for such a time as this

"but know this, that in the last days perilous times will come." 1 tim 3:1

eschatology - say what? what's that all about. it's about the latter days; the end times; something we all acknowledge is going to happen, but not for a long time. it's kind like of we know death is coming but let's just not think about it. that's even what many churches are doing.

well, guess what, it is coming and the latter days are happening now. ignoring it or trying to hide won't change anything. we were all appointed to these times – of all the possibilities in world history, ours is now. "Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. and in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them." psa 139:16 so we all need to find our purpose and get busy fulfilling it. let's jump into discussion.

daniel 9 says seventy weeks of years are determined for israel and to make an end of sin. while most have passed, there happened to be a two thousand year gap before that last week of years. that last week is about to be completed now; also known as the time of jacob's trouble, the great tribulation, the Day of the Lord and the wrath of God.

"and he said, "go your way, daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end." dan

12:9 now those seals are being opened and revelation and understanding is coming to those searching the scriptures. it's all been hidden there all along, waiting for the appointed time. "declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done." isa 46:10

we don't have time or space to get into everything here and now, and our understanding is not yet complete. "for now we see in a mirror dimly." 1 cor 13:12 but we can clearly see the convergence of signs all around us. what signs were foretold? just read matthew 24. the "beginning of sorrows" have been with us for awhile. the days of noah and the days of lot are in full force and coming to a crescendo.

we know the signing of the covenant will commence the "time of trouble." "then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week." dan 9:27 do you know that even now there is a plan to confirm a covenant with many for seven years? the united nations website is full of information citing, "transforming our world: the 2030 agenda for sustainable development." and yes, israel is now a member. see sdgs.un.org - it all sounds so good - a deceiver's delight.

the "brics" conglomeration of nations (a separate entity) now includes only five, but in august five additional nations will be eligible for admission, with many more waiting in line. could these be the ten kings mentioned in revelation 17? "the ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. these are of one mind, and they will

give their power and authority to the beast." rev 17:12-13

the whole idea of brics is to institute a new world currency and shift away from the dollar as default. money is power. could the power and authority the give to the beast be that money system, allowing the antichrist to require a mark for anyone to buy or sell?

i'm not saying any of this is direct revelation from our Lord, but they are certainly signs one must be looking at. all these things will happen in their appointed time and place. whether these are "the" ones or not, we are urged in scripture: "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." heb 10:25

we are assembled here together now, in spirit, and i am exhorting all because i do see the day approaching. we are watching "things which must shortly take place." rev 1:1 this isn't any one person's discernment and study, but it is a conglomeration of many who are diligently seeking and listening to what the Spirit may be saying. "surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets." amos 3:7 no, none claim the honor as prophets, just watchers. "searching the scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so." acts 17:11

do you still not believe how close the end is? just look around you and understand what all can be accomplished with the technology now available to mankind. ray kurzweil and others have predicted immortality will be achievable by the year 2030. the original sin - to become as God.

anyone reading the headlines i put out weekly will know there already is a plan in motion to decrease the population by at least 90%, either by death or curbing births - again, all by 2030. others have hinted the mark of the beast will not only allow buying and selling, but grant us immortality by the mark mingling the antichrist's dna with ours, mimicking again our Lord in all ways. that certainly seems to be a culmination time to me. i saw a t-shirt the other day, "i took a dna test and God is my Father." how cool is that?

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the following excerpt was taken written by t.w. tramm and taken from theseasonofreturn.com - "ruth and boaz's wedding anniversary"

"with july's wedding sign in view, it is fascinating to consider the timing of another prophetic wedding, the marriage of the gentile ruth to the jewish redeemer, boaz.

here is what we know about the timing of this important typological wedding: boaz officially took ruth to be his wife, via a public declaration of betrothal, on the day after their midnight meeting at the threshing floor (ruth 3:8–13; 4:1–10). this was in late spring, around pentecost, as barley was still being

winnowed (ruth 3:2). however, and this detail is crucial: scripture says ruth lived with her mother-in-law, continuing to glean in the fields, until the wheat

harvest was complete (ruth 2:23). this means ruth did not move into boaz's home, or consummate the marriage, until the reaping was finished, which is generally early summer in israel.

so, when is ruth and boaz's wedding anniversary? no one knows exactly, but it is conceivable that the marriage was consummated in july, around the time of the wedding sign, when the reapers are finishing their work in the fields."

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no, that day will not take us as "a thief in the night." it will not take us unaware. "now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near." luke 21:28 i heard someone say just the other day, "there are no coincidences. coincidence is just God's way of remaining anonymous. listen gently to the Holy Spirit. watch for His "coincidences" to happen.

yes, i've got rapture on my mind. rapture now, in this year of our Lord 2023. yes, we will be watching all around us but we will not be dismayed at what is coming. let us keep our eyes fixed firmly on Jesus and His words: "let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me." john 14:1

if we have all misread the signs, we will not be discouraged; and yes, we will continue to occupy. it is not a day or the hour, but a season we are watching for. "and if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants." luke 12:38 many see all of july (even into august) as a high watch time. if not, we will

watch towards the next "high watch" and everyday between. if you don't already know Jesus as Lord, it is definitely a "high time" to meet Him.

why? because we have His promise. "and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." john 14:3 even so, come Lord Jesus! sorry for the length but i didn't want to break up this flow. in reality i could have gone on much longer. (see, there's always something to be thankful for - smile.) seriously, won't you join the rest of us in an expectant, joyful watch for our Lord. even as death will surely come, THE day will surely come some day, and we all believe that day is soon. God bless all. maranatha!