# PRESENT TRUTH for OUR GENERATION Introductory Illustration:

One Ape in a large cage. Ladder and Banana suspended within easy reach above the ladder. Ape climbs ladder and reaches for the banana.....BUT, he is then sprayed with very cold water, and rapidly descends to escape the cold water.

A second ape is placed in the cage. He also spies the banana and climbs the ladder. When he reaches for the banana he too is sprayed with very cold water and he quickly descends to escape the cold water also.

A third ape is placed in the cage, and he begins to climb the ladder to pluck the banana, but before he is sprayed, the other two apes rush over and pull him back forcibly.

Then a fourth ape is placed in the cage and he begins to climb the ladder, but now the other apes rush over and forcibly pull him down, ----even the ape that wasn't sprayed. He didn't know why he should pull the fourth ape down but he joined in because of peer pressure, believing that he should stay with the group. This experiment showed the power of group dynamics.

I'd like to challenge every one of you today to really consider the reasons for your beliefs. Are you just following along with the group, or have you really studied into the precious Word of God to substantiate your faith, like the noble Bereans, "To see if these things were so!" Acts 17:11

I have been pleading with the Lord for wisdom to put this study together, and I believe it is Present Truth for our time, and for us "upon whom the end of the world is come". 1Cor 10:11

This is not the usual understanding of prophecy, but I believe it is the way God has written it down in His Word. I stand by the Word of God, the Holy Scriptures, as my Chart and Compass, and I ask you to respectfully and prayerfully consider what I have to show you from the Word today.

As a people we also have been blessed with wonderful insights into Truth from God's servant Ellen White. She was a human being like the rest of us. She herself says she was NOT infallible, and she also said that we should never use her writings to establish Truth.

For those who object to any new understanding of prophecy and who counter with "BUT Ellen White says....", I have some very interesting "BUT Ellen White ALSO says...." quotes to share with you:-

## Ellen White Concerning End Time Events in Daniel & Revelation.

7 BC 971 The books of <u>Daniel and Revelation are one.</u>

TM 115 The book of Daniel is unsealed in the Revelation to John and carries us forward to the last scenes of this earth's <a href="https://doi.org/10.2016/john.2016/j

TM 433 In view of the revelation to John on the Isle of Patmos, which from the opening of the first chapter to the close of the last chapter is light, great light.....in the events to transpire just prior to the second appearing of Christ.....

FCE 473 Great truths that have lain unheeded and unseen since the day of Pentecost, are to shine from God's Word in their purity. To those who truly love God, the Holy Spirit will reveal truths that have faded from the mind, and will also reveal truths that are entirely new. They will start into action forces that cannot be repressed.

TM 114 When the books of Daniel and Revelation are better understood believers will have an entirely different religious experience.

8T 302 The solemn messages, that have been given in their order in the Revelation, are to occupy first place in the minds of God's people. Nothing else is to be allowed to engross our attention.

TM 116 Study Revelation in connection with Daniel, for <a href="https://history.nih.gov/histor

TM 118 If our people were half awake, if they realized the nearness of the events portrayed in the Revelation, a reformation would be wrought in our churches,....

Advance new principles and crowd in the clear-cut truth. It will be a sword cutting both ways.

9T 20 Are we to wait until the fulfilment of the prophecies of the end before we say anything concerning them? Of what value will our words be then? .....Must we see things foretold come to pass before we will believe what He has said?.....

7 BC 979 The Sabbath question will be the issue in the great conflict in which all the world will act a part. {
Quoting Revelation 13: 4-8, 10, 11, 13-15} THIS ENTIRE
CHAPTER IS A REVELATION OF WHAT WILL SURELY TAKE
PLACE. (Note that verse 5 includes a time period 42 months, 1260 days, 3 ½ years).

7BC 982 Solemn events before us are yet to transpire.

Trumpet after trumpet is to be sounded, vial after vial
poured out, one after another upon the inhabitants of the
earth.

R&H Nov 24, 1904 The prophecies of the eleventh of Daniel have almost reached their final fulfilment.

9T 14 The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecy of the 11th chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfilment.

Manuscript Release 116 July 30, 1903 Let us read and study the <u>12th chapter of Daniel</u>. It is a warning we shall all need to understand before the time of the end.

TM 113 We are nearing the time when the prophecies of the book of Revelation are to be fulfilled.

Letter 103, 1904 – { in R&H July 8, 1976}. We have no time to lose. Troublous times are before us. The world is stirred with the spirit of war. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place. The prophecy in the eleventh of Daniel has nearly reached its fulfilment. Much of the history that has taken place in fulfilment of the prophecy will be repeated. In the thirtieth verse a power is spoken of that shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant, so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant. And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily.

TM 113 The light Daniel received from God was given especially for these last days. The visions he saw by the banks of the Ulai and the Hiddekel, the great rivers of Shinar, are now in process of fulfilment, and the events foretold will soon come to pass.

TM 112 Daniel and Revelation must be studied, as well as other prophecies of the Old Testament.....especially should Daniel and Revelation have attention as never before in the history of our work.

Honoured by men with the responsibilities of state, and with the secrets of kingdoms bearing universal sway, Daniel was honoured by God as His ambassador, and was given many revelations of the mysteries of ages to come, His wonderful prophecies, as recorded by him in chapters 7 to 12 of the book bearing his name, were not fully understood even by the prophet himself; but before his life labours closed, he was given the blessed assurance that he would again be permitted to stand in his lot and place. It was not given him to understand all that God had revealed of the Divine Purpose. "Shut up the words and seal the book," he was directed concerning his prophetic writings; these words were to be sealed "even to the time of the end." "Go thy way, Daniel," the angel once more directed the faithful messenger of Jehovah; "for the words are closed up and sealed to the time of the end.....Go thou thy way till the end be; for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days." Daniel 12: 4,9,13. Prophets and Kings p. 547

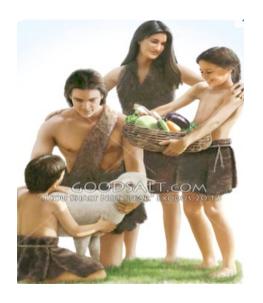
Question: Has Daniel yet stood in his lot, (been resurrected), at the end of the days? If not, then we are not yet at the "end of the days," which is another indication that the "time of the end" has not yet fully arrived, and another powerful reminder that the angel Gabriel's words over and over indicate the "time of the end" is what it says it is.

There is no excuse for anyone taking the position that there is no more truth to be revealed, and that our expositions of Scripture are without error. The fact that certain doctrines have been held as truth for many years by our people, is not a proof that our ideas are infallible. Review and Herald December 20, 1892

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## WHAT WAS GOD'S CHURCH IN THE PAST?

UL 228 "God had a church when Adam and Eve and Abel accepted and hailed with joy the good news that Jesus was their Redeemer."



Note: Cain was there present. Why was he not included? He did not want to follow God's instructions. He wanted to (as Sinatra sings)..."I'll do it my way!"

Adam and Eve and Abel kept the Sabbath, and looked forward to the Advent of their Redeemer. They were the original Seventh Day Adventists!

# WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF GOD'S REMNANT PEOPLE TODAY?

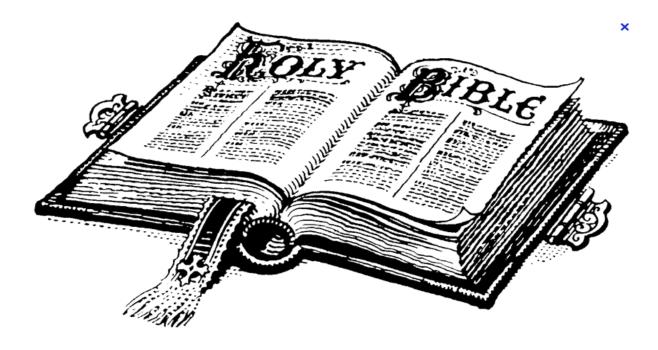
UL 315 "God has a church. It is not the great cathedral, neither is it the national establishment, neither is it the various denominations. It is the people who love God and keep His commandments. Jesus says, 'Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them.' Matthew 18:20'



## "ONLY THE PRESENCE OF THE HIGH AND HOLY ONE CAN CONSTITUTE A CHURCH."

ML 122 "There are true Christians in every church, not excepting the Roman Catholic Communion."

## THE STANDARD OF TRUTH.



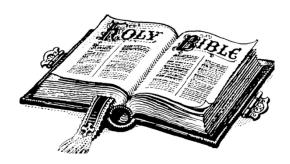
4SOP 413. "The Bible and the Bible only, is the standard of all doctrines, and the basis of all reforms."

For Naomi and myself the Bible, God's Holy Word, is our Chart and Compass!

Now let's have a look at just a couple of these great prophecies of <u>DANIEL</u> and <u>JOHN</u> in the <u>REVELATION</u>.

For many years scholars have told us that Daniel 7 onwards are just parallel prophecies with Daniel 2.

However, when we study Daniel 7 it is very obvious that the prophecies of Daniel 7 onwards, are very important messages for our day "upon whom the ends of the world are come." This study shows this very clearly from God's Holy Word.



# END TIME PROPHECIES FROM SCRIPTURE

Daniel chapters 7 through 12 are Daniel's visions with the explanations given by the angel Gabriel, who repeatedly states that the visions are for

"the time of the end",(Daniel 8:17),

"at the time appointed the end shall be", (Daniel 8:19),

«it shall be for many days", (Daniel 8:26),

even unto the consummation",(Daniel 9:27),

**"in the latter days"**, (Daniel 10:14)

\* "the end shall be at the time appointed".

(Daniel 11:27)

\* "even to the time of the end".

(Daniel 11:35)

\* "shut up the words and seal the book, even to the time of the end".

(Daniel 12:4)

\* "the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end".

(Daniel 12:9)

\* "But go thy way till the end be: <u>for thou shalt</u> <u>rest</u>, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days." (Daniel 12:13.)

In Daniel chapter 7 we have the whole end-time scenario graphically portrayed from beginning to end, when God's people possess the

## Kingdom and Jesus is enthroned as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

In every other chapter the angel emphasizes that the visions are for the "time of the end".

Please keep Gabriel's words in mind as we look at these grand prophecies......

There is another very important principle we must keep in mind also. It is the principle of <u>first usage</u>.

In Daniel 4 we have the story of Nebuchadnezzar. He was told he would spend **SEVEN TIMES** living as an animal in the forest as punishment for his pride.

The **SEVEN TIMES** referred to here could only have been **SEVEN LITERAL YEARS**.

Therefore the **TIMES** Daniel speaks of in his later chapters must also refer to **LITERAL YEARS** or parts thereof.

i.e. 3 and a part TIMES = 3 and a part YEARS.

Some "scholars" have said we should use the "day for a year" principle, when interpreting prophecy and they cite Numbers 14:34 and Ezekiel 4:6.

When we look at both these texts the first is a punishment the Lord said would happen to the faithless Israelites. They were forty days unfaithful, so He appointed them forty years of wandering in the desert till all the adults died.

### Each day meant one year of punishment.

In the second reference, God told Ezekiel to lie in a certain way for each day to represent a year of transgression of the Israelites and of Judah. Here we have the exact opposite.

## For each year of transgression, Ezekiel lay on his side for one day!

Neither reference has anything to do with prophecy, and certainly has no connection with Daniel!

#### 7 TIMES = 7 YEARS

(Daniel chapter 4)

3+part TIMES = 3+part YEARS

(Daniel 7:25, 12:7)

According to hermeneutics and the Law of First Usage these times are literal!

We should not twist the Scriptures to suit our own understanding.

In Daniel's first vision (chapter 7), he saw four great beasts. The first was a lion with eagle's wings. When Daniel had this vision Nebuchadnezzar, of Daniel 2, had died and his grandson Belshazzar was soon to die at the hands of the Persians.

So the lion with eagle's wings can NOT represent Babylon as many believe.

Further on in chapter 7, it is clearly shown that the four beasts are all there **at the same time**,

(See verses 11 and 12)

and the first three have their lives prolonged as the fourth great and terrible beast is judged and destroyed in the flames.

Gabriel explains in verse 17, that these four beasts are four kings which **shall arise** out of the earth.

They are contemporary, and future.

We see the first three beasts emerging as dominant world powers right now, with much discussion and agitation for a **world government**.

The national symbol of the **UK and its allies are** represented as the **Lion**, with the **Eagle** the ensign of the **US**. These two powers are acting closely together as allies.

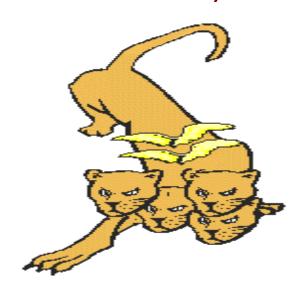


The Bear has always been the symbol of Russia, which is already a powerful player in world affairs.



The rapid rise of the **Asian Nations**, **China/Korea**, **India**, **Japan**, **and Indonesia** are very aptly portrayed in the symbol of the **Leopard**.

(We often hear the Asian Tiger referred to in the news.)



The Great and Terrible Fourth Beast is different in that it "devours the whole earth". It is obviously a world government which will rule cruelly, especially the Little Horn which arises from it. Anyone who does not conform to its rules and wishes will suffer persecution and death. (Rev. 13).

ROME, September 13, 2019 (LifeSiteNews) — In a renewed and enthusiastic endorsement of globalism, Pope Francis has announced he is hosting an initiative for a "Global Pact" to create a "new humanism."

The global event, set to take place at the Vatican on May 14, 2020, is themed Reinventing the Global Educational Alliance.

In this recent announcement, all the major world leaders are to meet at Rome to discuss GLOBALISM!



\*It will change times and laws;

Look at what Trump has already devised, and is promoting as a perpetual calendar for the world. Notice how the seventh day has been changed to Sunday!

A Trump calendar, forever? There's no reason why calendrical change can't occur more rapidly....

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Perpetual Calendar Graphic by Greg Groesch/The Washington Times.

\*it will speak great things against God and His people;

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\*it will take over three of the ten world divisions,

\*and it will have power for three and a half years,

- \*right to the time of the judgment when the Ancient of Days arrives.
- \*The judgment takes place,
- \*Jesus is crowned Lord of Lords,
- \*the wicked are destroyed,
- \*the earth is cleansed by fire,
- \*and the children of God possess the kingdom.

The whole scenario is clearly outlined in chapter 7 of Daniel for us all.

His words had an application in the days of the disciples, but we believe they also have a more complete fulfilment at the time of the end.

Could it be that we are yet to see a great world power, most probably headed up by the most popular man on earth, the Pope? Just recently the Pope visited the Arab world and was welcomed with open arms by the Muslims! Amazing! (All the world wondered after the Beast. Revelation 13:3). Even the Jews are "getting on the band wagon."

We are hearing about it often on the news. The Jews are all prepared with ashes of a Red Heifer, and all materials to build another temple as soon as the Dome of the Rock is removed,

either by an act of God, or by a nuclear exchange or whatever.

Dare I suggest that we may have 3 ½ years of "trouble such as never was since there was a nation" still ahead of us? Daniel 12:1.

Not a very pleasant scenario, and for those looking for the imminent return of Christ, it could well be another Revelation 10 experience! Another great disappointment!

Could I suggest that the 2300 "erev boqer" (evenings and mornings), the DAILY worship activities in the Courtyard of the Temple, may equal 1150 literal days, which fit within the time, times and a part, the 1260 days, the 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  years, the 42 months? See Daniel 8:26 also.

Daniel 8:14 is the answer to the question asked about the DAILY, in Daniel 8:13.

In Revelation 11:1 & 2, John was told the Courtyard was not to be measured as it was given to the Gentiles for 42 months.(1260 days or three and a half years.)

Luke also speaks of the times of the Gentiles. Luke 21:24:

"and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."

Jesus Himself speaks of this in Matthew 24:15-22.

"when ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth let him understand), then....."

Jesus gave a double warning then to the people in Jerusalem, and to those at the end times, as the rest of His message shows.

The illustration below shows the Hebrew words which clearly refer to the two worship services—evening and morning. Two services every day, which would mean 2300 evening/morning services, would be 1150 literal days.

"According to the Hebrew text, the number 2,300 is associated with two Hebrew words that should not have been translated 'days." They are

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"On the other hand, in Daniel 12:11, 12, both the numbers 1,290 and 1,335 are associated with

ימים the Hebrew word for 'days.'

"Therefore, we should translate this passage literally as 2,300 evening, and morning.

"Since this verse deals specifically with the 'daily sacrifice,' we should note that it was customary to offer a sacrifice at sunset, to mark the beginning of the next calendar day and at daybreak, to mark the beginning of the light for that day—a total of 1,150 days. In the marking of a calendar day, the night came first, followed by the day."

These Worship Services are tied to the DAILY which was the centre of the question asked in Daniel 8:13.

What is this DAILY, that is "taken away" and starts the clock?

Daniel 12: 11. "And from the time that the DAILY shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days."

Could it be the time that the Gentiles, with their World Government, take over the Courtyard (Jerusalem), as in Rev 11 and in Luke 21 and Matt 24:15?

Jesus Himself told His disciples to watch. "When you therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place,....then....." Matthew 24:15.

His words had an application in the days of the disciples, but we believe they also have a more complete fulfilment at the time of the end.

Keep alert! Keep watching "this space" and be prepared!



Could it be that the coming World Kingdom leader will build the "tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain" (that's where Jerusalem is), on God's own piece of holy real estate which David physically purchased from Ornan for the temple site on Mt Moriah as Scripture says in Daniel 11: 45? It's already in the planning!

Naomi and I believe we will soon have a major catastrophe of some kind; economic, environmental, or man-made, which will trigger this world government to set up another temple as world headquarters. The four angels of Revelation 7:1-3 are really struggling at present as we see the terrible tragedies and evil murders and senseless killings, rapidly happening in our world today. Just listen to the daily news of fires, floods, tornadoes, famines, pestilences,(coronavirus), plagues,(locusts), shootings and murders in many places, even in our own land-- Australia-- all out of control and men's hearts "failing them for fear". Luke 21:26

What a perfect description of our present situation with people even here in our own land, doing panic buying of essential supplies, leaving the shop shelves empty and the shop owners setting up rationing!

Will there be a decree go forth to re-build the temple and the city, with the Gentiles in charge? The plans are already in place. It is being spoken about almost daily in the news. It just needs a catalyst—something to start things in motion, when God is ready!

Now let us look at Revelation 13 verses 1-5. Notice the sequence of the rise of the composite beast with seven heads and ten horns.

It has the likeness of the four beasts of Daniel 7 and John gives us more detail. He sees one of its heads with a deadly wound, but "the deadly wound was healed and all the world wondered after the beast." Revelation 13:3

The Dragon, (Satan), gave the beast its power and great authority, to "continue for 42 months", which is 1260 days, 3 ½ years, or time, times and a part. A time of trouble such as never was ensues, finishing up with a Death Decree to all dissenters.

The story in the book of Esther, is an interesting preview of what it will be like for

God's people as this "time of trouble such as never was since there was nation" progresses. (Daniel 12:1) But just as the people in Esther's story were saved, so it will be with God's people at the "time of the end." Psalm 91 is specifically written, we believe, to encourage God's faithful people at this time.

Times of Daniel and Revelation all fit within a time, times and a part.(360 days=1 JewishYear)

1335 days (3years + 255 days)

1290 days (3years + 210 days)

1150 days (3years + 70 days)

 $3 \frac{1}{2}$  years (3years + 180 days)

42 months (3years + 180 days)

1260 days (3years + 180 days)

All fit within a Time, Times, and dividing of time- or 1 year, 2 years and a part of a year, and the 1290 starts with the "taking away of the DAILY". Daniel 12.

(3.9 times is maximum for time, times and a part)

I really disagree with the traditional idea of putting the power and authority given to the beast for 42 months <u>BEFORE</u> his head is wounded. That's NOT what Scripture says!

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Just read Rev 13:1-5. Traditionally scholars have told us that the beast power began in 538AD and lasted till 1798 when Berthier took the Pope prisoner and placed him on a lonely island off the African coast.

Actually, from history, in a book I found in the Nanango Public Library and from other sources as well, the Pope did not have temporal power until 755, 756 AD and his powers began waning during the 1300sAD due mostly to the Reformation. But, apart from that, we have been taught that the 1260 years ended at 1798AD, when the Pope received his deadly wound from Berthier. This is just not the Truth as in Rev 13:5.

### That is NOT what the Scripture says!

- \*One of his heads is wounded, <u>most</u> likely by the Reformation.
- \*His deadly wound is healed and
- \*all the Heads of our World countries are paying him homage. Just listen to the news!
- \*The Scripture says plainly that the wound is healed and THEN.....

\*he will have power and authority for 42 months or 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  years ,1260 days, time,times and part.

Note that the two Witnesses –Elijah and Moses of Revelation 11 have exactly the same time period to witness—42 months, 3 ½ years, 1260 days, time, times and a part. Verse 2 states 42 Months for the Beast power, and verse 3 states 1260 days (42 Months), for the Two Witnesses. It is surely going to be an interesting three and half years ahead of us when it starts.

Read Revelation 11 carefully as it clearly defines who the two witnesses are.

One, (Elijah), can "shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy"

( Read 1 Kings 17:1 : Rev 11:6 : Malachi 4:6 )

and the other, (Moses), has power to "turn water to blood, and smite the earth with all plaques as often as he will."

(Read the account of the plagues Moses and Aaron brought upon the Egyptians in Exodus 7 onwards and also Revelation 11:6.)

Elijah did not die but was transported to heaven in a fiery chariot, (2Kings 2:9-14), and Moses was resurrected, (Jude 9), and both appeared with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. (Matthew 17: 1-8) Both are obviously alive and well in heaven, awaiting "the time of the end."

We really believe that the Ten Commandments will be found and brought forth as a witness to all the earth, with every Television camera in the world focussed on them. God's Truth and His Gospel of Salvation will go to all the world. How much fairer and just could our Lord be, to make His Gospel—His free salvation--plainly and freely available to all who would choose to accept His unspeakable Gift.

Who better to bring the tables of stone forth than Moses, the one to whom God gave them in person so long ago. These tablets are the only actual words written by God with His own finger! See our study booklet An Amazing Discovery for some really exciting reading, demonstrating God's order and precision with everything He says and does.

Wickedness in our world today is increasing at an alarming rate. Laws are already in effect to do abortions full term and gender dependent. Gender is being removed from birth certificates, and there's hardly a day goes by that we don't see more wickedness being condoned by governments and even some churches.

Wars and rumours of wars are in the news daily. Fires, floods, earthquakes, famines, tornados, pestilences, murders and atrocities of many kinds are happening ever more frequently. All nature seems to be disintegrating. See Matthew 24 and Luke 21 for the signs that we are in "the time of the end".

Knowledge is increasing exponentially, and men shall run to and fro. Daniel 12:4 is being fulfilled at an alarming rate when we see the advances in technology and travel. Mobile phones that can act as cameras taking incredibly clear pictures and videos. We don't have to even touch them now but just have to speak to it and it will answer any question you wish to ask, or give you clear directions where to go and on and on.

In every field of science, medicine and travel we see increase of knowledge so amazing!

Just in my lifetime, I have come from cutting sugar cane by hand for many years, and carting it out to a siding for the loco with draught horses. What a dreadful task on a cold winter's morning cutting the cane, (stoop -chop, straighten -top), then picking up armloads of the sticky, black, molassescovered cane to load on to a wagon. Ugh!

Now one man sits in an air-conditioned machine listening to his favourite music while the machine cuts the cane and loads it into a truck next to it with a driver also in an air-conditioned cab listening to his favourite music also.

On a trip to Sydney recently, I was aghast at the density of traffic of all kinds of vehicles travelling both ways, to and fro, at incredible speeds, and could not help but think of Daniel 12:4.

In Matthew 24: 34 Jesus said, "This generation, (the one which sees all these signs happening), will not pass till all these things be fulfilled."

Is it not time we awoke out of sleep, and realize that we are living at the most amazing time ever in earth's history—"the time of the end."

For 6,000 years, man has used animals for travel, spears and swords for weapons. Now it's jet aircraft, space craft, submarines circumnavigating the earth underwater, driverless cars, electric vehicles, automatic weapons of all kinds including nuclear devices, amazing surgical procedures and on and on.

Just now, in my lifetime, we see all the signs that have been clearly prophesied fulfilling at an incredible speed. "Knowledge shall be increased and men shall run to and fro." Daniel 12:4

#### There will be many martyrs! (Revelation 13 &14)

Are you and I ready for this ordeal? Are we preparing for what is soon to break upon our world "as an overwhelming surprise?"



Dear Brethren and Sisters, I have not presented this today to cause division, or to excite fear, but in the hope that you will go to your Bibles, and search out these things for yourself like the noble Bereans. Ask the Lord to open your mind to the Holy Spirit, for He will teach you and lead you into all Truth.



May the Lord bless us each one as we consider these wonderful Truths from God's Holy Word, and give us all strength and courage to stand for Truth though the heavens fall, and especially through the dark days ahead.

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