



The end of ages, look back into the future

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Dear friends,

But now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself (Hebrews 9:26b). Look back into the future and be amazed what happened **2000 years ago, at the end of the ages!** It is not fair, realising what Jesus has done 2000 years ago, to neglect the perfection of His finished work. Religion postpones several things to a future experience. But you must remember that you cannot appropriate what you postpone. Experience, explore, apply, practice, and enjoy living with the benefits, promises, and privileges of Heaven on earth.

The Bible teaches us that the 'end of time' has begun at the beginning of our era, actually all next verses happened 2000 years ago, in the first century:

- *But now, once **at the end of the ages**, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself (Hebrews 9:26).*
- *Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, **upon whom the ends of the ages have come** (1 Corinthians 10:11).*
- *But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: And it shall come to pass **in the last days**, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh (Acts 2:16-17). The Pentecost, 2000 years ago.*
- *But when **the fullness of the time had come**, God sent forth His Son (Galatians 4:4).*
- *Little children, **it is the last hour**; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, **even now many antichrists have come**, by which **we know that it is the last hour** (1 John 2:18). Many antichrists, already in the first century, called the last hour.*
- *Having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of **the fullness of the times** He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him (Ephesians 1:9-10). **Heaven on earth in Christ, 2000 years ago!***

Hollywood has produced many fear driven so called future "end time" movies with horror scenarios inspired by the book of Revelation and the word "apocalypse". Some Christians follow this fear driven behaviour and keep themselves and others busy with similar future topics. But, why for instance so busy with the antichrist? Jesus took the victory 2000 years ago, it is fixed, so what antichrist? In 1 John 2 there is no fear at all regarding the antichrist and John is simply confirming: *But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things (1 John 2:20).* That's it. Look back into the future, and believe in the perfection of His finished work, 2000 years ago, at the end of ages! It is all about Jesus! In this context some more words about the book of Revelation:

1. It is the book of **Revelation** (singular) **of Christ** (Rev.1:1), The One Who took the victory, and not the revelations (plural) of disasters.
2. The word revelation in Greek is *ap-ok-al'-oop-sis* which we know as apocalypse. This word has nothing to do with disaster, however means: a revelation of the truth, which was unknown until that time. That's it! What a manmade fear driven theory around the word apocalypse. No instead it is the apocalypse (Revelation) of Jesus, your Savior and King, Who's perfect love expels all fear.
3. *Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near (Revelation 1:3).* The reading of the book of Revelation is a blessing to us and not a horror scenario.

It is Amazing and beyond every human imagination **what He realized for us, 2000 years ago, at the end of ages:** *But now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to **put away sin** by the sacrifice of Himself (Hebrews 9:26). Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God (Ephesians 2:19). And raised us up together, and made us sit together*

*in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:6). But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel (Hebrews 12:22-24). Are you still with me? We, right now, in the same dwelling as the saints, the angels and Jesus, on the Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem! In this dwelling place every spiritual blessing is waiting for us: *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ (Ephesians 1:3).**

Please do not underestimate the work of Jesus with His first coming and make Him unintended to a caricature. The changing and big marking point in History has happened in the first century, called the last hour, at the end of the ages. Put the different stories from the Scripture on the right place of the time axe. Look back, into the future, at the end of ages and enjoy and inherit that what belongs to you in Jesus the risen Christ. **You are seated in heavenly places!**

Yours in His service,

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