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2024 fast approaching - and what else

"as a woman with child is in pain and cries out in her pangs, when she draws near the time of her delivery, so have we been in Your sight, o Lord." isa 26:17

everyday as i write these messages i wonder which will be the last one. the last one because i still harbor it in my heart that our Lord will retrieve us this year. i just know our eyes should be on israel as God's stop watch.

like you, i am looking around at all the signs Jesus told us to look for. they are all visibly evident now and becoming more so each day. so what is holding things up? Jesus did not tell us to watch without a reason.

some have speculated that God is waiting for that last soul to be redeemed and come into the light but i think otherwise. do any of you remember playing hide and seek? the seeker would holler, "ready or not, here i come." God is the One seeking. i believe He has preset a time before all this extravaganza even began. and then - ready or not, here I come!

our eyes have watched all the appointed feast days when we expected Him to come. we have watched them pass as well. so if it is to be on a feast day, it looks like another year must be in the waiting for us. my question is - can we truly survive another year when we see all things that are happening? that in itself

would be a miracle of God.

and yet i know we can because there will be many tribulation saints that will endure and overcome. the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony will enable them. unfortunately it will also cost most their very lives. there will be no pandering or pussyfooting around. post tribbers expect to be safely harbored through it all but i see their only deliverance being as an escape through death.

God's wrath, the wrath of man and eruptions from within the earth will certainly preclude any sense of ease or normalcy, let alone comfort. the tribulation will be a time like never has been or will be again.

but i and many others foresee a mighty deliverance of God for those that have loved His appearing and sought to please Him. He has promised us, "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 yes, He will keep us from - not through!

and so, i ask again, we have watched. we have waited. watchers are assured that day will not take them unaware. we see the foretold disasters coming upon us now. has no one else noticed the mushrooming and intensity of weather patterns. in earthquakes and volcanos the earth itself is now groaning for redemption.

all the things we were warned us of matthew 24 are now happening. the end of this age is approaching.

already we see more evil expansion than we ever thought to see. "are You not from everlasting, o Lord my God, my Holy One? we shall not die. o Lord. You have appointed them for judgment; o Rock, You have marked them for correction." hab 1:12 yes, them! not us.

we, o Lord, have been redeemed from Your wrath. You will not strike the Rock a second time and we are the composition of His very body. we have made a covenant with You by blood.

Lord, we are now, as it were, Your "ladies in waiting." "behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until He has mercy on us." psa 123:2 Lord, if it be our wait must continue a while longer to complete Your purpose, know we live to serve You alone and we will endure by grace.

while we hold that sentiment in our hearts i still remember Your word which shall never return void. we look not to feast days but to You alone. we know jerusalem is Your chosen habitation and the "apple of your eye." we know israel is the mother who will birth the man-child You alone conceived with your death. we watch with baited breath Your mighty wonders to perform. and yes, even as israel now enters her travail, i believe the man-child could still be caught up this year.

Lord, we know all knowledge and power resides in You alone. You are opening seals reserved for a time, a season and a purpose. You allow Your watchers a

glimpse into Your eternal plan; the one You ordained in the beginning. we thank You Lord as we gaze upon Your wonderment and feast on the droppings from Your already prepared banquet table. draw us ever closer to You is all our desire.

our desire increases as the birth pains intensify. this will not be a coming when every eye shall see You and every tongue confess. it will be the secret calling of Christ's heart heard in the song of solomon 2:10 "my beloved spoke, and said to me: 'rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.'" it will be the intimate calling of a bridegroom for his bride saying, "come. let us consummate our vows."

the unnamed angels present when Jesus ascended spoke and said, "men of galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." acts 1:11

only chosen believers were selected to witness His victorious ascent. throughout scripture we read of things one person saw and yet not another; of things one heard while others just a noise. i believe our Lord's retrieval of His bride an "our eyes only" event; only His beloved? those who have loved His appearing. those with eyes to see and ears to hear. Lord, we watch and listen with baited breath Your wonders to perform. thank You for choosing us for such a time as this.