

NO MORE TIME

Revelation 10:5-7

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: Every pastor has preached at one time or other about the end of time when Jesus comes back and when this earth and heavens will be changed and everyone will stand before God in judgment. As often as pastors preach on this thought, and as often as Christians look forward to this great event, it must be remembered that generations have DIED and the Lord has not returned. What about our own generation? We look forward to the return of the Lord Jesus BUT, if God delays the Lord's return we will die as all others have, and there will be no more time for us. "No more time" but when?

I. WHAT IS MEANT BY "NO MORE TIME" OR THE "END OF TIME?"

1. "Time" began when God created the heavens and the earth.
 - There was only eternity, there was duration, but there was no such thing as time.
2. As long as this world continues to exist, "time" will continue.
3. When this world ceases to exist, the end of time will come - time will be no longer.
4. "Time" was made for this world and those that dwell upon it.

II. WHAT WILL BRING ABOUT THE "END OF TIME" OR "NO MORE TIME?"

1. The Revelation text refers to the arrival when what God created the world for has been fulfilled.
2. The "mystery" of God in creating the world and the heavens has been advancing, moving toward a "day" of fulfillment.
3. God has spoken through His servants, prophets and others inspired to write what was necessary for people to know and in doing so, it is revealed that the great reason that God created this world and its inhabitants was to gratify and glorify Himself.
4. The greatest display of God's reason/purpose in creation has been revealed by Jesus Christ, God's Son.
 - Through and for Jesus Christ all things were created.
 - To Jesus Christ has all judgment been committed, He is head, King, Lord of all that is.
5. When the purpose for which all has been created has been accomplished, then the "mystery" of God will be finished.
6. When all the enemies of God and the Lord Jesus have been put down under His feet, when all opposing rule, power and authority has been put down, then the end shall come and the angel will sound the trumpet declaring the end of time.

III. WHAT WILL BE THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND RESULTS OF THE END OF TIME?

1. Concerning individuals:
 - Every person shall be separated from all he/she has experienced here on earth.
 - One moment after death, all that one had on earth will be gone.
 - Their "day of grace" will be gone.
 - No more opportunity to get things right between one and God.
 - Prepared or unprepared, each person must go into eternity.
 - Ready or not, every person will next stand before God in judgment.

- The moment in which one leaves this earth, he/she enters an unchangeable, eternal state.
 - His/her human body is left behind and he/she that is saved will continue to be saved and he/she that is unsaved will continue to be unsaved.
 - The saved person leaves his/her sins and imperfections behind, entering a spotless and pure environment.
 - The unsaved person leaves any goodness behind and enters eternity as an enemy to God.

2. Concerning the human race:

- When the end of time comes, a general resurrection will take place.
 - All in the graves shall hear the voice of the Lord Jesus and come out to their just judgments.
- At the end of time, the Day of Judgment will take place.
 - Every human eye will see the Judge coming in the clouds of heaven and every human being will stand before this great Judge to be judged and rewarded according to his/her works.
 - The righteous shall be separated from the wicked and the righteous shall inherit the kingdom of heaven and the wicked the everlasting fire.

3. Concerning the earth on which we now live:

- At the end of time, this world as we know it will also end at the same moment.
 - This world was created for a specific purpose of God and upon the end of time this world's purpose will have ended.
 - All that is "valuable" on/of this world to mankind shall be destroyed and become nothing.
 - All the great buildings of great cities will be gone.
- The world will be consumed like a worthless scrap pile.

CONCLUSION:

1. Considering that in God's time all this that we know shall be ended, upon what/who should our interests lie?
2. Thinking that none of us shall live forever upon this earth and if the Lord's return is delayed, every one of our generation across this earth shall die, what preparation should one make for his/her death?
3. Knowing that upon your death you will leave EVERYTHING behind, what have you "sent ahead?"
4. The end of time has not come for YOU yet, until it does, enjoy the days of grace and salvation the Lord offers you.
5. True, there is coming a day when God will turn to one of His angels and tell him to blow the trumpet and sound the end of time and all things on this earth will cease but until that time happens, we continue to live as generations before us and die as generations before us and continue to be accountable before God.
6. If your heart were to stop this very moment and you died, where would your soul go? To heaven or to hell? If God's angel blew the trumpet sounding the end of time this very moment, where would you go?
7. NOW is the time to make preparation to be called into eternity and to "prepare" God's way.