

Chapter 8 **Featured Texts**

John 14:26 KJV

Acts 1:7-8

Matthew 4:17

Matthew 10:7

Hebrews 9:26

Romans 16:20

Revelation 20:2-3

1 John 2:18

1 John 4:3

2 Thessalonians 2:2-6

Daniel 8:23

1 Thessalonians 5:4-5

Amos 8:11-12

Revelation 8:1

John 9:4-5

The Second Coming of Christ & The Kingdom to Come

Chapter 8 Bible Study Message & Concepts

Scripture Highlight:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-5 (KJV) But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

Message Notes: The second coming and the establishment of Christ's kingdom here on earth do not occur at the same time in earth's history. In Matthew 24:34, it is documented that Jesus told His disciples that He would return for His saints in that generation long ago, while Daniel 2:44 lets us know that the kingdom of heaven will be set up here on this earth in our current day and age. We are currently living in days of darkness, far removed from the days when miracles were performed out in the open for all to see and when believers possessed the powers granted by the Holy Spirit. We are living in times of darkness, having to rely on the information that is fed to us. The only true light that is available today is found in the bible.

John 12:35 KJV Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.

Thought to Ponder: The Lord reserves the power for Himself to open the eyes of men and women, or to close their eyes from understanding knowledge. Sometimes He does this so that His people can focus only on things that are relevant to the times that they are living in. Other times He will conceal a matter due to people's unbelief. If you choose to believe and have faith in the word of God, in spite of what the world presents to you as truth, just imagine things that the Lord will then open your eyes to.

Additional Info: While Jesus was in the world and when the Holy Spirit was being manifested in the lives of the first century believers, light was in the world. Today we live in times of darkness and relative spiritual silence. However, the days are coming when light will break the darkness and trumpets will bring an end to the silence.

Seasons of Day/Night & Light/Dark:

John 8:12 KJV, John 9:3-5, John 12:35-36

1 Thessalonians 5:4-5, 2 Peter 1:15-19

The Remedy for Times of Darkness:

John 5:35, John 8:12, John 12:46, Ephesians 5:14,

2 Timothy 1:10, 1 John 1:7, 1 John 2:10