

Your message burns in my heart and bones, and I cannot keep silent. (Jeremiah 20:9)

The testimony of JESUS is the spirit of the prophecy. (Revelation 19:10c)

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Earth Passing Through Dark Cosmic Cloud

As the world enters the new year of 2022, one that will be filled with crises (in the plural), as well as light, it is of the utmost importance for all to know that **the world and time itself are *not* coming to an end.**

We are *not* in the last days, the end-time the ancient prophets saw; those days are part of the fulfilled history of ancient, old-covenant Israel, not part of the world's future. Armageddon and the Antichrist are part of this fulfilled history. The stars are not going to literally fall, nor the sun and moon go dark and the heavens literally pass away in a roar, nor will the elements of the earth be destroyed with intense heat.

Our earth has gone through many periods in which either the natural order or man's order (or: both simultaneously) has been shaken in such a way that those living through it might have thought it was the end of life itself. In the days of Noah, for many, it was the end. However, in general, shakings of this magnitude have been a sign that the world order (kosmos) was changing, either abruptly or transitionally, for good or for bad. Without doubt, in many cases, due to the many unknowns, a shadow of doom and gloom fell upon the human psyche and many were overcome by fear. We are in such a day.

As proffered years ago, it is our turn to experience a fundamental change in the world order, especially for those born after World War 2, which obviously is a very large percentage of the current global population. We could say that it is our turn to experience the unpleasant and scary side of change, especially for those in the western world that have lived through relative peace and prosperity. As we will see, there is also a pleasant side to this; but, at the moment, the dark side of it prevails.

In countering this, some might say that what the world is experiencing is nothing new: We'll get through it as we always do and everything will get back to "normal"; the human spirit will see to it. First, there is nothing new under the sun. However, we are not going back to normal; those days are gone. The human psyche has been scarred and it will take an act of God to heal it. Second, the difference with this shaking of the world order is the timing on God's clock. Contrary to some schools of thought, I hold the position that there are ***six days, then the seventh***, based on Genesis 2:1-4, not on Revelation 20:2-7. This alone tells us that this cycle of change is different.

The world order that has existed since the end of World War 2 is currently going through a shaking as it transitions to a new order, yet to be defined, even as some seek for a global reset of their making.

As I pondered this, a metaphorical picture came to me of the earth coursing its way through the universe on its usual trajectory in relation to the sun and it comes across a **cosmic dust cloud**. The further it moves into the cloud, the darker things get as the sun's rays are blocked more and more by the cloud's density. In the midst of such darkness, one might think the sun has gone dark and the earth itself has turned into darkness. It seems as if light is fading and all is about to be lost. Fear grips the heart of mankind, but not all fall into this fear. There are those who realize that it is the cosmic cloud that earth is passing through that is causing all the darkness, not the sun nor the earth. The trajectory of the earth around the sun ensures that earth will soon pass through the cloud. Those with spiritual vision look to the heavens for a sign, a ray of light peeking through the dense cloud. They don't give up hope nor do they fall into fear, for they know that the creation God has put into motion is as firmly established as His Son is established on the throne of His kingdom.

As great fear grips humanity and its hope of getting through the time wavers, those of heavenly vision say it is only a momentary darkness, hold on, we'll be through this dust cloud soon enough, be of good cheer, the sun is shining as bright and as strong as ever. And so it happens—the sun begins to break through this darkness and its light slowly shines brighter and brighter until a new day dawns.

Many of the [epochal events](#) recorded in history that our earth and world order have been through could be likened to passing through this metaphorical dark cloud. On a spiritual level, how do we know the sun will shine once again, metaphorically speaking? Substitute the word *sun* with the word *Son*!

We must firmly hold to the fact that the one in whom this earth was created—the inheritor of the nations and the possessor of the earth, now seated upon the throne of God—is the **King of Righteousness and of Peace**. We all know His name—**Jesus!** He is the one whom God the Father declared: ***This is My beloved Son!*** As the King of Righteousness, Jesus has set the course, that is, the path of righteousness for His earth and His inhabitants, and dark days are part of this course. ***Clouds and darkness surround Him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne*** (Psalm 97:2). The good news is that King Jesus is in the midst of all that is happening. Because of Him, there is a glorious new beginning in sight. ***The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines brighter and brighter until the full day*** (Proverbs 4:18). On the other side of the dark cloud is the blazing sun—the blazing Son of glory and His many sons and daughters of glory! May faith, hope, and love flood your heart in 2022!