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## Why bother to know and understand the Time of the End?

**1.** Looking for the **Blessed Hope**. We're not looking for the anti-Christ or the mark of the Beast.

2. We will be <u>blessed</u> to read, hear and keep the prophetic word in our hearts and to share them as led.

**Revelation 1:3** Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

**3.** Urgency and Imminence of Time; <u>not</u> about predicting dates.

## Why bother to know and understand the Time of the End?

- **4.** Evangelism Salvation of loved ones at stake.
- **5.** We are encouraged to <u>heed</u> the prophetic word until the Rapture.

**2 Peter 1:19** And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

## Why bother to know and understand the Time of the End?

 Revelation is progressive. Subsequently, current insights is built on previous understanding. Hence, the importance to know Time of the End (TOTE)

e.g. Daniel

> given the prophecies 2530+ years ago

> makes no sense to him at that time.

II. The Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven for the nation of Israel.

III. The Gospel of <u>Grace</u> TODAY for <u>All</u> mankind during the <u>Church</u> Age.

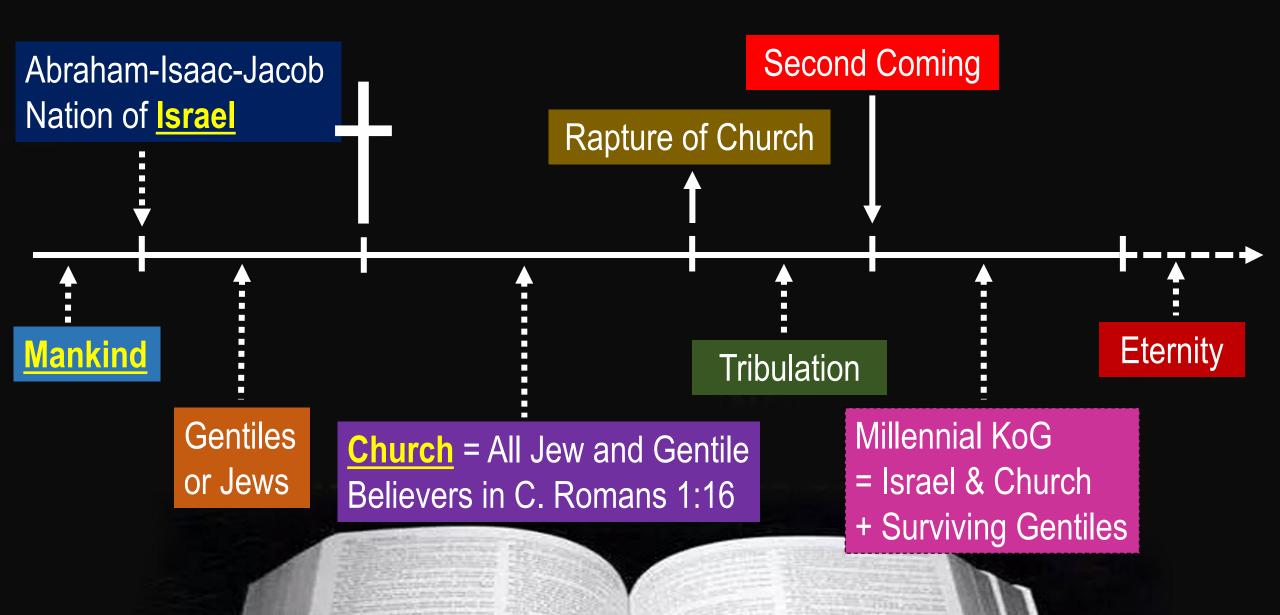
IV. Key fundamental differences between the Gospel of the Kingdom (GOK) and the Gospel of Grace (GOG).

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1 Corinthians 10:32 Give no offense, either to the <u>Jews</u> or to the <u>Greeks</u> or to the <u>church of God</u>.

- To better understand the prophetic scriptures, we need to know that God deals with 3 groups of people.
- All Scripture is for our understanding and instruction through revelation by Holy Spirit.
- But not every scripture/covenant is written for the Church.
- Some for Israel, some to Gentiles and some to the Church.
- Applying a scripture to the Church when meant for Israel or vice-versa leads to confusion and misunderstanding of the prophetic word.

- Adam to Abraham Mankind [e.g. Enoch and Noah].(later called Gentiles)
- Genesis 12 God called Abraham to build a nation separated from rest.
- Nation of Israel from Abraham, Isaac, Jacob-Israel onwards.
- 2 groups of people up to time of Jesus first coming <u>Israelites</u> (called <u>Hebrews</u> in Exodus and later, called <u>Jews</u> in NT) and <u>Gentiles</u>.
- After Jesus ascended to heaven, He put His Blood on the altar in heaven, a third group called the <u>Church</u> was created [Hebrews 9].
- As the Son of Man, Jesus became the first man in this new group [Romans 8:29].
- Everyone (Jew or Gentile) who believes and receives the Lord Jesus today, in this window of grace, is a part of the Church [Galatians 3:26-28].



# II. The Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven for the nation of Israel.

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- 2 Timothy 2:15 Correctly Divide the Word Unlearn to Re-learn by the Holy Spirit Various Differences in Terms and Meaning:
- 1. Rapture and Second Coming
- 2. Day of Christ and Day of the LORD
- 3. Old Covenant and New Covenant
- 4. the Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven (GOK) and the Gospel of Grace (GOG).
- 5. Kingdom of Heaven and Kingdom of God

II. The <u>Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven</u> is premised on God's Covenant to <u>Israel</u> in the Abrahamic, Mosaic and Davidic Covenants.

Romans 9:4 (AMP) who are <u>Israelites</u>, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, the glory (Shekinah), the [special] <u>covenants</u> [with <u>Abraham</u>, <u>Moses</u>, and <u>David</u>], the giving of <u>the Law</u>, the [system of temple] <u>worship</u>, and the [original] <u>promises</u>. II. The <u>Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven</u> is premised on God's Covenant to <u>Israel</u> in the Abrahamic, Mosaic and Davidic Covenants.

- 1. Abrahamic Covenant
  - The Promise of literal land

**Genesis 12:1-3** 

1 Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a **land** that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

### 1. Abrahamic Covenant

• The Promise of literal land

#### **Genesis 17:7-8**

7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for <u>an everlasting covenant</u>, <u>to be God to you</u> <u>and your descendants after you</u>. 8 Also I <u>give</u> to you and your descendants after you <u>the land</u> in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, <u>as an everlasting possession</u>; and I will be their God.

#### Genesis 13:14-18

#### **Deuteronomy 30:1-5**



The Promise of literal land

Leviticus 26:42 then I will remember My covenant with <u>Jacob</u>, and My covenant with <u>Isaac</u> and My covenant with <u>Abraham</u> I will remember; I will remember <u>the land</u>.  II. The <u>Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven</u> is premised on God's Covenant to <u>Israel</u> in the Abrahamic, Mosaic and Davidic Covenants.
 2. Mosaic Covenant (confirming Abrahamic Covenant)

Exodus 6:2-4, 8

2 And God spoke to Moses and said to him: "I am the Lord. 3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name Lord I was not known to them. 4 I have also established My <u>covenant</u> with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, in which they were strangers. 8 And I will <u>bring you into the land</u> which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you as a heritage: I am the Lord.'

#### God gives the Nation of Israel: literal, physical and earthly *signs*, to lead them to their Α. literal, physical and earthly *land*, to fulfil the prophecy of the Β. promised Jewish *Messiah*, reigning from a C. literal, physical and earthly *throne*, in D. literal, physical and earthly <u>Jerusalem</u> from where He will establish Ε. His literal, physical and earthly *Kingdom*. F. This is the Gospel of the Kingdom for the Nation of Israel **1 Corinthians 1:22** For <u>Jews request a sign</u>, and Greeks seek after wisdom.

Acts 7:36 He brought them out, after He had shown wonders and signs in ... Egypt, in the Red Sea and in the wilderness 40 years.

 II. The <u>Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven</u> is premised on God's Covenant to <u>Israel</u> in the Abrahamic, Mosaic and Davidic Covenants.
 3. <u>Davidic</u> Covenant (2 Samuel 7)

2 Samuel 7:16 And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.

God promised David that the <u>Promised Messiah</u> would come through His Seed and that His Throne would be established forever. This is why Christ is referred to as the <u>Son of David</u>, the <u>Root & Offspring of David</u> (Revelation 5:5; Isaiah 11:1). The Abrahamic, Mosaic and Davidic Covenants that God established with the Nation of Israel encapsulates the Gospel of the Kingdom.

#### Matthew 10:5-8

**5** These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.



The Gospel of the Kingdom is for Israel that is accompanied by literal signs, miracles and wonders to lead the Nation of Israel to their **Promised Land on earth - Millennial Kingdom**.

Acts 1:6 Therefore, when they (the disciples) had come together, they asked Him (resurrected Lord Jesus Christ), saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

The disciples up to this time, were still looking for a **political** Messiah, not a **spiritual** Messiah!

## III. The Gospel of <u>Grace</u> TODAY for <u>All</u> mankind during the <u>Church</u> Age.

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## III. The Gospel of the Grace of God.1. Revealed and entrusted to the <u>apostle Paul</u>

Acts 20:24 But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to <u>the gospel of the grace of God</u>. 1. Revealed and entrusted to the apostle Paul

#### Galatians 1:11-12, 16,18

11 But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.

12 For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**16** to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, **I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood**,

**18** Then <u>after three years</u> I went up to <u>Jerusalem to see Peter</u>, and remained <u>with him fifteen days</u>.

### 1. Revealed and entrusted to the apostle Paul

#### Galatians 2:1-2

1 Then <u>after fourteen years</u> I went up <u>again to Jerusalem</u> <u>with Barnabas</u>, <u>and also took Titus with me</u>. 2 And I went up <u>by revelation</u>, and <u>communicated to them that gospel</u> <u>which I preach among the Gentiles</u>, but <u>privately to</u> <u>those who were of reputation</u>, lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain.

## **III.** The Gospel of the Grace of God.

2. Spelt out in the **bodily death and resurrection** of Christ

#### 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. Free

## III. The Gospel of the Grace of God. 3. For ALL who believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Saviour

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

#### Romans 10:9-10

9 that if you <u>confess</u> with your mouth the Lord Jesus and <u>believe</u> in your <u>heart</u> that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be <u>saved</u>. 10 For with the <u>heart</u> one <u>believes unto righteousness</u>, and with the mouth <u>confession is made unto salvation</u>. **III.** The Gospel of the Grace of God.

## Completely dependent on the grace and mercy of God.

Ephesians 2:8-9
8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,
9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

 II. The Gospel of the Grace of God.
 5. is the finished Blood Atonement that imputes <u>God's</u> <u>righteousness</u> to sinners who believe and receive Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**III.** The Gospel of the Grace of God. **5.** is the finished Blood Atonement that imputes **God's** righteousness to sinners who believe and receive Jesus. **Romans 4:4-8 4** Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. 5 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, 6 just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works: 7 "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered; 8 blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin."

## The Differences between the Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven (GOK) and the Gospel of Grace (GOG)

GOK pertains to the salvation of an Israelite to enter the Kingdom of God <u>on earth</u> (Millennial Kingdom) where Jesus reigns & thereafter with Him forever. GOG pertains to the salvation of anyone today to have eternal life, sealed by the Holy Spirit, be part of the Church Body ready for the Rapture & then with Him forever.

Gospel of Kingdom of Heaven (GOK)	Gospel of Grace (GOG)
1. GOK is for the Jews	1. GOG is for all men

#### **Matthew 10:5-6**

5 <u>These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them</u>, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. 6 But <u>go rather to the lost</u> <u>sheep of the house of Israel</u>.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the **<u>GOSPEI of Christ</u>**, for it is the <u>power</u> of God to salvation for <u>eVeryOne</u> who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Gospel of Kingdom of Heaven (GOK)	Gospel of Grace (GOG)
2. Saints in the GOK do not have	2. Saints in the GOG (Blood of Christ) have
the indwelling Holy Spirit because they were	the indwelling Holy Spirit
covered by the blood of animals which were	
temporary. (Old Covenant)	

1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

Gospel of Kingdom of Heaven (GOK)	Gospel of Grace (GOG)
3. Righteousness in the GOK is the	3. In the GOG, it is God's righteousness
person's righteousness	imputed to the believers

#### Ezekiel 14:14, 16, 18, 20

14 & 20 Even if these three men, <u>Noah</u>, <u>Daniel</u>, <u>and Job</u>, were in it, they would <u>deliver</u> only themselves by their righteousness," says the Lord God.

**16 & 18** Even though these <u>three men</u> were in it, as I live," says the Lord God, "they would <u>deliver neither sons nor daughters</u>; <u>only they would be delivered</u>, and the land would be desolate.

Gospel of Kingdom of Heaven (GOK)	Gospel of Grace (GOG)
3. Righteousness in the GOK is the	3. In the GOG, it is God's righteousness
person's righteousness	imputed to the believers

**Ezekiel 18:20** The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. <u>The righteousness of the righteous shall be</u> <u>upon himself</u>, and the <u>wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself</u>.

Gospel of Kingdom of Heaven (GOK)	Gospel of Grace (GOG)
Faith + Works of Righteousness	Faith ONLY

Gospel of Kingdom of Heaven (GOK)	Gospel of Grace (GOG)
3. Righteousness in the GOK is the	3. In the GOG, it is God's righteousness
person's righteousness	imputed to the believers

#### **Romans 10:3-4**

3 For they being ignorant of <u>God's righteousness</u>, and seeking to establish their OWN righteousness, have not submitted to the <u>righteousness</u> of God. 4 For <u>Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who</u> believes. 2 Corinthians 5:21

Gospel of Kingdom of Heaven (GOK)	Gospel of Grace (GOG)
4. In the GOK, there is no assurance of	4. In the GOG, we are eternally secured in
Salvation (Ezekiel 18)	Christ

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Salvation (Ezekiel 18)	Christ

2 Corinthians 1:22 who also has <u>sealed us and given us the Spirit</u> in our hearts <u>as a guarantee</u>.

**Ephesians 1:13** In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, **having believed**, you were **sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise**.

Gospel of Kingdom of Heaven (GOK)	Gospel of Grace (GOG)
5. The association is primarily the Jewish	5. We (both Jew and Gentile believers) are
Nation of Israel	members in the same <b>body of Christ</b>

1 Corinthians 12:27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

Philippians 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Unlike Israel, the Church's destiny is not tied to a physical location on earth. Our citizenship is in heaven.

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5. The association is primarily the Jewish	5. We (both Jew and Gentile believers) are
Nation of Israel	members in the same <b>body of Christ</b>

**Ephesians 2:14-16,18** 

14 For <u>He Himself is our peace</u>, <u>who has made both (Jew and Gentile) one</u> ... 15 .. so as <u>to create in Himself one new man from the two</u>, <u>(Jew and Gentile) thus</u> <u>making peace</u>, 16 and that He might <u>reconcile them both (Jew and Gentile) to God</u> <u>in one body through the cross</u> ...

18 For through Him we both (Jew and Gentile) have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Gospel of Kingdom of Heaven (GOK)	Gospel of Grace (GOG)
6. The next immediate future prophecy in	6. In the GOG, it will be the rapture
the GOK is the time of Jacob's trouble	

Jeremiah 30:7 Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.



- Israel has been looking for a "political messiah" as in the time of Jesus to rid them of the Roman occupation.
- Today, same to give them "peace and security" in own land from enemies.
- Looking for the "messiah" to do so and will be deceived by the Anti-Christ.
- They have never believed up to now that they needed a "<u>spiritual messiah</u>" to save them from their sins as they have the law of Moses, even though we know that the law kills and no one is able to keep the law perfectly.
- Jesus was the only Man-God on earth Who ever did!
- Israel wants a "warrior" king, not the suffering-Servant Who came and died for the sins of the world.

- Israel earlier rejected John the Baptist sent by Father-God.
- Israel then rejected and crucified the Lord Jesus.
- 3 days later, He rose again fulfilling the sign of Jonah to prove His authenticity as the Son of God (Matthew 12:39-40).
- Israel had 40 days after Jesus' resurrection to recognize the sign of His resurrection and to receive Him as their Messiah which they did not.
- He ascended to heaven fulfilling another prophecy.
- Hosea 5:15 Then I will go back to my place until they admit their guilt. And they will seek my face; in their misery they will earnestly seek me.

- Stephen filled with the Holy Spirit in the early Church addressed the Jewish Council in Acts 6-7, tracing God's Covenant with Abraham, Moses and David.
- But they rejected Stephen's message from God.
- This was the last straw. God's dealings with Israel is now "suspended".
- The KOG began with Israel Exodus 19:5-6.
- Because of their disobedience and rejection of the revelation of God, the KOG was taken from Israel and given to the Church.

Matthew 21:43 Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.

- God then revealed the Gospel of Grace to Paul for all mankind in church age.
- This is understood clearly by the Council of the Church in Jerusalem in Acts 15.
- After Church is raptured, the Kingdom will be restored to Israel. Acts 15:13-18
- i.e. the Lord will first take from among the Gentiles a people for Himself and after that would return to rebuild David's fallen tabernacle.

Romans 11:25-26 (above also confirmed by Paul) 25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this <u>mystery</u>, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that <u>blindness in part has happened</u> to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved ...

Gospel of Kingdom of Heaven (GOK)	Gospel of Grace (GOG)
6. The next immediate future prophecy in	6. In the GOG, it will be the rapture
the GOK is the time of Jacob's trouble	

Zechariah 12:10-12 (Israel will repent at Jesus' Return after Tribulation) 10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. 11 In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. 12 And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves.

Gospel of Kingdom of Heaven (GOK)	Gospel of Grace (GOG)
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#### 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 (Rapture)

51 Behold, I tell you a <u>mystery</u>: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be <u>changed</u>—
52 in a <u>moment</u>, in the <u>twinkling of an eye</u>, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the <u>dead will be raised incorruptible</u>, and <u>we shall be changed</u>.

Gospel of Kingdom of Heaven (GOK)	Gospel of Grace (GOG)
6. The next immediate future prophecy in	6. In the GOG, it will be the rapture
the GOK is the time of Jacob's trouble	

#### 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 (Rapture)

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the <u>dead in Christ will rise first</u>.
17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Gospel of Kingdom of Heaven (GOK)	Gospel of Grace (GOG)
7. It is the fulfilment of the Covenant God	7. It is the fulfilment of Covenant that
made with Abraham, Moses and David	Father-God made with the Lord Jesus

Hebrews 7:22 by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.

Hebrews 8:6 But now <u>He has obtained a more excellent ministry</u>, in as much as He is also <u>Mediator of a better covenant</u>, which was <u>established on better promises</u>.

Gospel of Kingdom of Heaven (GOK)	Gospel of Grace (GOG)
8. The final judgment = Great White	8. It is the Judgment Seat of Christ
Throne	

**Revelation 20:11** Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

**Romans 14:10** But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For <u>we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ</u>.

**2 Corinthians 5:10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

## **BOTTOM-LINE: Spiritual Blindness of Nation of Israel**

### Luke 19:41-44

41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation." (hardening of heart=s-blindness)

## 1. Israel held accountable for not receiving the Messiah!

## **BOTTOM-LINE: Spiritual Blindness of Nation of Israel**

**Matthew 16:1-3** 1 Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. 2 He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; 3 and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.

(hardening of heart=s-blindness)

## 2. Israel held accountable for failing to discern the signs!

# **BOTTOM-LINE**

Do you recognise the signs that Jesus is coming back very soon?

2. Have you received Jesus as Lord and Saviour?

3. Are you getting ready? Watching and Praying? There is Mercy & Grace Now!