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"Keep Your Eyes on the Prize"

{Addendum to April 7th issue of TPT}

Concerning the last issue of TPT, it was humbly brought to my attention by a close friend that I made some errors in regard to the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. It was stated that the "Second Coming of Christ was the only Bible Prophecy left to be fulfilled."

As a student of Bible prophecy for over 30 years, I deliberately neglected to mention some of the other Bible prophecies yet to be fulfilled.

Let's just consider a few of them in the apocalyptic book of Revelation yet to be fulfilled. An "image to the beast," the enforcement of a "death decree" imposed against those who do not worship the beast, receive his mark or the number of his name. There will be enforced prohibitions restricting the buying and selling against those who refuse to follow, and worship the "beast power," ¹ and

¹ Revelation 13:1-18

the "sealing of God's people," which is now happening!

The primary intent was not to list all of the Bible prophecies yet to be fulfilled. It was to call the attention of God's "remnant people" to be prepared for Christ's second coming-while at the same time making disciples through the preaching of the Three Angels' Messages which is of "paramount importance" for His remnant people for such a time as this. ³

On the other hand, let's not be distracted by the fanaticism and criticism of erroneous teachers, and preachers attacking God's last-day Church.

What does this mean for us?

Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season

As the "great controversy" is raging and coming to a climax, God's "remnant people" are involved in an endurance race for life eternal!

² Revelation 7:1-3

³ Matt. 24:36&37, 43&44; Mark 13:33-37; Luke 21:26-28; Daniel 2:34&35, 44,45; Revelation 14:6-12

We don't know for certain when the race will end.

<u>Preparedness</u> is crucial for all who want to cross the finish line of this endurance race.

If we are not being daily coached by the "Master Trainer" to be faithful athletes, how do we propose to coach others to run in the race of life?

"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain". I Corinthians 9:24

"Wherefore seeing we are also compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Hebrews 12:1, 2

The prize is Heavenly Canaan, and our eyes must be constantly on the "author and finisher

of our faith." Without Jesus leading the way we will always fall short of the finish line.

"But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Matt. 24:13

