

if we're still here

"for yet a little while, and He who is coming will come and will not tarry." heb 10:37

we must not relinquish our hope until the whole month of tishrei has passed, meaning around the middle of october. then, and only then, will i concede our hope may lapse into next year. i do not believe it will, seeing all the evil and insanity griping the whole world in increasing madness. but if it does, i will still be waiting on my Lord. it is the imminency of jacob's time of trouble that dictates rapture time.

i almost changed the title of this daily to "waiting on the Lord." you see, in my morning prayers, for an extended time the word "wait" was heavily in my thoughts. i don't mean i thought it was the Lord telling me i had longer to wait. it was more of a feeling of "watch closely." the hour approaches.

the scriptures are rampant with exhortations to "wait upon the Lord." i said Lord, "am i not waiting?" - followed quickly by the question, "what is waiting?" there are several scenarios of waiting; waiting on Him in worship, waiting in service, waiting for guidance and yes, waiting for His glorious appearing.

if one is waiting on an appointment, it means the appointment has been made. they have an expected event that is coming up and they watch and wait for that time to arrive. well, God has made several appointments with mankind and He has kept everyone so far. should He not be expected to keep the rest?

my thoughts then went to a pregnant woman who recognizes when the expected time is and knows what signs to look for; i.e., my water has broke and the event is imminent. (unlike the world's way, there will be no aborting this time. delivery will be completed.)

even now there are signs in the heavens - the revelation 12 sign of a woman about to deliver a male child. "then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth." rev 12:2 is the church not crying out in labor now? is this not our sign of one's water breaking? we are drowning in other signs as well. a birthing is about to take place. thus we endure the labor pains that brings forth that new life.

looking at all i am seeing and what i might not be seeing, i believe we are in "push" time. i have never known the joy of bringing a new life forth but those who have are now getting to experience what the newborn did. we will be birthed into a new, glorious life.

all these things and more flashed through my mind, but the word "wait" remained heavy on my heart. i would like to give you all a few of the many benefits one receive from waiting on the Lord.

"wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart." psalms 27:14

"but those who wait on the Lord, they shall inherit the earth." psalms 37:9

"truly my soul silently waits for God; from Him comes

my salvation." psalms 62:1

"so he who waits on his master will be honored." proverbs 27:18

and who can forget:

"but those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." isaiah 40:31

"wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come." 1 thessalonians 1:10

yes, there are many benefits that come from waiting on the Lord and a strong warning for those who don't.

"'therefore wait for Me,' says the Lord, 'until the day I rise up for plunder; My determination is to gather the nations to My assembly of kingdoms, to pour on them My indignation, all My fierce anger; all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of My jealousy.'" zephaniah 3:8

and why not wait for Him? He waits for us. "see how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain." james 5:7 He is our rose of sharon and all the fruitful harvest is His to reap. "we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing." 2 corinthians 2:15

thus we shout yes, Lord, we will wait in all the different aspects of waiting, until time itself waits no longer. You will cast it aside, along with this world and all the heavens. "now i saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away... behold, I make all things new." rev 21:1,5