

## THE COMING GLORY

Chaos is creeping closer by the day to where we live.  
Soon we won't be watching it on the evening news.

We'll be in it.

*... "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation, and put you to death; and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake.*

*And then many will fall away, and betray one another, and hate one another.*

*And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.*

*And because wickedness is multiplied, most men's love will grow cold."*

*Matthew 24:9-12*

The good news is that chaos is approaching a climax.

Beyond the climax is glory.

*And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.*

*Luke 21:25-27*

Suddenly the nations of the earth will discover that God was in charge all along --- that the atoning Lamb is indeed the Final Judge of the human race.

The same Jesus who drew every living soul to his cross for their redemption, will now be seated on the Judgment Throne.

What did we do with the grace we were offered.

Did we receive it?

Did we live it?

***And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy." "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense, to repay every one for what he has done."***

***Revelation 22:10-12***

Off in the distance is a shining city descending into our atmosphere from another realm. It touches the earth and everything changes.



***When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world!'***

***Matthew 25:32-34***

Those who received God's grace and walked in it "*inherit a kingdom prepared for you from the foundations of the world.*"

This vast universe was but the preparation for a world without evil.

A world where things are as they should be.

Where God's will is done as it is done in heaven.

A world of unspeakable glory.

Only God knows what it cost to restore us to such a world.

But the door to that world is open now, for all who are willing to leave their egos behind and enter.

Soon the world as we know it will no longer exist.

In its place will be the “Kingdom prepared for you from before the foundation of the world.”

Words can barely describe its beauty, its peace, its magnificence.

*Then he showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There shall no more be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and his servants shall worship him; they shall see his face, and his name shall be on their foreheads. And night shall be no more; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they shall reign for ever and ever.*

*Revelation 22:1-5*

That river, “bright as crystal”, is even now flowing invisibly through this troubled world.

Those who drink from the river receive strength to make it through the present chaos.

“Sir, give me this water,” said the woman at the well. She received it.

And so will we, if we but ask.

*The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let him who hears say, "Come." And let him who is thirsty come, let him who desires take the water of life without price."*

*Revelation 22:17*

**Prayer.**

Lord we look forward to your coming glory. A world without evil, a world where you are enthroned and we shall see your face. Lord open our ears to the invitation to “come”, give us the thirst to drink from the river that flows from you. Lord Jesus, we sense the time of tribulation coming upon us. Lord, our hearts break at the growing wickedness and quiver at the coming chaos and trial. Lord we know that evil is making its last stand. The wicked will be wicked and the filthy will be filthy. But within this, may our love for you remain steady and hot. May we be of the righteous who still do what is right. Lord may we do all that is necessary to enter your glory. Now is the time to seek the strength to make it through. Now is the time for us to drink the water of life. Now is the time to embrace and live the life you give us. And Lord when the end comes, may we be of those who are blessed of you to inherit the kingdom you have prepared for us from the foundation of the world. Have mercy.

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