

Little Children, It is the Last Time

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Good morning everyone! Charlie Steward here once again bringing a ray of sunshine to your lives. I'd love to be able to tell you a joke this morning, but as you know, my family has forbidden me from telling jokes. My Dad can tell jokes. My son can tell jokes - but I am forbidden. So, you will not be the recipient this morning of my fine joke telling skills.

But I can offer hope! That I can do. I can tell you that the King of kings and Lord of lords came. He set up His Kingdom a long long time ago, and He has passed on from generation to generation His authority to live in His Kingdom to - here's the great news - anyone or anything that has a knee - and will simply make a decision to bend that knee in bowing to the King of kings and Lord of lords. Then, you, me, anyone who does this - can and will be welcomed into the Kingdom / Government of the Great King and become a citizen of the Commonwealth of Israel - and as a result - there is now therefore no condemnation to them that are in Christ. One of the many many byproducts of this is that all the evils that are done in the name of all the phony, manmade governments around the world - the many sins and atrocities they commit in the name of "the people" - are not imputed to us - because we aren't citizens of their pseudo-governments.

How awesome is that? You are not joined to the warmongers - who only do what they do "in the name of the people." You are not joined to the sodomites who are protected by "the name of the people of the UNITED states of America." You aren't guilty by association with all the wicked so-called judges who refuse to rule - make their decisions - based on the perfect, sinless, infallible, immutable Laws of God. I'm telling you that this is the greatest news ever broadcast. That men have a choice. Choose you this day whom you will serve, is as valid today as it was when Joshua spoke it recorded in the 24th chapter of Joshua beginning in verse 13. Please turn here quickly. I cannot stress to you enough how important it is for you to see with your eyes. They say the eyes are the windows of the soul. Allow the Word of God to enter yourselves - through your eyes and through your ears. Mentally take note what this looks like on the pages of the Word of God. Verse 13:

[13] And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat.

[14] Now therefore fear Yahweh, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in

Egypt; and serve ye Yahweh.

[15] And if it seem evil unto you to serve Yahweh, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve Yahweh.

[16] And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake Yahweh, to serve other gods;

Listen friends, we've talked about this before. When the word "gods" - little g - is read in the Scripture - it's not talking about little carvings or stones of statues that cavemen made and put in their huts and bowed down to and prayed to as if some stupid little carving could affect their lives.

The Hebrew word is *elohim*, 430 in Strong's and it means gods in the ordinary sense, but specifically used in the plural, especially, of the supreme God. And of course, we can clearly see - because we are not stupid cavemen - that Joshua was not referring to the Supreme God Yahweh here when saying serving other gods - so he has to be talking about the next definition of gods - that says - occasionally applied by way of deference to magistrates; and sometimes as a superlative: angels, exceeding, God (gods), great, judges, mighty.

Here's what Webster's 1828 says is the definition of the word "gods."

3. A prince; a ruler; a magistrate or judge; an angel.

4. Any person or thing exalted too much in estimation, or deified and honored as the chief good.

As I was looking at this again, I just laughed because I saw something I had not noticed before in looking at Webster's 1828 definition of gods here. In parentheses - where he says "gods" means princes, rulers, magistrates and judges, he says "(Gods here is a bad translation.)" You better believe it is. If our English Bibles said, "Thou shalt have no other rulers, judges or magistrates before me" - I'd love to see how the "churchmen" would deal with that.

Joshua is talking about serving other magistrates and judges that are not ruling - they are not measuring the actions of the community, the city, the state - according to the Laws of God - the Supreme God - Yahweh - the God of the Bible. It's ridiculous to think that Joshua was describing the actions of naked bushmen in the heart of deepest Africa with rings through their noses and piercings all over their bodies - placing some stupid

handmade idol in the center of a firepit dancing naked around it chanting like it's going to come alive and do some great miracle in front of them.

He's talking about setting up your own governments. He's talking about taking to yourselves the power to define what is good and what is evil. Then forcing other men and women, boys and girls to follow those definitions or face punishments for failing to yield. That's what he's talking about here.

And the same decisions and choices face us today. Of course, in America, we don't have half naked people running around with rings through their noses and piercings all over their bodies doing crazy things while worshipping other gods - do we? We don't have hundreds of thousands of people that mindlessly stand like robots or zombies whenever they here a certain song played. They hear that music and they instantly know that they are stand, remove their hats, place their hands on their hearts - and worship a manmade piece of cloth. Of course, that's not an idol. Because Joshua was only talking about naked Africans in the bush who carved some idol out of an elephant tusk. Now verse 17.

[17] For Yahweh our God, he it is that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed:

[18] And Yahweh drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: therefore will we also serve Yahweh; for he is our God.

Who in their right mind would not serve Yahweh? Who in their right mind would not look at all the mistakes that the Israelites made and do everything they can to take steps to not repeat the same mistakes? Who wouldn't do that? These people were only a few years removed actually seeing all the great things that Yahweh did in delivering, protecting, providing for these Israelites. I wonder today if we truly believe that the same God who did all these things for these people so long ago - is the same God who we claim to know and believe in. Verse 19.

[19] And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve Yahweh: for he is an holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

[20] If ye forsake Yahweh, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.

Please, please look at what was said here. You can't serve Yahweh. If you think you can serve other judges, rulers and magistrates - if you think you can submit yourselves to serving - obeying - lawmakers besides Yahweh - you are fooling yourself. Joshua told them it couldn't be done back then - and I'll assure you - because the God that Joshua chose back then - is still the same God of today. And we can't serve God, we can't serve Yahweh, he is still a jealous God, he is still a holy God - and He will not forgive transgressions and sins while we seek to obey other rulers, magistrates and judges. This was the Gospel of the Kingdom in Joshua's time - and it's the Gospel of the Kingdom today. We will not receive a Saviour - if He is not King. Verse 21.

[21] And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve Yahweh.

[22] And Joshua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you Yahweh, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses.

[23] Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto Yahweh God of Israel.

[24] And the people said unto Joshua, Yahweh our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

[25] So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

[26] And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of Yahweh.

[27] And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of Yahweh which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God.

Friends, if someone has a problem with this message today - then they need to take up with Joshua. Take it up with Yahweh. This message that Joshua delivered to the children of Israel - thousands of years ago - is as relevant today as it was back then.

Well, what's it get me today? I'm not going to lie to you. I'm not going to tell you that tomorrow everything is going to be peaches and roses if you choose to become a citizen of the Commonwealth of Israel. We are living in a time where sodomites and the sodomite agenda is the rule of the land. Haters, despisers of the God of the Bible and His Son are everywhere, loudly proclaiming, "We have no king but Caesar." America is as far away from God and the Bible as is capable of being. America has been turned over to a reprobate mind. The so-called "churchians" - a very large section of them - those that include the elite, the so-called "ruling class" - they've embraced the sodomite agenda with open arms. People that choose to come out of that society and

into the citizenship of the commonwealth of Israel - are not going to be treated nicely. But again, that's not God's fault.

He gave us the blueprint. He gave us instructions hundreds of years ago. He even raised up people to actually show us how things were supposed to be done - yet - as men most often do - they decided they had a better way of doing things than what God said. So, they created their own governments. They created their own religions trying to convince everyone that God ordained them to create governments and religions that are not according to Him. Now, when people begin to wake up and say, "I need to explore different options, because what I've been doing all my life hasn't worked" - we can't expect to instantly see change.

Now, let me backtrack a second. We may not see instant change - but I'll tell you this - if there were enough people willing to stand up, come out, and come into the commonwealth of Israel - change could take place a whole lot faster than any of us ever thought could happen. I've said this before and it should be said again. When it was said of the apostles, "These that have turned the world upside down, have come here, too" - that was a very short period of time. At the most, I think it could have only been 20 years from the day of Pentecost, until that was said about the apostles. The Gospel of the Kingdom was preached to every single creature under heaven - and that occurred in a relatively short period of time. How? Because some men met the King.

Some men realized the truth that the Messiah had come. The Messiah was in the process of setting up His Kingdom. The Messiah told them to preach His Kingdom, live His Kingdom and call the whole world into repentance and to the understanding that the days where God allowed the nations to walk in their own ways - those days were ending. The days of the Old Covenant Age - the Old Covenant World - where God actually raised up good kings AND He raised up evil kings - those days were ending when the heavens and the earth passed away, the elements of the Old Covenant World melted with a fervent heat - He created a New Heavens and a New Earth whereby He made ALL things new. He set His Son on the promised throne of David in fulfillment of II Samuel 7 and He has made Him King of kings and Lord of lords, He has made Him

who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

Listen to me. In the New Covenant World that began the instant the temple in Jerusalem was destroyed in AD70 - He - this God of the Bible - no longer does He

remove kings, and set up kings:

Daniel 2:21. But He still

giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

And it's through His Word that we know that

in the days of these kings (the kings of the Roman empire) shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

In the New Covenant World, the ONLY Kingdom that is ordained of God, the ONLY King that has authority to rule - is Jesus Christ, Yeshua the Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords and NO ONE - NO ONE else - has the authority to call himself a king, or a president, or a potentate. The only positions or offices that are ordained of God in the New Covenant World are magistrates, governors, teachers, preachers - only those who have given themselves wholly and completely to the study of and application of the Laws of God, the perfect Will of God for His creation as revealed through His Holy Word.

We saw this in action with the New Haven Colony Covenant.

Possibly the most important thing "we get" out of becoming citizens of the Commonwealth of Israel is knowing that our names have been recorded in the same book as those great men who have gone before us who it was said:

Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

[13] These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

[14] For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

[15] And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

[16] But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

That was from Hebrews 11:12-16 and verses 24-27:

By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

[25] Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

[26] Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

[27] By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

Today, they call themselves kings. Of course they do. They call themselves governors and presidents. Of course they do. That's because the religious arms of their deceptions recognize that in order to exist they must make people think they are ordained of God to do what they do. But they are not kings - not according to Yahweh. But just as Moses feared NOT the wrath of pharaoh the king - we today - must choose - if need be - to suffer affliction with the people of God - rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt.

Standing for Christ today in America. Standing for the truth of the Word of God in America today - is a reproach among the vast majority of citizens who claim to be citizens of the United States. So, come out from among them, be ye separate - and let's see if God will once again be our God as we seek to be His people.

But alas - here I go again - Donnie Downer. I need to bring us to the reality of what we face and what we need to be overcoming concerning changing other people's minds so that they can enjoy the great treasures in knowing that following the King is truly the greatest assurance and comfort available to mankind today.

Remember Billy Graham? Pastor to the presidents. Greatest evangelist of the 20th century. Worldwide influence for the gospel. Died last year without being raptured. He may be gone, but his message continues. This past October 30th, his daughter, Anne Graham Lotz, let us know that we have just entered the Last Days of the Last Days. Now, we have moved past just the "last days" but we are now in the "LAST DAYS of the last days."

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Anne Graham Lotz: Trump Removing Troops from Syria Could Lead to 'Last of the Last Days'

Anne Graham Lotz, often called "the best preacher in the family" by her late father Rev. Billy Graham, said that President Donald Trump's decision to pull troops from Syria could be part of a divine plan that could herald "the last of the Last Days."

"Whether the president is aware of it or not, God has placed him in office," Lotz said

during an Oct. 30 interview on The Jim Bakker Show. "The Bible tells us that [about leaders], that He puts people in office."

I will challenge anyone to find for me in the pages of the Word of God - where the word "office" is used in any other manner - other than to describe the office of the priesthood in the Old Covenant World, or the office of preacher of the Gospel of the Kingdom in the New Covenant World. In the New Covenant World that we now live in, God has placed exactly One King in office. He didn't place Him there to be a figure head. He didn't place Him there to be a King in spirit only. He placed Him there for every knee to bow and every tongue confess total allegiance to His Kingship and His Kingdom. Those days are over. That was the way the Old Covenant World operated - not the New.

Now,

[at] the times of this ignorance God winked at;

In other words, in the transition time between the Old World and the New World, where men and women boys and girls were being taught that the Old World was ending and a New World was coming - God winked at this time of ignorance. Again, that's why Paul went into the temple and offered a sacrifice. They were still in the transition time of learning how that old things were going to pass away and how that all things were going to be made new.

Acts 17:30-31

[at] the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

[31] Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Romans 1:1-5

[1] Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,

[2] (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)

[3] Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

[4] And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

Christ' resurrection from the dead was the fulfillment of the promise to David that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, He would raise up Christ to sit on his throne.

[5] By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

[6] Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:

Verses 16-20

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

[17] For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

[18] For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

[19] Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

[20] For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Today. In the New Covenant World, there is no excuse for us not to know that Jesus Christ is the Only King ordained by God to rule in His creation. To continue to tell people that God is still raising up kings - the good and the bad - to do His Will is to deny the finished work of Messiah. Let's continue on with Anne Graham Lotz.

"God has used [Trump] in an amazing way to stand up for life, to stand up for the Nation of Israel, appoint judges that abide by the Constitution and the rule of law."

Really? Dead ringer. Dead give-away false prophet credentials. Stand up for the nation of Israel and I'll assure you she is not talking about the commonwealth of Israel so named in Ephesians 2. To appoint judges that abide by the Law Word of God? Dead give-away. This false prophet is a minister of the state. She is the religious arm of an empire that does everything within its power to keep people from finding and walking in the Kingdom of God. Continuing.

Lotz, the sister of the Rev. Franklin Graham, went on to say that she initially voted for Trump because she could not support the policies of his rival, Hillary Clinton.

"Then I became a supporter, and I'm almost a fan,"

Well, Anne, maybe you should look at Webster's 4th definition of the word "gods" before choosing your words.

"Then I became a supporter, and I'm almost a fan," she said before shifting the conversation to foreign policy, admitting she was a bit perplexed by the president's decision to leave Syria, which leaves the Kurdish community exposed to Turkey.

"I'm like a lot of people—what in the world is going on?" Lotz said during an excerpt from the hour-long program.

"But because I believe God has used him, whether he really knows it or not, I believe like King Cyrus or others in the Old Testament, Nebuchadnezzar, God uses them," the evangelist and best-selling author said. "So I thought, has God caused him to go against all his advisers, all the military people, and done something that God wanted him to do—whether he knows it's God or not, maybe he's just bullheaded or stubborn or somebody rubbed him wrong?"

It was then that Lotz brought up Ezekiel 38 and its prophesy about a still-pending battle.

Here we go. "Thus were the people belied by these false prophets..."

"There is a war that is predicted, that has never happened," she said. "When Gog, the prince of Magog—who some people believe is Putin in Russia—they come down from the north and they align with Turkey and Syria ... and the Sudan and Libya and then they come up and they go against Israel.

"Ezekiel 38 says, 'God has done it,' because He's bringing them against Jerusalem because He is going to judge them and He's going to destroy them."

Lotz then offered up a possible scenario for the recent developments in Syria.

"So I wondered, did God move Trump to move Americans out of the way, freeing up Russia to come down like the Bible says they will?" she posed.

"Then a friend who is in the news business sent me a picture of our American base in

northern Syria that, the day after we left, was filled with Russian troops and they had moved into our base. They are now in northern Syria. So I'm just wondering if it's like a chessboard and if the pieces are being moved to set up maybe the last of the Last Days."

In the midst of this uncertainty, Lotz went on to challenge viewers to intercede on behalf of Israel, especially given the political turmoil as the Jewish state struggles to form a coalition government in order to avoid a potential third election this year.

"It's a time to pray for the peace of Jerusalem," Lotz said, later adding, "They're just in a mess. They don't have a leadership right now. The Israelis are divided when the enemies are surrounding them. And could it be that it gets so bad, that like they did in Judges, they'll cry out? But this time, they'll cry out to God and say, 'God, help us,'

Alright now. Watch this. Friends, if we do not see the utter and complete slander, the utter and complete blasphemy of what this U.S. government mouthpiece says next and I should add - what this New World Order mouthpiece says next - boy, I just don't know what else to say. She says:

And could it be that it gets so bad, that like they did in Judges, they'll cry out? But this time, they'll cry out to God and say, 'God, help us,'

and will He send the Messiah to deliver them?"

Really? For the sincere seeker of truth. For the sincere man, woman, boy or girl listening to me today, you need to realize and understand beyond any shadow of a doubt - the work of Messiah is over. It is finished. Yahweh, God of the Bible is never sending another Messiah to this world. Hebrews 1:

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

[2] Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

[3] And this will we do, if God permit.

[4] For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

[5] And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

[6] If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they

crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

By saying that God is sending a Messiah again - those who say such horrific things - are crucifying the Son of God again - they are putting Him to an open shame. Would to God that all who sincerely claim the name of the King of kings would understand this and see what an affront this is to the King, to the God of the Bible, to the true Israel of God. She concludes by saying:

"So it's a very critical, strategic time for the nation of Israel, and I believe God's Word when it says that He blesses those who bless Israel and bless His people. So we can bless them through our prayers for them. Just follow the news. Pray for the leadership. Pray for Israel."

In last week's message, we spent a great deal of time in I John 2, specifically verse 18.

The writer of the book could not be any clearer in the things he said to those he wrote to in the first century. The book is filled with many "I have written to you" statements and "which you have received" and "you have heard" - to say that this book was written to people that would come along thousands of years later is to twist the Scriptures into something they simply do not say. Ultimately, when people read these clear words,

"Little children, it IS the last time..."

then they say that is not what John or any other writer was saying - they are "wresting the Scriptures to their own destruction." II Peter 3:16.

From the article that I just read to you citing Anne Graham Lotz, she clearly has an agenda in what she says and what she preaches.

1. She is a Trump worshipper.
2. She is an advocate for the Old Covenant World.
3. She is a supporter of antichrist.
4. She is a supporter of the New World Order, Scofield, "last days" heresy.

Not only is she a promoter of the "Last days" madness - but now, because Trump was led of God to not follow the advice of his advisors - we have now entered the Last Days of the Last Days. Any and all resistance to the efforts of antichrists has been removed for anyone who believes these lies.

No. We cannot possibly be in the "Last Days of the Last Days" because the last days of the Old Covenant World were in the first century. The words of I John 2:18 could not be any clearer.

These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.

There were seducers in the first century. There were seducers in the second century. Third century, fourth, and so on. And there are seducers today. One might even argue that there are more seducers today than at any other time in the history of mankind. Numbers of people alone would lead credence to that statement.

Turn with me please to I Peter 1. You might say, Charlie, is this all you can talk about? Well, the simple answer to that is, "Yes."

Not long ago, someone said to me, "What a man believes about eschatology is not important. It just matters that they believe that Jesus is their saviour."

That statement is very puzzling to me because when I was in Bible college and began being exposed to words such as this, I was required to know the definitions of all those types of words - this will impress you - eschatology, soteriology, phenomology, hermeneutics, pneumatology - see if you don't know what those things are - well, there's just no use of you trying to figure any of this out. But when I was in Bible college, eschatology - was taught as the study of the end of all things - but the reality is - it was the study of the coming of the Messiah in Bible prophecy.

If you look up the study of the coming of the Messiah - you'll see a link to the Messiah in Judaism. This is what it says:

The Messiah in Judaism ('anointed, covered in oil') is a savior and liberator figure in Jewish eschatology, who is believed to be the future redeemer of the Jewish people.

Eschatology is the study of the coming of the Messiah. If we think that this is not the most important subject of the Bible - the most important thing we should understand about the Bible - we are missing the whole point. Knowing when the Messiah was to be revealed and knowing that it happened in the first century - and knowing what the Messiah did, Who He was, knowing what phrases such as the "end of the world" the "passing of the heavens and the earth" the fulfillment of the promise to David concerning Christ sitting on his throne" - those things are the entire point of the Bible.

The ultimate conclusion of which is that the King came, the King conquered, the King did everything He was prophesied to do, the King went away into a far country for a little while, then the King returned and revealed Himself to the whole world as King of kings and Lord of lords and He now requires every single thing in all of God's creation to conform to His Kingdom - right now.

So, the summary that I would hope that everyone who has ever heard me preach is that this man preaches the Gospel of the Kingdom. I see the Gospel of the Kingdom on every single page of Scripture that I look at. I can't help it. It's what I see because that is the perspective in which I read the Scriptures from and it has produced an agenda - yes - I have an agenda - and it is to preach that every single man, woman, boy and girl that hears my voice - knows that it is the responsibility of every living, breathing creature to conform to the King and His Kingdom - and that they do it right now. That's my agenda.

I see that as the exact same agenda that every preacher found in the Word of God preached from. And by now, I hope you do, too. I Peter 1.

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

Right off the bat here, make no mistake. These are the words of Peter as he was inspired by the Holy Spirit of God - to write to these specific people -

the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

Again, this by no means should lead us to conclude that we have no need to read this, that these things don't apply to us or have meaning for us. They absolutely do. But they were not written to us. In that context, we should have a greater understanding of the things that took place while the Messiah was here, when He went away, when He came again - and subsequently - what it means for all those who came afterwards. Verse 2.

[2] Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

Immediately upon reading this verse, we should be drawn back to Matthew 24:22

And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but

for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

These people, from verse 2, the elect, these are the very same people that Christ was speaking of in Matthew 24. The elect of Matthew 24 and the elect of I Peter 1:2 are the same people. The elect of I Peter 1:2 and Matthew 24:22 are the exact same elect that Paul was speaking to in I Thessalonians 1:4. They are the same elect spoken of in Romans 8, Romans 11; Colossians 3:12, II Timothy 2:10; Titus 1:1; II John 1 and again in a few minutes as we continue with I Peter 1. These were all the same people elected by God to fulfill His purpose in the end of the Old Covenant World - in the first century. This is so very important that we understand this. We see the fulfillment of the Words of Christ from Matthew 24 - right in the pages of the books of the epistles. Verse 3:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

[4] To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

[5] Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Once again now. Who is speaking? It is Peter. When is he speaking or writing this? In the first century. Who is he speaking to?

the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

Was there a place called Pontus in the first century? Yes. Was there a place called Galatia in the first century? Yes. Was there a place called Cappadocia in the first century? Bithynia? Yes. None of those places exist today. Except Asia. He is not writing to you or me or anyone else in this letter. They were kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time - because THEY WERE in the last time.

John told his readers they were in the last time. Peter is now telling his readers THEY were in the last time. That's because they WERE in the last time. This simply cannot be any clearer. Anne Graham Lotz will never see this because she has been raised from a perspective of a future kingdom and a future messiah and a people who do not believe that Jesus Christ has already come in the flesh - and if those are things a person believes they are not in God. The natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of

God, neither can he know because they are spiritually discerned. Verse 6:

Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

For a season. Not for thousands of years. Not for a coming time long after they are gone from this earth - but for a season.

[7] That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Look, if these people were not going to be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ - why were they told so? Was it done to keep them from deserting? Was Peter some false prophet that told these people to look for deliverance from their trials and persecutions for the purpose of keeping them from deserting? Or was it to give them the hope and patience they needed to endure the trials and persecutions knowing that they would be in the presence of Jesus Christ at His appearing?

Of course it was. It's the false prophet that tells people they are going to be rescued - all the while knowing that they are not going to be rescued. It's the false prophet, the seducer that tells a man one thing - all the while knowing that what he is saying is not true.

Luke said he had perfect knowledge of all things from the very beginning. But yet we have been told that these persecuted saints from the first century were purposely misled for whatever reason - I have no idea. If the promise of the appearing of the King was for thousands of years in these people's future - why not say so? What's the harm? Why not plainly tell them that their sufferings would ultimately end in their going to sleep - but they would awake in the presence of God in heaven?

It's because the promise of the revealing of the King of kings and Lord of lords and the putting away of the Old Covenant World and the establishment of the New Covenant World whereby He would make all things new - was at hand. Just like He said, exactly when He said and His coming would be to exactly the people He said. Verse 8.

[8] Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet

believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

An observation here leads me to think that Peter possibly wrote quite a few years late into his own life. Apparently, his readers here were either very young, were far removed from Jerusalem - or both - but it seems as though they had never seen Christ with their own eyes. Verse 9.

[9] Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

[10] Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

Once again, a resounding fulfillment of the Old Covenant prophets right here in the first century. And a prophecy that was not just regarding the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. Boy, I almost stopped right there - but then quickly realized I was getting into a whole series. But quickly, the "churchmen" have a big problem by saying that the Old Testament prophecies concerning Messiah were fulfilled in Christ and they only applied to the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. The resurrection of Christ - remember - fulfilled the promise to David from II Samuel 7 concerning the One Who would sit on David's throne. Quickly, let's try to conclude I Peter 1 today. Verse 11.

[11] Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

Notice from this verse the phrase what manner of time the Spirit of Christ. Timing is all important. Verse 12

[12] Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

[13] Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end

Friends, I just can't blow through these verses so I'm just not going to do it. Every single verse here is just rich with understanding. I'm going to have to pick this up next week.

Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves - BUT UNTO US THEY DID MINISTER THE THINGS which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven;

which things the angels desire to look into.

All the host of heaven, all the eyes of heaven was focused on this time period. The angels were desiring to look into these things. The prophets wanted to see the things they had prophesied of - but it was THESE PEOPLE - these specific people in the first century that had these things fulfilled in them. Verse 13 again

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end

This is the exact same end that Christ was speaking about in Matthew 24

and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

[13] But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

[14] And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

The study of the Word of God is not difficult. When we study it from the perspective that the Kingdom is now - we have the key. We have the understanding that says, "Oh, that word here, is the same word as that one over there. Those people here, are the same ones as those people over there. Oh, this is what he meant there, and this is where we see the fulfillment."

I hope you constantly are aware of what I'm trying to do with these messages. I am trying to bring people to the understanding that the King has come. We are not in the Last Days today and especially not in the Last Days of the Last Days. Those days came and went - and the King and the Kingdom are passing our generation by because we have allowed the seducers to trick us, to deceive us into believing things that have no basis in Scripture whatsoever.

I still have a few minutes left, let's keep going. Verse 13 again

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

Again. Why tell these people to maintain hope to the end - that hope that - now watch the language - watch the wording -

and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

Why constantly tell these people in the first century to hang on because you are going to see the revelation of Jesus Christ - if they weren't going to see it? Why not just tell these people that to hang on until you are rescued when you fall asleep? Then, when the people who these verses are really meant for - a couple thousand years later - they need to maintain hope unto the revelation of Jesus Christ. Wouldn't that be so much easier to understand? Of course it would if that's what we are intended to understand. But it isn't. We are being shown - friends - as clearly as anything can be shown from the Scripture - these people were in the last days. They were hanging on to the end. They were about to see the revealing of Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords. That's because the King and His Kingdom were revealed in the first century exactly like the rest of the plain, clear teachings of the Scripture say.

If people aren't seeing this - after being presented with such clear teachings - then friends, I've told you this before - if people think they have salvation, or think they have been born again - and the plan of salvation or the plan of being born again was delivered to them by a "churchman" or through a quote unquote "church" - then they have never heard the Gospel. They will not understand these things because the natural man cannot discern these spiritual things. They are in need hearing the Gospel and when they embrace the Gospel of the Kingdom of God - the shackles will fall from their eyes and they will see the Kingdom of God.

[14] As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

[15] But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

[16] Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

[17] And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

[18] Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

[19] But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

[20] Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

How can this be any clearer? Without all my commentary - go back for yourselves and read these 20 verses of I Peter 1 and someone please tell me how someone can conclude that the last times was anything other than the days in which Peter wrote this chapter? It can't be done. At least not without violently twisting the Scriptures into things they do not say.

No Anne Graham Lotz, Jim Bakker, and the rest of you who are supporting antichrist - and trying to make people believe that the King has not come - but is a king to come - we are not in the last days - we are not in the last of the last days. He's King right now. Donald Trump is not being used of God to fulfill Bible prophecy. Donald Trump is not being used of God to make the unbelieving antichrist jews cry out for their messiah to come. You know. That's so ridiculous anyway. The modern antichrist jew is already crying out for their false messiah to come. Some of those people are so religiously looking for their false messiah to come - that in reality - when it comes to the practice of religion - in many ways - they are so much more religious than the modern American "churchian" it's ridiculous.

[21] Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

[22] Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

[23] Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

[24] For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

[25] But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.