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On the Verge of Two Beginnings – October Letter 2024

Dear Friend,

Is it possible for two diametrically opposed events to begin all at the same time? Can sorrow and joy be born simultaneously? Is it possible that the best and the worst of times can happen all together?

The answer is an absolute yes and identifies the very time in history in which we presently live. True Bible days, as was predicted by Jesus, are starting to be fulfilled.

Signs of the Close of the Age

Mark 13:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,

Mark 13:4 Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?

Mark 13:5 And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any *man* deceive you:

Mark 13:6 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am *Christ*; and shall deceive many.

Mark 13:7 And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for *such things* must needs be; but the end *shall not be* yet.

Mark 13:8 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these *are* the beginnings of sorrows.

It is not my intention in this letter to address the very first sign of the end of the age, which is deception. We have examined deception and the apostasy of the Church in the past. But let's take a closer look at a few other signs to see where we are really at.

Mark 13:7 And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for *such things* must needs be; but the end *shall not be* yet.

Was Jesus really saying that just the threat of wars and rumors of wars would be a telltale sign of His coming? If that were the case, the argument could be made that wars and rumors of wars have always been in existence since the dawn of time. There would be no real way of identifying any particular time that would point to the end of the age. That would be a very bland way of description with no real direction or understanding.

No! Jesus was telling us that what would be occurring would be happening with such a frequency and intensity that it would eclipse all past national and world wars. It would carry such a large-scale threat to not just one nation, but all nations would be directly or indirectly involved. It would carry such a notoriety that people would say, "We've never seen it this way before."

These kinds of discussions would not just come from old timers sitting on their front porch swing (which is very valuable by the way) saying, "It never was like this in our generation." These evaluations would come from men of renowned knowledge who would evaluate present situations with a global perspective and conclude that where we are headed has never been seen before.

Recently, a private article was forwarded to me written by a Christian man who once held top level intelligence in our government. His concerns were just what I'm expressing, that we're headed into uncharted territory – a place that we (the world) have never been before regarding war. And of course, his main concern was where all biblical end-time prophecy is directed...Israel! and the nations that surround Israel.

At the time of this writing, Israel has just memorialized the one-year anniversary of the attack on October 7th. This day has come to be known by Israelis as Black Shabbat, or Black Sabbath, the invasion of Hamas into Israel where over 1,100 Israelis were ruthlessly murdered. It was the worst single-day loss of life for the Jews since the Holocaust. Since that time, Israel has launched two major offensives into Gaza and Lebanon. It has endured two major missile attacks by Iran, numbering in the hundreds by ballistic missiles. At this present moment, the world is watching anxiously, knowing that an Israeli missile attack into Iran is imminent. Something ominous is happening almost every day regarding this escalation towards war, but one word makes it different than anything from the past that. That word is NUCLEAR!

Now, let's turn to the meteorological portion of Jesus' predictions.

Mark 13:8 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these *are* the beginnings of sorrows.

The word "earthquakes" in this verse for the most part is seen by many readers as ground movement from a literal earthquake. But if we look at this word in its original language, we find that it means much more than just that. It is the word "seismos" in the Greek, and its meaning is: a *commotion*, that is, (of the air) a *gale*, (of the ground) an *earthquake*: - earthquake, tempest.

Does the above definition sound familiar? With words and expressions like commotion of the air, gale, and tempest, aren't we describing hurricanes? Again, Jesus was not saying these things never existed before, but He was putting an emphasis on their frequency, intensity, and the unusual places of their occurrence.

I began writing this letter in my office just after coming in from outside, trying to secure everything on our property in preparing for Hurricane Milton that would be arriving in the next 24 hours.

Florida has had three hurricanes since August, two of which have been major catastrophic hurricanes occurring less than two weeks apart. Hurricanes Helene and Milton have contributed

to hundreds of deaths and billions of dollars in unimaginable damage, not just in Florida, but in the most unusual and unforeseen places.

When Hurricane Ian hit Florida in September of 2022, a certain top meteorologist weighed in on the hurricane's unprecedented nature. Ken Graham, the director of the National Weather Service, called Hurricane Ian a 500-year flood event. Places flooded in Florida that had not been flooded on record for maybe hundreds of years. We had elders in our church who had to be evacuated because of flood conditions and now, just two years later, the same conditions happened twice within two weeks resulting in people having to leave their homes once again.

Jesus said that these storms would happen in "divers places." This expression was meant to infer that these storms would be happening in the most unusual places. Hurricane Helene caused more deaths and horrific damage in the Appalachian Mountains of North Carolina than it did in tropical Florida. People I know personally in North Georgia who have lived their whole lives there told me they have never seen anything like it in their lifetime. But it's not just the locals saying this. You will find that the professional meteorologists are saying the same things.

Every day it seems that something major is happening in the world around us. In the last few months, we have witnessed two assassination attempts on a former president running for reelection, and continual pro-Palestinian protests happening in our major cities across America. America is a nation that is truly divided. And before you receive my next teaching letter, a presidential election will have already taken place that will decide the fate of this nation.

Jesus told us two important things in these next two verses. When all these things start happening, "The end was not yet, and these are the beginnings of sorrows." So, what we must understand is that these things that are happening are only the precursor of what the end of the age will look like.

But in the midst of sorrow, there is incredible hope and joy in the expectancy of the greatest move of God that this planet has ever seen. The beginning of sorrows is also to be the beginning of great joy! Joy will manifest itself in us in so many ways.

While the world and the lukewarm church is falling apart emotionally at the beginning of sorrows, revivalists and God-seekers will be finding great joy at the birthing of a worldwide Revival that will harvest billions of souls.

John 16:21 A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.

John 16:22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

WE WHO HAVE SEEN HIM IN THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION HAVE RECEIVED A JOY THAT THE BEGINNING OF SORROWS CANNOT TAKE AWAY...

THE JOY OF HIS PRESENCE OVER THE EARTH:

Habakkuk 2:14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

THE JOY OF THE GREAT LIGHT OF HIS GLORY ON US IN THE MIDST OF DARKNESS:

Isaiah 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

Isaiah 60:2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

Isaiah 60:3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

THE JOY OF SIGNS AND WONDERS:

Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

Mark 16:18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Acts 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all *ye* that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

Acts 2:15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day.

Acts 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

Acts 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

Acts 2:18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

THE JOY OF A BILLION-SOUL HARVEST:

John 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

John 4:35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

John 4:36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

THE JOY OF NOT BEING AFRAID OF PERSECUTION OR DEATH:

Matthew 10:26 Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.

Matthew 10:27 What I tell you in darkness, *that* speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, *that* preach ye upon the housetops.

Matthew 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Dear friend, do not think yourself strange if while all these things are happening around you, something is happening on the inside of you. That something is the birthing of HIS JOY in the midst of sorrow! I find that the closer I get to Jesus and the more that is happening around me, my joy and peace seem to be increasing. And I believe that this is your testimony as well.

I ONCE MAY HAVE IMAGINED THE BEGINNING OF SORROWS AS THE END OF JOY ON THE PLANET – ONE STARTING AND ANOTHER ENDING!

Now, I see both of these beginnings existing all at the same time. The billion-soul Harvest with great joy happening right in the midst of sorrows. And this harvest will continue all the way up to the beginning of the Millennial Reign of Christ.

I pray God's blessings rest upon you as we come closer to the end of 2024. We do not know all the future, but we know who holds the future in His hands for His children.

Candy and I thank you so much for your prayers and support for this ministry. Together, we go forward for His Kingdom.

I WILL SEE YOU IN THE REVIVAL!

Blessings,
Pastor Bronc