Two other exciting prophetic events have now come to pass: (1) the fullness of the Gentiles has come in and (2) the blindness to the gospel of Jesus Christ has been removed from Israel. Hallelujah! Watch the ingathering of the Jews to Israel and watch the ingathering of Jews into the kingdom who accept Jesus as Yeshua, the Messiah. As surely as I write these words, these two events are God’s time clock for the future – for the Rapture. Jesus, who is a Jew, watches God’s time clock closely, listening for the Father’s awaited call to, “Go get your bride!” Amen. Come quickly Lord Jesus!

Another End-Tune Consideration

The descendants of Ishmael (Arabs) are the [half] brothers and sisters of the Jews and are of the seed of Abraham. Abraham was broken-hearted when God told him that His everlasting covenant would not be established with Ishmael but with Isaac, who was yet to be conceived. But because of his plea for Ishmael, God said to Abraham, “And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve princes and I will make him a great nation.”²¹ The names of the twelve princes, their towns and their settlements, according to their nations are enumerated in Genesis 25:12-16. God’s covenant with Ishmael was the fleshly blood covenant of circumcision. His everlasting covenant of promise with Isaac included circumcision but was of the Spirit by faith, through whom the Messiah would come.²² God’s promises are always kept. His covenant with Ishmael is just as binding as is His covenant with Isaac. One evidence of God’s

promise of blessing to Ishmael is that the Arab countries own the world’s largest oil reserves. “The Arabs are the only people besides the Jews who have subsisted as a distinct people from the beginning and in some respects, as the seed of Abraham, they very much resemble each other.

(1) The Arabs and the Jews both boast of their descent from Abraham.

(2) The Arabs and the Jews originally had twelve patriarchs who were their princes or governors.

(3) The Arabs and the Jews are circumcised, and both profess to have derived this ceremony from Abraham.

(4) The Arabs and the Jews marry among themselves and in their own tribes.

(5) The Arabs and the Jews are singular in several of their customs and are standing monuments to the exactness of the divine predictions and of the veracity of God’s promises.”²³

For years I have done intensive spiritual warfare against all nations surrounding Israel and have prayed for and done intensive spiritual warfare over every nation under heaven where there is civil war, civil strife, civil unrest and disobedience, including all the descendants of Ishmael and the specifically named nations of Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, Libya, The United Emirates and Saudi Arabia. The Arab Muslim community is a large population concentration yet to be penetrated by the Gospel. Now that the “blindness to the Gospel of Christ has been removed from Israel,” you can expect a stream of Jews to come to faith in Jesus as Yeshua, the Messiah. Hallelujah! The concentrated prayers of the saints for the vast Muslim Arab population may now open the door of the Gospel to this large bloc of unbelievers who (1) are of the seed of Abraham, (2) have a number of things in common with Christians and (3) are now being reached through Christian Television networks. For purposes of prophetic consideration, I do not consider them as Gentiles since they are of the seed of Abraham.

You have heard it said that nothing happens until someone prays. As you pray for Israel, you may broaden the scope of your blessings by adding the Arabs who are descendants of Ishmael and of the seed of Abraham.

²¹Genesis 17:20.

²²See Genesis 17:19; Galatians 3:17.

²³Information on the similarity between the Arabs and Jews was sourced from Adam Clarke’s commentary on Genesis 17:20.