

jul 31

where is the promise of His coming

"but you, daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase." dan 12:4

i think we need to address the elephant in the room. as many of you know, i have been on "extra" rapture watch during the last few days. yes, i am always rapture oriented but i still believe it will be to fulfill something specific in scripture, perhaps yet revealed. now it seems the widow anticipated is closing. i will not apologize for getting excited about meeting my Lord, but i also think a bit of exclamation is needed and deserved by readers of mine.

we believe those "many" mentioned in the verse at the opening are the watchmen and the knowledge to be received will be the unsealing at the end, happening as they run "to and fro" through scripture. it shall happen rapidly and many mistaken understandings shall occur. but we have the Spirit of God as our guide and believe: "God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. for the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God." 1 cor 2:10

did God know mistakes would be made beforehand? "in that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight." luke 10:21 so it seems

we're babes and human babes and God always knew that.

if we just all keep going blithely along, saying "someday," where can anyone find urgency in that? oh sure, perhaps the dedicated and committed, but the lazy and the laggards, probably not. i've heard the watchmen called puppy bloodhounds learning to sniff among the dandelions. and yes, some have gotten distracted by a wrong sense, but in reality it is the fragrance of Christ drawing them all. they have spent hours searching the scriptures as admonished to do and like Christ, we esteemed them stricken, smitten by God. i would say they are in good company as even our brethren are even now numbered among the scoffers and mockers?

what happens if the watchers don't warn? "but if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand." eze 33:6 could the sword not just as easily be described as the tribulation? you see, the "watch" is not just to alert the saved what is quickly coming, but the lost as well.

i know there is not a watchman anywhere who would wish their expectations wound anyone's faith. but i would also wonder whether their faith has such shallow roots that it could be so easily uprooted. i remember the parable about seed sowing and how it was received or rejected and i would ask: "can the watchman be held any more accountable for whether the seed grows or doesn't grow than the sower was?" just as there are fair-

weather friends there are fair-weather believers. "you are saved, if you hold fast that word which i preached to you - unless you believed in vain." 1 cor 15:2 "now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons." 1 tim 4:1

"I go to prepare a place for you. 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 14:2-3 that promise from the Lord is still in effect. i know many of us joined in the excitement of a possible rapture date. i know i did and am i sorry it wasn't? exceedingly. does that mean i will not "expect" another day? definitely not.

do i believe He is still coming? most definitely. do i think it will somehow fulfill the typology and shadow laid out in the scripture? yes. "declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure.'" isa 46:10 do i still believe it will be this year? with all that is in me. we still see "the day" approaching. the times and signs abound, even in the earth itself, groaning for deliverance.

i just got through watching "hacksaw ridge" again, for the second or third time. it's about a conscientious objector who would serve as a medic only, carrying no gun. i know war is usually categorized as between the good guys and the bad guys. there may be a struggle between right and wrong, but that is also defined in one's own mind. you see, scripture tells us, "no one

is good but One, that is, God." mark 10:18

even after much abuse and ridicule from his own comrades, he managed to rescue 75 wounded from certain death. he is quoted as repeatedly praying, "just let me save one more God." he kept saying that while there was strength in his body and his own wounded body kept him from continuing.

that's what we are should be praying, "just let me save one more God." that's the goal we should all be living with as long as there is breath in our bodies. not just for the sake of each soul but for the glory of our God, and because it is His desire that none should perish.

yes, even i was momentarily distracted (or attracted) during rapture high watch. although i do daily updates on the website i maintain, once a month i update several pages as needed. as soon as the watch was over, i got busy. you see, we occupy. we do the assignment our Lord gave us.

many moons ago there used to be a show called, "this is your life," where all the people and deeds of your life were paraded before the cameras. the life of private doss from hacksaw ridge was so paraded. i wonder if that is what it will be like in the judgment and if our life will stand up as much as his did. you see, he was a seventh day adventist. his doctrine might not have matched many. yes, there are several immutable truths we must hold to but all the rest are just man's differing opinion.

"test all things; hold fast what is good." 1 thes 5:21
be like the bereans in acts 17:11. we don't throw the
baby out with the bath water and we don't throw our
faith out disappoinments. there will be many
disappoinments in life and trials to refine us. "but
He knows the way that i take; when He has tested me, i
shall come forth as gold." job 23:10 so if and when
there is another "high watch," i will be watching
again; watching for my Lord and yours. for sure, we're
one day closer!