

The Visitation of the LORD

There has been a spiritual shift into the last of the latter days. We must not look back, longing for the “good old days” because the Lord is coming with “better new days”. He comes with the promise of us being made perfect (Hebrews 11, Romans 8) and ready for when His glory is to be revealed, that we may be glad also with exceeding joy (1 Peter 4:13). We are approaching the season for His visitation, and He wants us to be ready.

For quite some time we have heard that Jesus is coming soon but we have not understood in detail what to expect because it wasn't the “time” yet for certain details. The “Visitation of the Lord” is not the same as the “Second Coming” because the Visitation happens first. Previous examples from the Bible show the pattern for future events, for example in Luke 19:41-44 Jesus wept over Jerusalem because “they did not know the time of their visitation” and He prophesied that the enemy would not leave one stone left upon another. Jesus attempted to make himself known to His kinfolk but almost all of Jerusalem rejected Jesus as their Messiah; He came unto His own and His own received Him not (John 1:11), He was despised and rejected (Isaiah 53:3). About 40 years later His prophecy was fulfilled when Roman General Titus came in and leveled Jerusalem's temple and destroyed much of the city. Yet God saved a remnant of folks. Spiritual readiness is a mandatory lifestyle for God's people; we have the examples of Noah and Lot and their families, each spared from destruction.

So, what is the Lord's Visitation? He comes spiritually to His own people first, then later He deals with the enemy of His people at His Second Coming. Patterns in the Bible show that the world is in a bad way and getting worse for His people, then the Lord visits His people, revealing Himself in a fuller way and for their deliverance. Joseph, who is an Old Testament type for Jesus, made himself known to his brethren (Genesis 45:1). He revealed to them that God intended to use Joseph to help his entire family escape the severe famine; else they would have perished. Joseph placed them in their “promise land” of Goshen, where they would be for about 400 years. Moses, who is another OT type for Jesus, shows up after a 40 year absence and reveals himself to his people with the mission that God gave him, to deliver them from bondage. Then he deals with Pharaoh, who is an OT type for the beast, while his people are sitting on the sideline protected (land of Goshen). Once Egypt was dealt with, then he led them to the promise land, which took 40 years.

There are significant indications that the Visitation of the Lord is going to happen in late Spring 2021. It will be a latter rain outpouring of the Holy Spirit for those who are ready and watching and not in the world, with a resurrection of the firstfruits of the tribes of Israel (not THE rapture). This subject is complex and related Bible chapters to research are Joel 2:28-29, Romans 11:12-15, Ezekiel 37:11-14, and Revelation 7 & 14. Our preparation for His Visitation is to be walking the walk, and also talking the talk by confession of faith over those we have been praying for (everybody has their list of loved ones). Seek the Lord for more of His spirit of wisdom and revelation and be encouraged!

