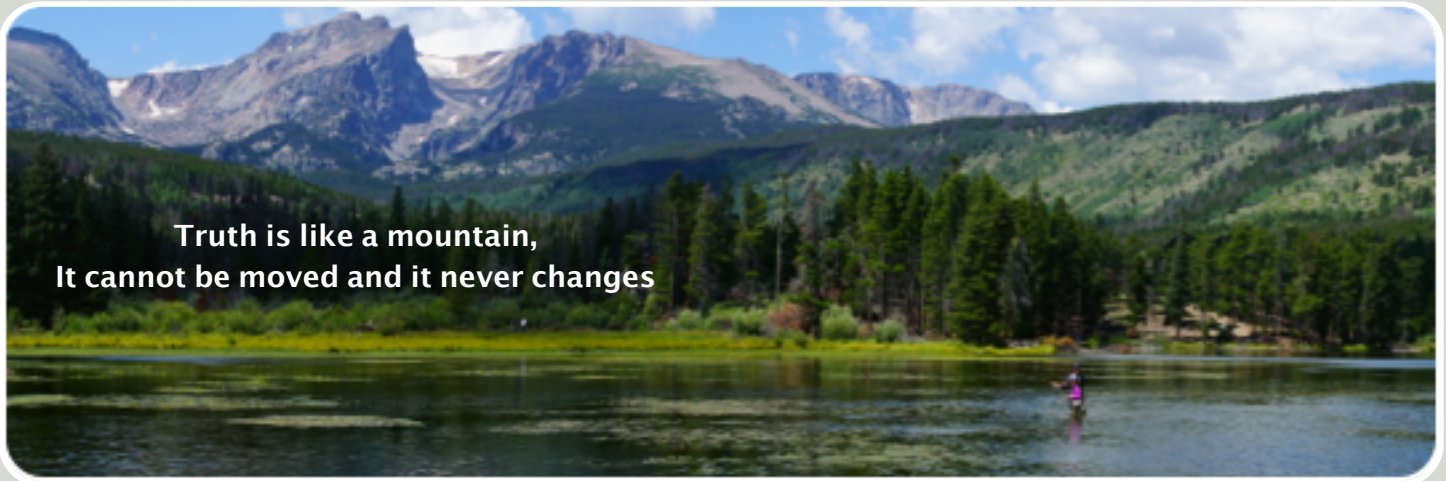


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# “TRUTH”

**A SURE WORD  
FOR TODAY**



**Truth is like a mountain,  
It cannot be moved and it never changes**

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## UPDATE

When discussing Jesus' return, we often use the word "near." This is a relative term, but what does it really mean? How near is near? On page 4, you will find an illustration that should help you visualize how close we are to this great historic event.

It has been about 2000 years since Jesus ascended to heaven with the promise that He would return. If a football field represented those 2000 years, each yard would equal 20 years.

When our nation was formed in 1776, we would have been only 12 yards from the end zone. When the Civil War ended, we were on the 8-yard line. Where are we today? If His return is still 10 years away, then today, we are standing only 18 inches from the goal line.

The rapture will occur sooner than that, so we may be only a few inches from the goal line. It's the fourth quarter, and the clock is ticking. There are no timeouts left, and we feel exhausted, but we are about to win on the last play of the game.

**MARANATHA!**

## FEATURE ARTICLE:

# "Understanding The Times" CONCLUSION

**WARNING: You are entering the "TRUTH ZONE". You may not like what you read. At times it may make you feel uncomfortable. That is not my goal. My goal is to speak truth that will provide spiritual guidance for you and your family in a time of great spiritual darkness.**

**You can be sure that what you read here will be TRUTH!**

This month concludes the series "Understanding The Times." I pray it has helped you better understand the momentous events that are about to happen. We are living in the days when Jesus is going to return. We are about to see what our forefathers only dreamed of but never got to experience. It takes my breath away!

The Lord wants me to share one more thing that most may have never noticed. To do this, I want to return to Luke 21 once again. I have already pointed out that in verse 25, Jesus talks about the signs that will point to His soon return and noted that these signs are easy to see today, as easy as a 500-foot boat was in Noah's time. But there is something else Jesus said that I never noticed before.

### **LUKE 21:27 KJV**

27 And **then shall they see** the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

We must be very careful here, or we will miss something important. Notice that he uses the word "they" instead of "you." That is very important! John also uses this word when describing the Lord's return in Revelation 1.

### **Revelation 1:7 KJV**

7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and **they** also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him.

This leads to some very important questions: **Who are "they," and why are "they" wailing?** Jude answers those questions.

### **Jude 1:14-15 KJV**

14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among **them** of all their ungodly deeds which **they** have ungodly committed, and of

all **their** hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

These verses explain why **they** will be wailing when Jesus returns. They will know that judgment day has arrived. Both Paul and Jesus speak of these people when they say that the Lord's return will come "as a thief in the night." These are the same people whom Paul says will not escape.

### **1 Thessalonians 5:1-3 KJV**

1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and **they** shall not escape.

This leads to an inevitable question: What about us? Will we not have been praying for His return? Will we not have cried out, "Come quickly, Lord Jesus?" So, when He returns, will we also wail and cry in fear? You do not need to be a German theologian to see that this would make no sense. No, we will not be part of the crowd that wails and trembles in fear because, according to Jude, we will be coming with Him when He returns. Did you miss that little detail? Take a closer look at what Jude says.

### **Jude 1:14 KJV**

14 ...Behold, the Lord cometh **with** ten thousands of his saints...

## "Understanding The Times" Conclusion

I must show you how often this is repeated in scripture so you can see that what I point out is true.

### **Zechariah 14:5 KJV**

5...and the LORD my God shall come, **and all the saints with thee.**

### **1 Thessalonians 3:13 KJV**

13 To the end he may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, **at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.**

### **Psalms 149:5-9 KJV**

5 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.

6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand;

7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;

8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

9 To execute upon them the judgment written: **this honour have all his saints.** Praise ye the LORD!

**I don't know about you,  
but I'm signing up for that mission!**

After the rapture, we will spend seven years in heaven while the people of Earth endure seven years of hell. Then, we will return with Him to establish His kingdom on Earth.

This would be a good time to point out another key difference between the rapture and the return of Jesus. When the rapture happens, only those who rise to meet Him in the clouds will see Him. The only thing unbelievers on Earth will see is people vanishing.

However, when Jesus returns with His saints, every person on earth will see Him.

### **Revelation 1:7 KJV**

7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him....

As we conclude this series, I want to remind you that the signs confirm that Christ's return is imminent, and the rapture is even closer. So, we have no reason to be unprepared. Dark days lie ahead, but we can take comfort in knowing that for those who belong to Christ, the future has never been brighter or more glorious. Our redemption is at the door!

Though many consider the rapture a mystery, it is our hope and draws nearer with each passing day. As the world grows darker and the signs multiply, we must live in expectation that our glorious departure will occur any day.

### **1 Thessalonians 4: KJV**

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

This generation will witness the fulfillment of God's promises in a way that no other generation has. The signs are undeniable, and our redemption is closer than ever. The rapture could happen at any moment—let that truth shape how you live today. Be ready. Be watchful. And, above all, be filled with joy that can only come from knowing your Savior is coming soon.

**Maranatha—Come quickly, Lord Jesus!**

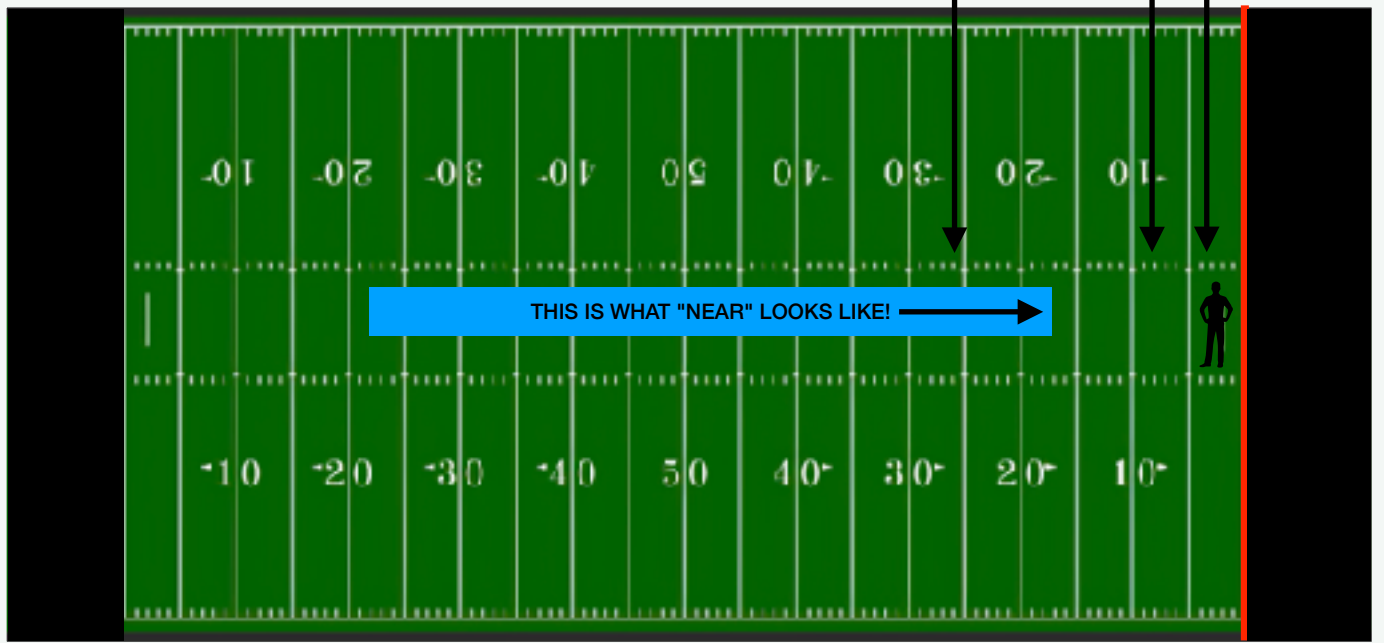
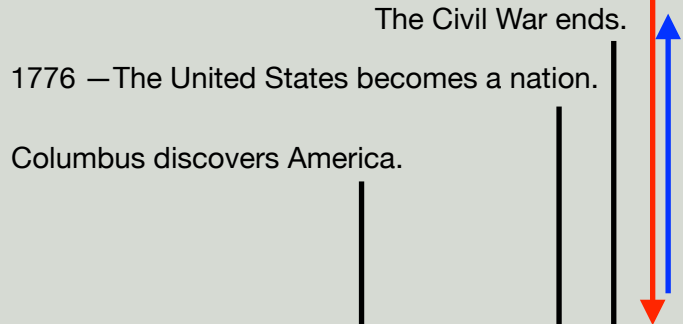
**A TIMELINE OF THE CHURCH AGE  
ILLUSTRATED BY A FOOTBALL FIELD**

**SCALE: Every 5 yards = 100 years**



Please click on the time clock.

If the Rapture is 10 years away,  
this is how much time is left.



Jesus ascends to heaven.  
( The church age begins. )

This is only intended to illustrate how much time has passed since Jesus ascended into heaven as compared to what 10 years looks like.

The Rapture of the church.

**DO NOT TRY TO USE IT  
TO SET A DATE FOR THE RAPTURE!**

**AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH**



## A MINUTE WITH MISS LINDA



### *“Is There a Hell?”*

As we draw close to the rapture, we all face a serious issue: Where will we spend eternity? The answer to that question is simple. If we accept Jesus as our Savior and place our faith in Him, we will spend eternity in

heaven, but if we reject the Lord's free gift of salvation, we will spend eternity in hell. I know some will not agree with this, but I have God's Word to back it up, so I am not afraid to say it.

It amazes me that despite the Bible's clarity on this subject, people still question it and propose alternative ideas. Recently, we watched a movie called "Come Sunday." This film tells the true story of Pastor Carlton Pearson, a gifted young man who formed a close bond with Oral Roberts and led a highly successful biracial church in Tulsa.

Suddenly, he began to teach that a loving God would not condemn anyone to eternal damnation, including non-believers. This new teaching, which he called "The Gospel of Inclusion," led him to conclude that hell did not exist and that everyone is already saved through God's grace. Oral Roberts tried to reason with him, but he remained steadfast in his unconventional beliefs. As a result, he lost his church

and marriage and, in the movie, was excommunicated by the Black Bishops of America. Ultimately, he joined the Universalist Church, whose beliefs resonated with his own. Unfortunately, Hollywood portrayed him as a great man who was unjustly persecuted for his beliefs. So, who is right: Hollywood or the Bible?

Scripture teaches that Hell is real. Jesus taught on Hell several times in parables and sermons. Here are some examples.

#### **Matthew 10:28 Amplified Bible**

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; but rather be afraid of Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

#### **Matthew 13:41-43 King James Version**

41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Jesus believed there is a place called hell. But what did other great preachers believe about this subject?

# "Is There A Hell?"

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## **Billy Graham**

"Heaven is real, and hell is real, and eternity is but a breath away."

## **Charles Spurgeon**

"Shall we keep men in a fool's paradise? Shall we lull them into soft slumbers from which they will awake in hell? Are we to become helpers of their damnation by our smooth speeches? In the name of God, we will not!"

## **C.S. Lewis**

"There is no doctrine which I would more willingly remove from Christianity than the doctrine of hell if it lay in my power. But it has the full support of Scripture and, especially, of our Lord's own words."

## **Charles Spurgeon**

"Morality may keep you out of jail, but it takes the blood of Jesus Christ to keep you out of hell."

This quote reminds me that no article about the reality of hell can be complete without also acknowledging the fact that God did not create hell for sinners, and this is why He provided a way for us to escape

### **Matthew 25:41 KJV**

41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, **prepared for the devil and his angels:**

In conclusion, while the reality of hell is a sobering truth, it is essential to remember that God's love offers a way of escape. Through faith and repentance, we are given the

opportunity to choose life, not death. The message of hope and redemption is clear: God's grace is greater than our sin, and through Christ, we can be saved from the eternal damnation of hell. The decision is ours: Will we choose life, or will we choose death?

There is one other thing that Charles Spurgeon said that each of us needs to think about.

"Oh, my brothers and sisters in Christ, if sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies; and if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay, and not madly to destroy themselves."

## **Charles Spurgeon**



AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH!