

ARE WE LIVING IN PROPHESED TIMES?

DISCERNING THE TIMES OF PROPHETIC FULFILLMENT

“But ye, brethren, are not in darkness,
that that day should overtake you as a thief.”

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:4

1. Prophetic Fulfillment – *Review*

- a. For some this topic is grating the root of their faith system, but it must be cut off
- b. This should be simple if we rightly divide, but it turns out to be a stumbling block
 - i. The subjects of Prophecy and Mystery must be rightly divided.
 - ii. Prophecy is the subject of Israel and God’s earthly kingdom
 - iii. Israel fell, but now is the Church, Israel will return after – Rom 11:25-27

2. Doctrinal Consequences

- a. Can we discern the times? - Matthew 16:1-12 (no sign will be given Mark 8:12)
 - i. For this reason, saying we are not in the times for the signs is ridiculed
- b. Prophetic fulfillment (Israel/kingdom/antichrist now) has doctrinal consequences
- c. There is a doctrinal setting, a certain time, in which prophecies must be fulfilled
- d. Before prophecy can be fulfilled the doctrinal times must change
- e. Are we living in the times of prophecy? Are we living in the times for the signs?

3. Describing the Times

- a. Most look for signs like these to describe the time of the end – 2 Tim 3:1-7
- b. These are not the signs of the times → Mat 24:2-14; which is described in 24:29
- c. Notice the doctrinal environment of the times – Mat 24:13,14,19,20,21,22
- d. Most attribute these verses to “cultural contextualization”... but not if it is literal.

4. Looking at Prophesied Times

- a. Deut 31:16-17 - “In that day” – there is a description of the day/setting/time
 - i. “gods of the strangers”, “covenant”, “Israel”, “land”, Deut 31:16-22
 - ii. The song of Moses is sung in Rev 15:3 during the time of judgment 15:4
- b. Isaiah 52:6-10 - See! It’s happening, but notice Isaiah 52:1 and the unclean
 - i. The salvation preached here is found in Luke 1:68-71 and Rev 11:15
 - ii. We are saved by grace without the law without dominion – Rom 4:5
- c. Rev 13:16-17 - The mark of the beast
 - i. Paul says if you don’t work you don’t eat – 2 Thess 3:10
 - ii. The saints with God’s seal are virgin Jews – Rev 7:3-4, 14:1-4
 - iii. The gospel preached is not the mystery gospel: Rev 14:6-8
 - iv. The saints here are keeping the commandments: Rev 13:10, 14:12
- d. Isaiah 9:10 – The harbinger of 9/11? (41 weeks on NYT best seller list)
 - i. I think not: “Israel”, “land”, “throne of David” Isa 9:6-8, 12-17, 19-21
- e. 1 Thess 5:1-5 – We are not living in night time, the time of Prophetic fulfillment
 - i. We are not appointed for wrath – 1 Thess 5:9
 - ii. The Day of the Lord’s wrath is darkness not light - Amos 5:18
 - iii. Before the “thief” comes, it must be night time - Revelation 16:15
- f. For Prophecy to be fulfilled, there must be a doctrinal (dispensational) change