

Jesus' Return is Quite Some Time Away

In the 1980s we came to understand the origins of the Rapture theory (which is not in the Bible as such) and since then we haven't supported it in any way. Now that the knowledge of the Kingdom has been re-released to the people of God, including us, we realise that following Jesus is not about desiring to die to get out of here, while waiting for him to return to fix the mess the world is in. It's our job as sons to fix the mess. It's always been our job. There's work we've failed to do and it isn't evangelism.

In regard to the imminent Rapture, there are firm indications now that Jesus' return is some time in the future, not "any moment now". Here's what we know at the present time:

- 1. The Kingdom expands to fill the whole Earth** – According to the dream Daniel interpreted for King Nebuchadnezzar, the Kingdom from Heaven was to destroy all the earthly kingdoms during the time of the Roman empire and then become a mountain that filled the whole Earth. That kingdom came from the mountain of God when Jesus reintroduced the Kingdom of heaven on Earth in the 1st century AD. It was to become like a mountain – i.e. a process. In the vision it didn't instantly fill the whole Earth, which would be the case if this heavenly kingdom only comes when Jesus returns and miraculously reforms the planet in an instant. After almost 2,000 years the Kingdom still hasn't filled the whole Earth as a towering empire, so it wasn't ever going to be an instantaneous installation, only a gradual growth. There is still an unknown amount of time for this mountain-kingdom to completely fill the whole Earth.
- 2. Restoration of all things** – It has been slowly released to us through the prophetic that this new era¹ of the Kingdom will see the rise of Father's sons who will manifest on the face of the Earth and become the conduit through which the Kingdom restores all things. The culmination will be the return of the King, when everything we need to do has been done. It's not about the preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom in all the world.² That was achieved with the instigation of the New Covenant and with the fall of Jerusalem.³
- 3. Until we reach maturity** – Jesus will not return until we have reached maturity as sons – nothing to do with Christianity. That means we all have to operate like Jesus of Nazareth who is our prototype. The state where we all operate like him is nowhere to be seen right now.
- 4. We're in it for the long haul** – Lana Vawser's prophetic message⁴ "A New Level of Normal"⁵ included the following points which include teaching from the King that we have a lot of work to do from now on.
 - "Lana, I am giving you in this new era the gift of endurance. You and the Body of Christ need endurance in this new era. I'm bringing you and my people to a place of victorious endurance."
 - "[I]n the process of the resistance training that you will find a strength and muscles that you never knew that you had."
 - He's wanting to build faith and endurance as well as rewiring us for longevity. He's preparing us for the long haul.
- 5. Generational thinking** – A few years ago the Lord rebuked my thinking and said, "Think generational". This was because I was 'keyed up', in a hurry, to impact Canberra apostolically and with the Kingdom, because I was expecting him to come very soon. This rebuke radically changed my life. I became focussed on the long haul – preparing the next generation, mentoring younger ones so they can rise up and impact the nation for the future, etc. This correction highlighted that his return was some time off, maybe not even in my lifetime or the lifetime of my children.
- 6. Many years left** – On 2 occasions⁶ in the past I was given a prophetic word that included something like this: "You have many years ahead of you". This was reinforcement that I was in for the long haul and that the King's return was much further away that I had expected.

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1 – canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/MESSAGE-A-New-Era-in-the-Kingdom-21-11-2018.pdf

2 – Matthew 24:14

3 – Acts 1:8; Romans 1:8; 10:17-18

4 – Lana Vawser (2-2-2020) "A New Level of Normal – ACCELERATE" [www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDj5yOMGsRU]

5 – For more detail, read: "The New Normal in this New Era of the Kingdom"

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6 – 28-5-2017 was one of those dates