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**Almost There**

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*Watch therefore*, *for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming*. . . . *Therefore you also be ready*, *for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect*. (**Matthew 24:42**, **44**)

A Study about the Nearness of Christ’s Return for the Church and Succeeding Events Pertaining to Israel and the Nations, Leading into Christ’s Millennial Reign

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FOREWORD

When Adam sinned in Eden almost 6,000 years ago, not only did “death” *pass upon all future mankind* (**Romans 5:12**), but the creation itself was subjected to “*the bondage of corruption*” once again (**Genesis 3:4-19**; **Romans 8:21**; cf. **Genesis 1:2a**). And the entire creation, since that time, *has groaned and travailed in pain* (**Romans 8:22**), *waiting*, *with fallen man*, *a coming day*.

The domain over which Satan ruled and continues to rule today — the earth — had been reduced to *a ruin* following his fall (**Genesis 1:2a**; cf. **Isaiah 14:12-17**; **Ezekiel 28:14-16**). Exactly how long the creation lay in this ruined state is unrevealed; it is unknown. But the day arrived when God, over six days-time, delivered the creation from this “*bondage of corruption*.” God restored the creation and then created man, *with a view to man ruling the restored creation in the stead* (place) *of Satan and his angels* (**Genesis 1:2b-28**).

But Satan, knowing the reason for man’s creation, brought about his fall, which resulted in a change not only in man; but, once again, in the creation itself (**Genesis 3:4-19**). Though Satan continued holding the scepter, he, once again, found himself ruling over *a ruined domain*.

The creation, again, found itself in *a corrupted state*, *groaning and travailing in pain*, *awaiting deliverance*. And this deliverance is seen occurring in **Romans 8:19** at the time of “*the manifestation of the sons of God*.”

Contextually, “*the manifestation of the sons of God*” — *a new order of sons* — will occur in connection with and following “*the adoption*” (**Romans 8:14-17**, **23**). And this has to do with an event following decisions and determinations made at the judgment seat, following the present dispensation but preceding the Tribulation. Christians who are to occupy positions as co-heirs with Christ during the Messianic Era will, at that time, be adopted into *a firstborn status as sons* (as God did with Israel in past time), for *only firstborn sons can rule in the human realm*.

And the manifestation of this *new order of sons*, which will occur following the Tribulation, once Man’s Day has run its course, *is the event that the entire creation awaits*. Until then the creation will remain in *a corrupted state*, *groaning and travailing in pain*.

But *deliverance* is in the offing, and the day will arrive when God is going to step in and begin bringing events to pass that will culminate in the entire matter being rectified. Only then will conditions as seen in the currently existing situation be straightened out.

In relation to that coming day when these things will be brought to pass, *everything and everyone is presently out of place*:

*Christ is out of place*. His rightful place is seen in **Psalm 2:6**, **7**; **Luke 1:32**, **33** and **Revelation 3:21** — seated, as God’s King, both on David’s throne here on earth in the midst of a restored Israel and on His own throne, with His co-heirs, in the heavens.

*Satan is out of place*. His rightful place is in the abyss, then the lake of fire, after he has been removed from the throne, relinquishing his crown and scepter (**2 Samuel 1:10**; **2:4**; **5:3**, **4**; **Isaiah 14:15-17**; **Ezekiel 28:16-19**; **Revelation 20:2**, **3**, **7-10**).

*Israel is out of place*. The nation’s rightful place is occupying the land covenanted to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, in a restored state (following national repentance, conversion, and a restored theocracy), with the nations being ruled by and blessed by and through Israel (**Genesis 12:1-3**; **Ezekiel 36:22-36**; **39:25-29**).

*The Church is out of place*. The rightful place for Christians is ruling and reigning as co-heirs with Christ, occupying the throne with Him (**Romans 8:14-18**; **Revelation 2:26**, **27**; **3:21**).

*The Gentile nations are out of place*. The rightful place for the nations is being ruled by and blessed through Israel (**Genesis 12:1-3**; **Isaiah 52:13-15**; **54:1ff**; **60:1-3**).

*The creation itself is out of place*. The rightful place for the creation is not *groaning and travailing in pain* but delivered from *the bondage of corruption* (**Romans 8:19-22**).

*But all of this is about to change*. Just how soon will these changes occur? Just how soon will God once again step into man’s affairs and begin straightening out the whole of the matter?

That’s what this book is about.

REAR COVER

One way or another, the world as we know it is about to end. *One way is uncertain*, *the other is certain*.

Those out in the world (both unsaved man and the worldly Christian) look at *the uncertain* and know little to nothing about *the certain*.But the instructed Christian looks at *the certain* and does not concern himself with *the uncertain*.

Both are inseparably connected with *the times in which we live*, *a time very near the end of* Man’s *Day*.

The former (that which is *uncertain*) is associated with *man*’*s actions*, *that which is brought to pass by man* — centrally, a pollution of the earth, extending out into the atmosphere, resulting in seemingly unstoppable climate changes (droughts, super storms, ice caps in the Arctic and Antarctic regions melting [resulting in rising ocean levels], etc).

The latter (that which is *certain*) is associated with *actions that man has no control over whatsoever*. God is about to, once again, step into man’s affairs, resulting in major changes.

Changes that man may bring about are already occurring and are seen continuing to slowly occur over decades of time.

Changes that the Lord is about to bring about are seen occurring instantly in one respect (in an *atomos* of time [time equivalent to less than a microsecond], having to do with the removal of the Church in **1 Corinthians 15:52**) and over a few subsequent short years (seven years, the Tribulation, Daniel’s unfulfilled Seventieth Week) in another respect.

Change is inevitable; there’s no question about that. And the world as we know it is about to end with this change; there’s no question about that either.

As long as time continues, change is going to occur. And, if an increasing number of the world’s scientists are correct, man has reached a point of no-return in this respect.

But the change that is about to occur, before any of the preceding can continue beyond certain points, has to do with God, once again, stepping into man’s affairs.

*And it has all been foretold in the Word*.