

the set time

"the Spirit of the Lord is upon Me... to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed." isa 61:1

shemitahs are seven year cycles. after seven cycles of seven years (49 years), there would come a proclaimed 50th-jubilee year, which would also be the first year of the following shemitah cycle.

the year of jubilee was a year full of releasing people from their debts, releasing of all slaves, and returning property to original owners who may have levied against it. lev 25:1-13 this year was also dedicated to rest. the word "jubilee" (literally, "the blast of a horn" in hebrew) might it be announced with a trumpet blast, one could ask.

now 2022-2023 is the proclaimed jewish year 5783 and i have no reason to doubt the jewish calendar is not accurate. if one was to divide 5782 by 49 (the number of years before a jubilee) they would find it is evenly divided by 118, making the following year 5783 (or 2022-2023) a jubilee year. our calendar year begins a few months after the jewish new year begins. is everyone still with me?

i won't get into why some say Jesus must come in the first year of a shemitah cycle, because i do not fully understand it myself. some might say i don't even know what i'm talking about here. 😊 be that as it may, this is interpretation as i now see it.

anyway, i say all this to emphasis God keeps very close track of time, since He created it and is responsible for it. and all the "jewish" stuff - well, israel and the jews are where He initiated His covenant with fallen mankind, and like it or not, it is His dealing with them that marks all following significant events. we gentiles are just grated in. when the state of israel was reborn in 1948 it kicked off what i believe is the end of the end times - or as some might put it, "the end of the age of grace." (by the way, they just celebrated their 75th anniversary.)

according to the study and reasoning of many, this year will be very significant on God's calendar of time. i am in agreement with many others in this belief; including those much more learned than me.

will it mean we are raptured out of here this year? this is not His second coming because (although it feels tribulating already) a seven years of tribulation like the world has never known is still coming. if there is to be a pre-tribulation rapture (which i still believe in), it could very well happen this year; the jubilee year - a restoration of all that was lost.

at best, all of us are just speculating about the "end timing." that doesn't negate the fact we are told to look up when these things begin to happen. we are told to be ready and not be unwise in discerning the seasons. even the most studied ones reason that it could not be more than three years out for the tribulation to begin, and if there is indeed a pre-trib rapture, our catching away must precede it.

so if all that you have read up to this point is valid, what should one do? should we just sit around, endure and look for our blessed hope to come? shame on anyone who thinks that way. it means that the set time is very near. the night is far spent. "multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision." joel 3:14

many are sinking further into the dark abyss; many friends and loves ones, strangers and loved ones of those as well. it means the time to do what needs to be done must be done quickly. pray ahead of time for the Holy Spirit to begin His work in their lives and then be willing to let Him use us as that chosen instrument to deliver them into life. and for heavens sake, we must at least let our lives serve as a witness and not a hinderance.

i don't think any of us realize how drastically things could change in a moment's time - in a life, in a nation, in a world. the bible speaks of those "suddenlies" and how we should be as prepared as one can be for the unexpected. spiritually - first and foremost. then controlled reactions over good or bad news and always, as the scripture saves, "be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear." 1 pet 3:15 not a worldly fear but a Godly fear of misrepresenting Him and His word.

now is the time to do whatever you're going to do - to spend any "talent" left unspent. the jubilee year is here and i don't think we will live to see another one.

i know i won't. are we ready to shed our mortal bodies and put on our immortality? many believe so even as scoffers continue to scoff. my heart aches for those who will miss out on one of the greatest events ever to happen. maranatha!