

December 2024 Chancellors Reflections

Tonight, let's reflect a little on TIME from perhaps God's perspective versus ours.

God has demonstrated that "time" is of no consequence to Him.

First let's look at what has been said about time in a couple of my previous Knights Reflections.

From Deuteronomy 7:9 – God says to Moses: *"Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His faithfulness to a thousand generations for those who love Him and keep His commandments;"*. Therefore, with this event being in 1,600 BC --- the "end of Time" that souths have been looking for, for centuries --- is likely 15,000 Years from now !!

From Genesis - we see that God has no defined timetable for man. As until they sinned, Adan & Eve could have lived maybe forever; however, when they fail, God tells them that they will *"... surely Die"*. And, although many Theologians say that when the ages of men in the Old Testament are quoted in hundreds of years the true meaning is that "they lived a long time" – God did limit mankind's lives to one hundred and twenty years – until in Noah's time.

From Last Month – we saw the precise timing of Christ interception of the trip to Emmaus of Clopas and Luke so that Luke could teach Paul after his conversion from being the great pursurcurter of Christians in Saul. But then we see Paul spending three-years in Syria before starting his First evangelization Trip.

Elsewhere in the Old and New Testaments – we see many examples of God being aware of worldly time, yet then being the *"...Patient God..."* that He promised. He saw the urgency in getting His "Chosen People" – out of Egypt – and, across the Red Sea; but, when they are reluctant to cross the Jordan into the "land of Milk and Honey", God has no problem in waiting another 40 years for another crossing. Likewise, God sees the urgency of getting the Holy Family out of Israel and out of the clutches of King Herrod; but, when Jesus begins teaching in the Jewish Temple at age 12, God has no problem in having Christ waiting another 18 years so that he can begin His ministry by teaching in the Jewish Synagogues at the "worldly prescribed age of 30".

So what does this mean to us – Jesus follows the warnings in his ministry. Telling the Apostles several times that the Fathers Timing and Will or the issues as to who is to sit at His right or left, is not for them to know (only God); but, then repeating constant reminders for them, and all of mankind, to always be ready as their time is not prescribed and subject to earthly events and their own freewill. Our message – is that as we do not know whether we will survive the day; therefore, to *have our Souls ready at all times*.