**THE APPOINTED VISION**

**GOD WILL KEEP HIS PROMISE CONCERNING THE LAST DAYS**

And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

-Habakkuk 2:2-3

God desires His people to understand His plan for the end-times and to act upon truth.

**I. UNDERSTANDING THE VISION**

**“Make it plain”**

God desires for you to understand His plan.

A. Revealed through the Word.

1. We have a sure Word of prophecy – II Peter 1:19

a. Daniel understood God’s plan through the Word.

– Dan. 9:2

b. We can understand God’s plan through the Word.

2. You must study the Word. – II Tim. 2:15

B. The Holy Ghost will teach you.

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” - John 14:26

C. Men of God will help you to understand the Word.

“So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.” - Nehemiah 8:8

D. The angel was sent to Daniel to give him understanding.

Dan. 9:21-22, Dan. 10:12-14

1. In response to prayer Dan. 10:2,12

2. There was spiritual opposition – v.13

**II. GOD HAS AN APPOINTED TIME**

**“Yet for an appointed time”**

A. God moves in His time.

1. The Son came at an appointed time. (According to prophecy)

“But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,” - Galatians 4:4

2. The Church was birthed on the Day of Pentecost. – Acts 2:1-2

3. Throughout the Bible God works in His time.

a. The birth of Isaac

b. Moses and the Exodus

c. The return from exile

B. At the end it shall speak

1. Daniel’s vision was for the time of the end. – Dan. 8:16-17.

2. Daniel’s vision sealed until the time of the end

But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. - Daniel 12:4

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

Daniel did not receive the understanding of what was not for his time.

3. In the evening time

a. It shall be light. – Zechariah 14:7

b. Elijah prayed down the fire at the time of the evening sacrifice.

And it came to pass at *the time of* the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou *art* God in Israel, and *that* I *am* thy servant, and *that* I have done all these things at thy word. – I Kings 18:36

c. The angel touched Daniel at the time of the evening oblation. – Dan. 9:21

C. To reveal the full inheritance. – I Peter 1: 3-5

D. To pour out the Holy Spirit. – Acts 2:17

1. The rain came in due season.

2. The fruit needs the rain to ripen.

**III. WAIT FOR THE PROMISE OF GOD**

**“Though it tarry, wait for it, because it will surely come”**

A. Tarry in prayer

1. Tarry - To stay in expectation; to wait.

2. Pray specifically with anticipation.

a. According to the Promise.

b. Azusa came through specific prayer.

3. O Lord Revive thy work – Hab. 3:2

B. There is a dry season before the final rain of the harvest.

1. We are anticipating the rain.

2. There will be a harvest of souls.

C. God’s Word will come to pass.

1. Receive by faith.

2. It will surely come.

3. In God’s timing.

D. Act upon the truth.

1. Anticipate the promise

2. Line up with the Word

3. Look for great things in God.