

HALCYON DAYS FLICKERING

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dedicated to Our **Savior**, 1 Oct 2016 ren 12 Nov 2022
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READING 1 (start): HALCYON DAYS: These are times in our past-- relatively happy times that we often think about. BACK THEN we were too often focused on sad times, desperately praying that God would deliver us.... And He DID. But now we often forget how sad those days were. We YEARN for today's Life to be more like back then in our HALCYON DAYS.... Such HOPE is ours when we trust God -- For INDEED: Jesus described in Matthew 24 how BAD Life WILL become for this world in comparison to our past HALCYON DAYS. **//INTENSE MUSIC STARTS >>> //** **For INDEED:** Like 2nd Peter 3;9 says, God with Grace has waited PATIENTLY for people to grieve for their sins and STOP sinning. But the Day IS coming when God will Judge the World-- as He's warned all through our Bible. Our HALCYON DAYS memories will FLICKER when, as Jesus said, Like Birth Pangs, troubles WILL get worse and worse. YET God is WITH US... Jesus, Immanuel, the HOPE of all who Trust Him. JOY and Peace even when Halcyon days end.

VERSE 1

These are the HALCYON DAYS, flickering away.
We're living HALCYON DAYS -- before Judgment Day.
Jesus longed for the Time when people's sin would END, and He Warned Birth Pangs that we see are God's beginning of the END of HALCYON DAYS when God STOPS people who love their sins.

CHORUS

Jesus taught in His prayer, "Pray THY KINGDOM COME".
That will NOT happen while people sin with Rebellion.
HALCYON DAYS are *flickering*

God gives us His Grace when we say "THY WILL BE DONE".
It's OUR choice to reject God. But God warns: His Judgment COMES.
HALCYON DAYS are *flickering*

READING 2, after Verse 1's chorus.

We have some happy memories of our past-- our HALCYON DAYS. In them God drew our attention to MANY warnings in His Bible. But we people usually ignore them while Life is going Good Enough. Then news reports increasingly warned everyone--

- Earthquakes and tremors on America's west coast -- so many that we'd hear jokes about California "falling into the ocean".
- Wildfires in many countries, and volcanoes erupting far from our homes.
- Drought and locust swarms in countries we'd never heard of.
- Hurricanes and tornadoes that caused mass damage -- but then the news stopped reporting about the continuing heartache of 1,000s of people. So we forgot about them.
- More and more wars -- YET far away, so we ignored them.

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(READING 2, continued)

Evidence SHOWS these are GETTING WORSE.. Like the labor pains a woman has after almost 9 months of happy Halcyon days waiting for her baby-- After increasingly severe birth pains comes JOY when it's over... In Matthew 24 Jesus describes God's promised Judgment IS coming with increasingly PAINFUL warnings... and Jesus's word is Birth Pangs. Happy Halcyon days on Earth are flickering away-- to God's FINAL JUDGMENT. In Luke 12:49, Jesus said "I wish it were already kindled!"

But at the end of Matthew 23, Jesus tells of His yearning LOVE for people to come to HIM for safety under HIS wings.... to find JOY. All we have to do is to REPENT and RETURN to our LORD.... He will Give us Peace Despite whatever is happening in the world before we go to Be with Him Forever in His Kingdom--- JOY when the PAIN is over--- when God's WILL is always done.

VERSE 2

These are the HALCYON DAYS, when it seems "Sin Reigns".
God SHALL end HALCYON DAYS -- with His Judgment Day.
Jesus longed for the Time when God destroys ALL Sin! God, in
Love, warned us. We see signs, they're God's Beginning of the START of
God's Kingdom on Earth. Then ALL sin ENDS. God always wins! (CHORUS)

READING 3, at END

Jesus told us to pray in the LORD'S PRAYER --

"Our Father Who art in Heaven, Holy is Your Name.

THY WILL be Done., on Earth as it is in Heaven..... "

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Song Story One of my *longest-time-to-write* songs: Lyrics first begun in 2012.

MIUSIC written in 2022. There's so much to say, to warn of as Ezekiel did in Chapter 33.

God gave me years of working a bit at a time on this song while I learned to TRULY GRIEVE ****FOR HIM**** at how we people HURT Him with our sins... even after ALL God-named-YHWH who came to dwell amongst us (Zechariah 2:10 etc) as His Son Jesus Yeshua has done to SAVE us people from the sins we not only do.... but as nations now BRAG about our rights to do in the name of "Freedom".

God "gave me a melody idea" that I awoke with on 24 March 2018. I recorded it quickly, before "I lost the melody".... But writing ALL the music was MUCH harder to do... because then I had to pray hard to figure out "what in the world" were the chords with a **distressing-sound progression** like in Line h (8th line)

A# > G# > G natural > F# > F natural ending with A > C# ..

All with in a chorus that started "peacefully" about Happy times.... before they began flickering away.

TEN YEARS LATER: God has helped me to Record *HIS* song.

As I fondly remember many things in 2012 as HALCYON DAYS.... BEFORE the Great Schism so quickly devastated SO MANY long-time-faithful church denominations, like Methodist Church.

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Matthew 24:8 -- Jesus speaks WARNING about SIGNS of Judgment coming HARDER:

Literal Translations

Literal Standard Version- "and all these [are the] beginning of travails;"
Berean Literal Bible - "And all these *are the* beginning of birth pains."

Modern Translations

New International Version - "All these are the beginning of birth pains."
New Living Translation - "But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come."
English Standard Version - "All these are but the beginning of the birth pains."
Berean Study Bible - "All these are the beginning of birth pains."
New Am. Standard Bible 1995 - "But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs."
International Standard Version - "But all these things are only the beginning of the birth pains."

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us." - Romans 5:8 NKJV

Matthew 24: 3 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

4 Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you.
5 For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many.
6 You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. 7 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.
8 All these are the beginning of birth pains.
9 "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. <<HAPPENING in 21st Century in MANY Nations.>>
10 At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other,
11 **and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.**
<A prophet is someone who CLAIMS to be speaking for God-- even if Dif from Bible.>
12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold,
13 but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.
14 **And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. <INTERNET, phones, media....>**
.... 21 For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now —and never to be equaled again. 22 "If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.
23 At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it. 24 For false messiahs and false prophets will appear **and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.**
... 29 "Immediately after the distress of those days " 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'
< COULD be SMOKE from WARS -- and Falling Rockets look like falling stars.>>>>
30 " Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.
31 And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.