

2 Timothy 3:1 (NLT2)

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A few years ago, during Covid, I thought that this would be a perfect time for the rapture to happen, because everyone was stuck in their homes, so there would be less auto accidents, and less planes crashing, etc.... Now it did not happen, and it was an interesting thought that I had. But it goes to show us when we read things in the bible that have not happened yet, we wonder, how can such a thing happen, I just can't see it?

Well, they used to think that the mark of the beast would be a number tattooed on the right hand or forehead, but today we know that it is more likely to be a computer chip placed under the skin of the right hand or forehead, or it could be something that we have never even thought of.

Even when we read in the scriptures, that in the last days how things will become.

† **2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NLT2)** *You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!*

Forty or fifty years ago, we just could not see these things that we just read about happening, yet when we read it today, it depicts what the world has become, and as we read these things, they have become the norm, and for many it doesn't even phase them one bit. And not just the USA (Spoiler alert, the bible is not written around the USA) but throughout the world. Even where I live, when we watch the local news, it seems every day that they are reporting multiple shootings. Not just one person going rampant, but different people, in different places, at different times, for different reasons.

We hear about these things as Christians and we all say, "Come quickly Lord Jesus," but as we say that do we think of the fact that once Jesus takes us, the Church, to heaven, things will get a lot worse than they are right now. Yet we still wonder how it could get any worse than what it is now. Just read your bible and you will see, but once again in our minds, we can not see people as being that evil and corrupt, yet they will be, even though we can't consider it right now.

So, that's the bad news you may be thinking, is there any good news?

With the Lord, there is always good news, and even though Jesus has not come back yet, that in a way is a good thing, because it means that our lost loved ones, family and friends and coworkers have a greater chance of giving their life to Jesus now then if they are left behind and have to go

through the seven year tribulation period, because right now, before Jesus comes back, it's what is called the time of the Gentiles, where we as Gentiles (Non-Jews) will be saved. But after the church is taken away (the rapture), then it will be the time for the Children of Israel, the Jews to be saved.

So, even though we do not understand how some of these things that we read in the bible could happen, know that they will, because God said they would, and everything He has said up to this point has come to pass, just as He said they would.

- When God said to Ezekiel that He would bring dead dry bones back to life, he did it, referring to Israel becoming a nation and returning to the land of Israel, as well as returning to the Lord GOD, and if you have been to Israel, we have seen it with our own eyes. How blessed we are to live in such a time as this. So as we are here another day, let's continue to tell others about Jesus, sharing the gospel whenever the Lord opens that opportunity for us to do so.
- † **Ezekiel 37:5-6** *Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD." ' ' "*
- † **Hebrews 1:1-2** *God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds.*
- † **Jude 1:18 (MSG)** *"In the last days there will be people who don't take these things seriously anymore. They'll treat them like a joke, and make a religion of their own whims and lusts."*