These Perilous Times

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### "Biblical Warning Signs"

When traveling by car to an unfamiliar destination, we need directions to find our way. In times past drivers depended on **road-map books**, and **street signs** to find their way, {I still use them occasionally}.

Today, {without going into much detail} we rely on smart phones, with GPS systems that not only, orally tell us how to reach our destinations, but also have <u>various mapped out routes</u> that even give us our ETA, {estimated time of arrival}. If by happenstance you miss your street or exit destination, your GPS unit will <u>automatically re-</u> <u>calculate</u> the directions <u>for you</u>. Wow! Electronic osmosis!

We have all developed a great appreciation for electronic technology. It has definitely helped make our jobs, and daily routines much easier to perform, and in most situations much more productive. It would be extremely difficult, if not impossible for our society today to try to function without some sort of electronic work station!

#### What does this mean for us?

# Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season

These 21<sup>st</sup> century marvels of invention are terrific in the physical, functioning world in which we live, but what about the Spiritually, Religious World?

What about the **Biblical Warning Signs** from the **prophets**, and **Bible authors** concerning false apostles, **who are** <u>re-calculating for us</u>, giving us alternative directions, {instruction} to how we should interpret and view the scriptures, and Bible truths? Jesus gave us ample warning for last day deceitfulness, and what to watch out for. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Matthew 24:1-24

## The warning signs of Peter

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto we do well <u>that ye take heed, as unto a</u> <u>light that shineth in a dark place</u>, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts; knowing this first that **no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation**." II Peter 1:19, 20{Emphasis supplied}

### The Warning signs of Paul

"This <u>know</u> also, that in the <u>last days perilous</u> <u>times</u> <u>shall</u> come... Having <u>a form of godliness</u>..." II Timothy 3:1, 5 {Emphasis supplied}

Peter instructs us that we have a more sure word of prophecy. It is a light that illuminates our spiritual path. <sup>2</sup> He also makes it plain that **no Bible truth** is **of any private interpretation**!

Paul prophesied to young Timothy concerning the **spiritual condition** of God's church, during his ministry. Paul listed some of the visible, and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Psalms 119:105

spiritually evil signs <sup>3</sup> infiltrating the church that Timothy, and the church of the **last days** {Laodiceaus} **will be confronted** with.

In II Timothy 4:1-5, we read the words of Paul, stating, "...that **the time will come when they**, {some members of the church} **will not endure sound doctrine**, but be turned from **Bible truth unto fables**..." {Emphasis supplied}

My good friends we should take time to praise God every day for **His written Word**. Whether on an electronic device or etched on paper, God's Word is reliable!

The heavenly map, we call the **Holy Bible**, **will interpret itself**, and get us to our heavenly destination safely. Beloved, be careful not accept **cunningly devised fables** <sup>4</sup> from those who **revere their own interpretation of scripture** above that of established **Bible Truth! "To the Law and to the testimony..."** <sup>5</sup> {Emphasis supplied}

"Study, {for yourself} to shew thyself approved unto God... <u>rightly</u> dividing the Word of Truth." 6 {Emphasis supplied}

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> II Timothy 3:`1-5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> II Peter 1:16

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Isaiah 8:20

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> II Timothy 2:15

