

Knowledge shall be Increased

What does the Bible mean when it says, “... *even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.*”? (Daniel 12:4,9)

The Bible does not talk about the end of time, but rather the time of the end. Nowhere in the Bible does it ever speak of the end of time. There is no Scripture, not one, about the end of time, but there are many Scriptures that speak of the end of the Old Covenant that God had with the Nation of Israel. The prophets wrote about the last days of that Old Covenant in the Scriptures.

When the Apostle Paul stood before King Agrippa, he said that he believed all things which were written in the Law and the Prophets.

Acts 26:22-23, 22 *Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than **those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:** 23 that Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.*

Acts 24:14 *But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, **believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:***

The knowledge of God's will and purpose in Jesus Christ was coming to light in the Last Days from AD 30 – AD 70. **Knowledge is knowing the facts.** God does not give knowledge to anyone beyond their willingness to obey Truth presented to them. Fellowship with God depends upon our walking with Him in Truth.

1 John 1:6-7, 6 *If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7 but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

This is why what we are taught affects the way we live, and our lifestyle so much. What is not taught in the pulpits of churches today does not show up in the lives of church people.

When teaching of the Truth is diluted, it produces weak and unstable faith in God. To be truly Apostolic believers, we must conform to the Apostles Doctrine; believe what they believed, teach what they taught, and do what they did to be saved.

Although 2,000 years have passed, the Word of God is still the same.

Hebrews 13: 8 *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.*

What was taught, believed in, and received then, is still the same today. The only way for confusion to come is when the original meaning of the Scripture is altered.

When you change the True Gospel of Jesus Christ, you change its results. Jesus said that He gave the words of Eternal Life to the Apostles.

John 17:8 For **I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me**; and they have received them and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

He prayed for those who would believe in Him through their word.

John 17:20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me **through their word**;

1 John 4:6 We are of God: **he that knoweth God heareth us**; he that is not of God **heareth not us**. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

Matthew 15:9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Mark 7:7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

The word **“tradition”** means, the handing down orally of stories, beliefs, and customs from generation to generation.

It is a long-established practice that has the effect of “**unwritten**” law. It is simply hand-me-down religion.

When examined in the light of Truth in the Scriptures, it is readily revealed as “**man-made**”.

- **Remember, knowledge is knowing the facts.**
- **Facts are statements of Truth from God.**

John 17:17 Sanctify them through **thy truth: thy word is truth.**

- **The inspired Scriptures are the source of the Knowledge of God.**

Matthew 22:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, **Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures**, nor the power of God.

2 Peter 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you **through the knowledge of God**, and of Jesus our Lord,

Colossians 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Colossians 3:10 and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

- **Growing in knowledge produces change.**

2 Peter 3:18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen.

In **Romans 12:2**, the Scripture tells us that we are not to be conformed to this world, but we are to be transformed by the renewing of our mind that we may prove what is that “**perfect**” will of God. The perfect will of God and the perfect Word of God are the same.

To misinterpret one is to misinterpret the other. The Lord said in **Jeremiah 3:15** that He would give us pastors who would feed us with knowledge and understanding.

The obvious problem with so many churches today is that the pastors, preachers, and elders are not called or sent by God because what they teach contradicts the Word of God.

Romans 3:4 God forbid: yea, **let God be true, but every man a liar**; as it is written, that thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

- **A person cannot explain what he does not know or understand.**

Jeremiah 23:20-21, 20 The anger of the Lord shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: **in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly**. **21** I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.

Jeremiah 23:25-26, 25 I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. **26** How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? **yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart**;

Jeremiah 23:31-32, 31 Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the Lord, that use their tongues, and say, He saith. **32** Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the Lord, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; **yet I sent them not, nor commanded them**: therefore, they shall not profit this people at all, saith the Lord.

Read the full chapter when you have a chance.

Romans 10:15 **and how shall they preach, except they be sent**? as it is written, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!

Biblical knowledge is being acquainted with Biblical facts. A thing cannot be said to be Biblical unless there are Biblical statements in the same terms to declare it so.

The measure of Biblical reality is the correspondence between a man-made statement and a Biblical fact. For example, 2,000 years can only be Biblical if a chronological term equal to 2,000 years is observable in the Bible.

Does the assertion of “Futurism” correspond with Biblical facts?

“Futurism” is the belief that most prophecies are yet to happen in the future.

Personally, physically, and visibly are asserted by **“Futurism”**, but personally, physically, and visibly occur nowhere in the Bible.

“Gaps” between verses and passages are also asserted, but no **“gaps”** are anywhere stated by any Bible authors.

Jesus coming physically literally appears **NOWHERE** in the whole Biblical data.

- There is no temple in Jerusalem in the year 2025+ that is waiting to be destroyed.
- There **IS** Biblical correspondence with fulfilled prophecy in the Last Days concerning that 40-year generation from AD 30 – AD 70.
- Things promised to that generation had their first meaning to them.
- ALL things were to come upon the generation that Jesus was addressing. (Matthew 23:36, Luke 21:22-32)

Matthew 23:36 Verily I say unto you, **all these things shall come upon this generation.**

Luke 21:22-32, 22 **For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.** **23** But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, **in those days!** for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. **24** And they shall fall by the edge of the sword **and shall be led away captive into all nations:** and **Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.** **25** And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; **26** men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. **27** And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. **28** And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for **your redemption draweth nigh.** **29** And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; **30** when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, **know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand**. **32** Verily I say unto you, **This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled**.

The destruction of the Jerusalem Temple and the End of the Age occur at the same time.

Matthew 24:1-3, **1** And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. **2** And Jesus said unto them, see ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, **there shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down**. **3** And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, **tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the age?**

There is correspondence between historical statements and Biblical fact.

- **Josephus, a Jewish historian who wrote a book, War of the Jews, said that Jerusalem and its temple were destroyed in AD 70.**
- **Tacitus, a Roman historian who wrote History of Rome, said the same thing.**

The conclusion is that when Jerusalem and the temple were ended, so did that world or age. So, the knowledge that was prophesied to increase in the last time was the knowledge of the Gospel message, the knowledge of God manifest in the flesh, the knowledge of the impending judgment upon those covenant-breakers, the knowledge of the resurrection, the knowledge of Eternal Life, and the knowledge of the New Eternal Covenant.

The **“Futurist”** would have us believe that this knowledge was the knowledge of technology, of scientific discoveries, of manufacturing, etc.

Futurists may believe they are right, but anyone can believe anything. True facts are the only measure of objective knowledge. Without Biblical facts to measure statements made, there can be no objective knowledge about Truth.

God said what He means and means what He said.

In **Daniel 12:4**, the Scripture said that in the time of the end, knowledge shall be increased.

It has long been considered that at the end of time, there would be great knowledge, advanced technology such as computers, airplanes, outer space travel, many types of inventions, and different kinds of capabilities given by practical applications of advanced knowledge for a futuristic world. What does the Bible really say about knowledge in the Last Times?

The knowledge that was prophesied to come was not modern-day technology, but rather the knowledge about salvation and redemption through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The prophet Zechariah wrote about a day that was coming when the Lord would be King over all the earth and that there would be light (knowledge) in the evening time or in the end time. (**Zechariah 14:6-7,9**)

In the Last Time, (Last Days), salvation would be revealed. (**1 Peter 5, 18-20**)

The Apostle John proclaimed that it was the Last Times in his day. (**1 John 2:18**)

Jude and Peter also proclaimed that they were in the last days. (**Jude 18, 2 Peter 3:3**)

It was the last days from AD 30- AD 70 and God was revealing His glory through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (**2 Corinthians 4:6-7, 10, Luke 1:77**)

Salvation knowledge was made known through the born-again experience. Knowledge of the hope of eternal life was given to the saints. (**Ephesians 1:17-18**)

Knowledge of the mystery of Christ given to the Gentiles through the Gospel. This mystery was the fact that Jew and Gentile would become joint heirs through the Gospel. (**Ephesians 3:3-6, Galatians 3:26-29**)

Paul counts all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Jesus Christ. (**Philippians 3:8**)

Paul also exhorts the saints in his epistle to the Colossians to be filled with knowledge and to increase in the knowledge of God. (**Colossians 1:9-10**)

Some other examples of the use of knowledge increasing through the truth of the Gospel can be found in **1 Timothy 2:4, Hebrews 10:26, 2 Peter 1:2-3,8, 2:20, 3:18, 1 Corinthians 1:4-5.**

Conclusion

The knowledge that was to come was not about a modern world, but the knowledge of the will of God and how to receive salvation through the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Redemption's story was made complete and completely fulfilled in the Last-Days generation of AD 30- AD 70. This was the knowledge that would come in the time of the end. **(Daniel 12:9, 13)**

Daniel 12:9 *And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed **till the time of the end.***

Daniel 12:13 *But go thou thy way **till the end be**: for thou shalt rest and stand in thy lot **at the end of the days.***

The resurrection was on the last day of the last days at the end of the Old Testament.

John 11:24 *Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again **in the resurrection at the last day.***

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