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a brief overview of the signs

"and He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures." luke 24:45

let me say that i can in no way present in this short message all the evidence that causes many to "see the day approaching." i will do what i can but for those wanting a more descriptive explanation i would refer you to two channels on youtube. (yes, God can use youtube to His glory also.) they are "generation 2434" and "dr barry awe." they present many videos between them expounding the signs. there are also many others, but these are enough. now on to my brief rendition.

first let me say that i believe in a pre-trib rapture of His saints and in the seven year plan God ordained for mankind. there were two thousand years without law, two thousand years under the law, two thousand years of grace followed by a one thousand year reign of Christ.

"and he said, 'look, i am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end shall be.'" dan 8:19
daniel was told to seal up the vision just as much of scripture has been sealed, waiting for the appointed time; the end time. but now seals are being broken and knowledge has increased. "i have now come forth to give you skill to understand." dan 9:22 these are the watchmen God has called to study the signs. "and what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!" mark 13:37

new revelation has taught us that pentecost is not the traditional time we celebrate, but a full fifty days later. traditional pentecost (shavout) was ascension day and not an unspecified day, devoid of a feast. new revelation also has true pentecost as a hidden "feast of wine" celebrated preceding the ninth of av, a repeatedly day of destruction for the jewish people. this year the ninth of av begins at sunset on july 26 this year.

we have the story of ruth and boaz, a clear sign of the gentile bride and her kinsman redeemer. when was it ruth went to lay at his feet? it was the ninth of av, a time of summer harvest. it was there her destiny was forever linked to her redeemer. "He who gathers in summer is a wise son." prov 10:5 we know Jesus is a wise son.

pentecost - the day the church was born into existence, followed by "the time of Jacob's trouble" (i.e., the tribulation). so how do we see all that pointing to this time and not some other? convergence. not a single sign but a multitude of them. no one is saying God specifically said this day is "the day," but even as those at His first coming didn't read the signs, will we be guilty of the same?

there is also the mention of ten kings in revelation. next month there will be a meeting of the "brics" nations to invite a further five into their group. their intention is to establish a new world currency, demolishing the sovereignty of the dollar. "these are of one mind, and they will give their power and

authority to the beast." rev 17:13 will money control be the power given to the beast monitoring buying and selling for the whole world?

and then we have the UN meeting scheduled for september to confirm an already existing covenant for seven years, which just happens to fall on the feast of trumpets. could this possibly be what was spoken of by the prophet daniel? "then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week." dan 9:27 and what is the rest of that scripture? "but in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. and on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate." dan 9:27 here we have the antichrist making his appearance and the beginning of the opening of the seals in heaven; God's seals of judgment for the tribulation.

there are now nearly eight billion people inhabiting the earth and by the opening of the fourth seal a fourth of them will be dead. that's nearly two billion people. i can't see any "safe haven" for those believing in a post tribulation rapture. there are yet seven trumpets and seven bowls of judgment before the wrath of God is complete.

"for God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 thess 5:9 "because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth." rev 3:10 "and her child was caught up to God and His throne." rev 12:5 (we are those "caught up"

who will rule and reign with Jesus.) we have these and many other typologies throughout scripture indicating a coming rescue for His saints. the tribulation saints are an entirely different scenario and will be given over to the devil at some point.

so now we come to the gist of it all. can we say we believe in His promised rapture in the "twinkling of an eye" and yet refuse to believe this COULD be THE DAY? "if you will not believe, surely you shall not be established." isa 7:9 again, it's not how good any of us are or how established we are in doctrine. do you believe in the name and saving blood of Jesus? "for by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." eph 2:8 even the faith to believe is a gift from God but the choice is always ours. everyone is given a measure of faith.

"for you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night... but you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this day should overtake you as a thief." 1 thes 5:2,3 then we have this warning in revelation: "therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you." rev 3:3

just what are we waiting for? not for a day, but for our Lord and Savior. we try to read the signs and discern the times as our understanding allows, but now we see through a glass darkly. now we see talk of aliens, a one world currency, israel on the brink of war, world war 3, artificial intelligence, lawlessness, gender confusion along with coming for the innocents and we cry, "how long o Lord?"

if this day should come and pass and we are still here, will i be sorry? exceedingly. will i cease to expect and watch? never. our Lord commanded us to do so and my heart can do no less. however, i will give the 26th three or four days until i begin to look for another time. love has captured me and i seek no release from it's hold. this world has long since lost it's luster to me. against the shining of my Lord Jesus it is a mere spark in the dark. if our Lord still be waiting and watching for the call of the Father, i will tarry with Him this time. pray we not fall into sleep as the disciples did. if i be labeled foolish i will gladly be a fool for Christ.

whether this be the day or not, we are watching for we have heard and are heeding His warning. we SEE the day approaching. "and what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!" mark 13:37 maranatha!!!