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A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

REVELATION CHAPTER 22:8-11

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"NOW'S THE TIME"

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

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APPROACHING THE END OF ANYTHING
OFTEN BRINGS ANTICIPATION, AND A SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT.

THUS A SENSE OF EXPECTANCY...

Revelation 22:7

"Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed *is* he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

Revelation 22:12

"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

Revelation 22:20

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

In The Doctrine of Christ's Imminent Return,

Each of the New Testament Writers Gave Admonitions to The Church to be Watching.
- Christian vigilance has always been at a premium

2 Peter 3:3-4

knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, :4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation."

The Hour is Later Than It has Ever Been Before...

Dr. J. Vernon McGee Tells a Story...

"when a little boy who had grown up in his home with a grandfather clock, he never really paid much attention to it, until one day the clock rang past 12:00 and kept on chiming until that little boy hurried to his parents and declared... with complete excitement... mommy and daddy, it's later that it has ever been before..."

Romans 13:11-13

And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed :12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. :13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. :14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts.

Biblically, There Are Those Who at This Hour
in Church History, that seek to take away from the Bible and from the Hope of the Christian Doctrine of Imminence, Saying This Like...

Matthew 24:45

"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? :46 Blessed *is* that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. :47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. :48 But if that evil servant says in his heart, "My master is delaying his coming," :49 and begins to beat *his* fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, :50 the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for *him* and at an hour that he is not aware of, :51 and will cut him in two and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Mark 13:35-36

Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— :36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. :37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"

I Need to Make a Confession;

I Have Had This Prayer in My Private Time with The Lord; "Lord, Please Come While I'm Teaching in the Book of Revelation"

Revelation 22:10

And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand.

there are churches and ministries that are guilty of sealing this book of revelation from the people.

ministers of the Bible must teach this book of the Bible or they are in violation of the Bible...

this the book of revelation and redemption
its all about Jesus Christ and our future with Him

NOW'S THE TIME...

I.) For us to *present* ourselves to the Lord v.8-9

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It's time for us to present ourselves to the Lord

a.) *Because of the days in which we live* v. 8-9a

Now I, John, **saw** and **heard** these things. And when I **heard** and **saw**,

**NOTICE:
saw and heard, heard and saw**

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saw = βλέπω blepo, *blepto take it in, to visually ingest it. stare at it*
heard = ἀκούω akouo, *to grant audience to, to bring into the ears*

The Days We Live in....
Do They Match Up With What The Bible Said, Would be the Days That
Would Usher In Christ's Return.?

2 Timothy 3:13-14

But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.
:14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of,
knowing from whom you have learned *them*,

2 Peter 1:16

For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power
and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

***It's time for us to present ourselves to the Lord
Because of the days in which we live***

It's time for us to present ourselves to the Lord

b.) *Because of the Word of God in our lives* v. 9b

I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. Then
he said to me, "See that you do not do that.

c.) *Because of the God we worship* v.9c

...For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets,
and of those who **keep the words of this book. ...Worship God!**

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies
a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service.* :2 And do
not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that
you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

But What Does That Mean to Me?

a dead sacrifice can do nothing
it can't say anything
it can't sing, it can't love, it can't worship

Our Presentation Matters to God and Man...

NOW'S THE TIME...

II.) For us to *proclaim* to the world Jesus Christ v.10

And he said to me,
“Do not **seal** the words of the prophecy of this book,
for the time **is at hand**.”

there are two (2) arguments
as to what time it is today on God's Clock....
1. it's time to proclaim the Bible
2. It's time to do it now

For us to proclaim to the world Jesus Christ

a.) *By showing them who Jesus really is* v.10

And he said to me,
“Do not **seal** the words of the prophecy of this book,

the World portrays Jesus as... just one of the others!
the Church portrays Jesus as... just being on our side!
the Christian portrays Jesus as... our best friend!

But Who Jesus Christ Really is Determines the Destinies of Nations and
Families and People...

Who Jesus Christ Really is Determines
the success of a Church - - *or not!*

***For us to proclaim to the world Jesus Christ
By showing them who Jesus really is***

For us to proclaim to the world Jesus Christ

b.) *By giving them the love of God* v.10

And he said to me,
“Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book,
for the time is at hand.

do not seal = . σφραγίζω sphragizo, *sfrag-id´-zo*; from 4973; undo the stamp. open up that which was closed, announce that which was secret, release that which was closed, my public that which was private

for (the time) is (at hand).

the ordained times and seasons of God’s keeping are soon to be taken hold of,
to be gripped or squeezed out and into the world...

Romans 13:10-12

Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love *is* the fulfillment of the law. :11 And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed. :12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

We then, *as workers together with Him* also plead with *you* not to receive the grace of God in vain. :2 For He says: “*In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.*” Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.

For us to proclaim to the world Jesus Christ

c.) *By looking for each day's divine appointment* v.10

since the time is at hand...

Time is of the Utmost Importance...

By looking for each day's "divine appointment"

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, (under construction) created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

But What Does That Mean to Me?

there is a natural-supernatural encounter that the Lord has pre-arranged for you to experience today, and everyday

"LORD DID I KEEP OUR APPOINTMENT TODAY?"

Luke 5:12

And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on *his* face and implored Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

TODAY'S APPOINTMENT...

Mark 5:25

Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years,

TODAY'S APPOINTMENT...

Matthew 17:14-15

And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, :15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatic,

TODAY'S APPOINTMENT...

NOW'S THE TIME...

III.) For us to *practice* our lives before the Lord v.11

He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."

We'll Look at This Verse;
in RE-verse...

For us to practice our lives before the Lord

a.) Practice by *getting* before Him daily v.11b

he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy,
let him be holy still.

2 Corinthians 3:18,4:1

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.
4:1 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart.

Do Not Give Up !!!

Our Home Groups - Join Them

Hebrews 10:24-26

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, :25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. :26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

Do Not Give Up !!!

become a greeter or an usher

Do Not Give Up !!!

join the courtyard watering ministry

For us to practice our lives before the Lord

b.) Practice by *letting* go and letting Him v.11

c.) Practice by *setting* our eyes upon the finish line v.11a

Looking at This Verse; in RE-verse...

***He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy,
let him be filthy still;***

this is a terrifying warning. there are those who will refuse to call out to God for Forgiveness,

HE SAYS OF THEM, LEAVE THEM ALONE

Genesis 6:3

And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; ***yet his days (yet I will give him 120 days to repent) shall be one hundred and twenty years.***"

Matthew 15:13-14

But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. :14 ***Let them alone.*** They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch." -

Let them alone

2 Corinthians 2:16

To the one *we are* the aroma of death *leading* to death, and to the other the aroma of life *leading* to life. And who *is* sufficient for these things?