

A Minute Past Midnight

I hear the sound of a mighty rushing wind

And it's closer now

Than it's ever been

I can almost hear the trumpet

As Gabriel sounds the call

At the midnight cry

We'll be going home

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The Midnight Cry when Gabriel sounds the call and God's children are called home. How wonderful that day will be; for we will be in the presence of our LORD and Savior. But what a terrible time for the world; for God will bring His righteous judgement upon this world; no longer will the church and Holy Spirit be here to restrain the evil. The evil will now manifest in its fullest form and Satan, the False Prophet and the Antichrist will rule for a time. Fire will rain from the heavens, seas and rivers turned to blood, the water made bitter, boils upon man, death and destruction will reign. Yes, all begins after the midnight call of the church and its saints; a minute after midnight evil rises to levels never before seen by mankind.

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THE DOOMSDAY CLOCK



As of January 20th ,2022 it is 100 seconds to midnight.

Founded in 1945 by University of Chicago scientists who had helped develop the first atomic weapons in the Manhattan Project, the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists created the Doomsday Clock two years later, using the imagery of apocalypse (midnight) and the contemporary idiom of nuclear explosion (countdown to zero) to convey threats to humanity and the planet. The decision to move (or to leave in place) the minute hand of the Doomsday Clock is made every year by the Bulletin's Science and Security Board in consultation with its Board of Sponsors, which includes 13 Nobel laureates. The Clock has become a universally recognized indicator of the world's vulnerability to catastrophe from nuclear weapons, climate change, and disruptive technologies in other domains.

The clock's original setting in 1947 was 7 minutes to midnight.

For the believer the 'Midnight Cry' is a time of rejoicing for we are going home. Now to be sure we do not know when the call shall come; be it midnight or noon; whenever it is it will be a time of great rejoicing.

1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Figuratively speaking ONE MINUTE AFTER MIDNIGHT Hell will begin its reign upon the earth; The Holy Spirit will have withdrawn its restraining influence and Babylon will manifest in all its darkness, and Satan's Man of Sin will arise in this Generation of Antichrist.

2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

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The doomsday clock will strike midnight after the rapture of the Church and the restraining influence of the Holy Spirit is removed upon the evil of this world. Those that are left will now be left to the kingdom of darkness.

2 Thessalonians 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

9 *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

A minute after midnight and the tribulation has arrived. There is no resetting the clock; the time of the LORD's judgement is here and those that denied the Glory of the Gospel shall now face the consequences of their unbelief. The idols and gods they have worshipped have deceived them and are now nowhere to be found. The riches of this world will be for naught, the pride of life has gained nothing, unbelief will give way to the reality of The Day Of The LORD. Their cries are but echoes in the darkness; it's one minute after midnight and now it is too late for those that rejected the Gospel. Cry unto your gods; they will not deliver you.

Judges 10:14 Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation.

Matthew 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

The prophet Daniel had a vision of the coming tribulation upon his people; the world and the rise of the Man of Sin and his Satanic kingdom (**Daniel 8: 1-14**) the vision was so disturbing that it made Daniel sick.

Daniel 8:27 And I Daniel fainted, and was sick *certain* days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood *it*.

How terrible this time will be upon the inhabitants of this earth; judgement has come and the instrument of that judgment will be Satan and his antichrist. Jacobs Trouble has come upon Israel and the whole world will be caught up in it. The Day of Reckoning has arrived.

Many today that preach and believe in a social gospel and a "woke" Christianity do not believe in a coming judgement; they have been blinded to the truth of God's Holy Word. If we use MIDNIGHT as a reference point Jesus Christ spoke of a time before the coming judgement and a time after. Hear the Word of God.

Luke 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. 17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, 18 **The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,** 19 **To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.** 20 And he closed the book, and he gave *it* again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

Jesus was reading scripture from **Isaiah 61:1-2**.

Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound;

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

It is just as important in what Jesus didn't say as what He did say; notice Jesus stopped reading in ver. 2 after the coma "To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD" he did not read "the day of the vengeance of our God" because it was not yet time for the "Day of the vengeance of our God".

God's Word is so perfect and the timing of its fulfillment will be right down to the plank time (Presumed to be the shortest theoretically measurable time interval). God's Word will not fail and all will happen as He has ordained. We are now in the time of the "acceptable year of the LORD; where the Holy Spirit moves and men have been called to preach the good tidings of the gospel to the poor, broken hearted, and deliverance to captives, as Jesus did; the clock has not yet struck midnight, but that time is fast approaching.

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"the day of vengeance of our God"

Zephaniah 1:2 I will utterly consume all *things* from off the land, saith the LORD. 3 I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and the stumbling blocks with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the LORD. 4 I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, *and* the name of the Chemarims with the priests; 5 And them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and them that worship *and* that swear by the LORD, and that swear by Malcham; 6 And them that are turned back from the LORD; and *those* that have not sought the LORD, nor enquired for him.

All will happen as God has ordained; God's hidden hand has been all throughout human history and has at times manifested in the course of human events to carry out His will. God states I will utterly consume, I will consume man and beast, I will consume the fowls of heaven and fishes of the sea, I will cut off man from off the land, I will stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem, I will cut off the remnant of Baal, them that worship the host of heaven, that swear by the LORD and by Malcham, them that are turned back from the LORD, then that have not sought or enquired of the LORD.

The LORD holds the prophetic clock in His hands and time is His.

Zephaniah 1:14 The great day of the LORD *is* near, *it is* near, and hasteth greatly, *even* the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. 15 That day *is* a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers.

17 And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD'S wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

Zephaniah 1:14-18 speaks of the near coming destruction of the land; which began with the death of the good king Josiah, who was slain by Pharaoh-necho at Megiddo, and continued to the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar. I also believe it gives a description of the future destruction of the land and world in the future tribulation period.

In the book of **Matthew 24:3** the LORD Jesus answers the question posed by the disciples "Tell us when shall these things be?" The tribulation I believe can be broken down into two parts, both continuous and consecutive with one another, but one is the wrath of antichrist **Matthew 24:4-14**; the other 'The Great Tribulation' of the LORD **Matthew 24: 15-28**.

Antichrist and the setting up of his kingdom

Matthew 24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Take heed that no man deceive you. 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. 6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.**

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

8 All these *are* the beginning of sorrows. 9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. 10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. 11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. 13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

The great tribulation and Day of the LORD

Matthew 24:15 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:)¹⁶ Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: ¹⁷ Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: ¹⁸ Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.¹⁹ And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! ²⁰ But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: ²¹ For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

²² And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. ²³ Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here *is* Christ, or there; believe *it* not. ²⁴ For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect. ²⁵ Behold, I have told you before. ²⁶ Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, *he is* in the secret chambers; believe *it* not. ²⁷ For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. ²⁸ For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

The clock will strike midnight and the judgment will come. Which side of the clock will you be on my friends? Midnight is nearing and time is running out and your decision to accept or reject the LORD Jesus Christ will determine where you will spend eternity; time will be no more for Heaven and Hell will be eternal and there shall you be forever.

A Minute Past Midnight for the Believer

While the below *Zephaniah 3:17-20* is specifically for the remnant of Israel after their deliverance from God's judgement in the tribulation; I believe it is also applicable to all God's people that have accepted Him and overcome the world.

(After the Millennium)

Zephaniah 3:17 The LORD thy God in the midst of thee *is* mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing. ¹⁸ I will gather *them that are* sorrowful for the solemn assembly, *who* are of thee, *to whom* the reproach of it *was* a burden. ¹⁹ Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame. ²⁰ At that time will I bring you *again*, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD.

At the deliverance of His chosen people Israel at the end of the millennium the LORD will rejoice. The LORD also has already rejoiced at the calling up of His church at the rapture; for he has gathered His church with joy, he will have destroyed all that afflicted it; he will have gathered us out of our affliction upon the earth and given us a name in heaven.

Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. ² And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God. ⁴ And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, **Behold, I make all things new.** And he said unto me, **Write: for these words are true and faithful.** 6 And he said unto me, **It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.** 7 **He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.**

Revelation 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the tree of life, which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, *and* yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. 3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: 4 And they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads. 5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

A Minute Past Midnight for the Unbeliever

Revelation 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 21:8 **But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.**

Thy will be done oh LORD -To God be the Glory

AMEN

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