

an honest assessment

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there is no more stretching it out. all the fall feasts we were looking to have passed. first we looked to trumpets, the long held belief of the church rapture. when it passed we looked to atonement as a possibility. finally we placed our hopes in tabernacles. yes, surely it would be tabernacles. just look at boaz and ruth as typology for the great wedding at the end of the harvest.

alas - "the harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved!" jer 8:20 does that mean that all hope for this year must be delayed for the next? are we to go through this cycle again as we have in previous years?

i don't see how the rapture could possibly be delayed. i know many believe we must endure the tribulation, but i see nothing but pre-trib in my readings. the church is not destined for God's wrath. i am not arguing that point in this message.

but honestly, looking at the world and all, i see the tribulation being an imminent event. even the earth is crying out in volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis, all predicted by our Lord. and yes, such evil and corrupt ways that would make sodom feel right at home. as the worldly march blindly along towards destruction, nuclear war is being talked of as just another

skirmish.

all the tools to seize control are being built up, i.e., money control, AI for propaganda, war to stir their fears and food shortages to drive their need. we see a world ready for a savior to appear - a false christ, the anti-christ.

and now israel again takes center stage. "they have said, 'come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of israel may be remembered no more.'"psa 83:4 although a lot of nations are now in support of israel, soon their approval will turn to blame.

this is the urgency sign we have all unknowingly needed to happen. mother israel is seeking to bring forth her firstborn. though travail has begun, her real pain will come after the delivery has been accomplished. just as her rebirth alerted us to the fact the final generation had begun, her travail now alerts us to the fact the birthing is near. "before she was in labor, she gave birth; before her pain came, she delivered a male child." isa 66:7

so travail has begun. "'shall I bring to the time of birth, and not cause delivery?' says the Lord. 'shall I who cause delivery shut up the womb?' says your God." isa 66:9

when a woman is pregnant, an estimated time of delivery is given, but no specific day. is this how it will be with the rapture i ask? is it not a fulfillment of a feast day but an entirely new thing? "behold, I will

do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it?" isa 43:19

i take you again to our opening scripture. "put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. come, go down; for the winepress is full, the vats overflow – for their wickedness is great." joel 3:13

great is their wickedness. the whole world is flooded and overflowed by it, so that it can no longer contain it, but, as it were, cries to God to end it. the long suffering of God no longer availed, but would rather increase their wickedness and their condemnation.

if a sign is to be watched, keep you eyes on israel. as her pain increases it means the birthing is nearing. in the meantime, we occupy. we try to persuade as many as we may that they also can be saved from the wrath to come. "for God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ" 1 thes 5:9

after all these years of having so many quote us their one verse: "but of that day and hour no one knows," wouldn't they joy in the fact if they were correct? i know many quote it mockingly and some quote it because they are too lazy to watch, but others quote it from a sincere heart.

but even as daniel studied the books and learned the Father's timing, many too have studied and watch with expectant fervor. we know when fruit is ripe to pick and when bread is baked to eat. we know the season we are in and be it six or seven years of seeing

possibilities occur, we know that it is well within the measure of God's seasons and if He didn't want us to watch He would have told us.

we keep looking up to the One we love most. our gaze must be almost continual now. this year is still in play. "God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. has He said, and will He not do? or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?" num 23:19 our blessed hope is even at the door.