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any one, any time, any place

"but man dies and is laid away; indeed he breathes his last and where is he?" job 14:10

that's the eternal question. where is he? some believe in nothingness. some believe in waiting to be reborn into a new life. some believe that the essence (the spirit) of a person continues on forever, either in the presence of God or without it.

whatever one's belief, they won't be assured of it until they go through death. as hard as man is still seeking a way to live forever, no way will be found outside of the source of their creator. that end can come upon any one, any time, any place. life is fragile at best.

that was very well demonstrated on december 7, 1941 when pearl harbor was unexpectedly bombed. our president at that time called it a day of infamy. the rebirth of israel was soon and there are always labor pains preceding a birth. another birthing is now in the process. this rebirth is in labor for a new age. we are the last generation to bear witness before our Lord's return; before the time of tribulation that would overtake this earth.

the birth pains are increasing more as now the birthing of a new age is upon us. the age of grace will be closing and the millenium reign of our Lord Jesus is nearing. "therefore, since all these things will be

dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness?" 2 pet 3:11

knowing the times that we are in ... knowing the things which must soon take place - how will you conduct yourself? like essau, will you be willing to trade your birth right to feed your belly?

we know that persecution lays right outside the door. even now there are many enduring much. will you proudly and strongly hold fast to the truth of Jesus and the gospel? even as i write this, i feel in my spirit there are some who will be martyred for their faith.

i believe God will give us the strength we need when the time comes. i think of the story with corrie ten boom and her sister. their father didn't give them the ticket for the train until it was time to board. God will give us all that we need when the time comes for "our trip." unfortunately, many are being worn down by the tribulation and persecution preceding the trip. that's why we need to let Jesus carry the burdens we struggle with. "in the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." john 16:33 we overcome by the blood of the lamb and the word of our testimony.

"teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." psa 90:12 that's what the Word of God tells us. we don't dwell on death. we don't fear death. we concentrate on what will get us through death. through the door of death and into that eternal life. Jesus said, "I am the door. if anyone enters by

Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture." john 10:9

any one. any time. any place. i choose to be that one, at this time, in this place - the one to open the door of life by letting death to this life close behind me. "it is no longer i who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which i now live in the flesh i live by faith in the Son of God." gal 2:20

i hope you will come with me, knowing beyond that door we will go in and out and find pasture. we shall find the final resting place we have sought for so long.