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Weekly connection

Are we living in the end times

It certainly is exciting to be living in the world in this day and age as we see the prophecies of the Bible unfold before our very eyes. However, I do miss the good old days of 2019 when we could still do things like try a new restaurant, or travel to the city for a show or to do some shopping, go to a high school football game, or go see a school musical.

Remember how fun it was to go to a professional baseball game or a concert. A person could even go to a nursing home and hang out with some old friends who were always so happy to have visitors. So even though we live in exciting days, a little of the old would not be a bad thing.

I remember back in the seventies when I was a young Christian. Bible Scholars were getting really excited about the end times and the prospects of the return of Jesus. Some of the prophecies they noted were that the Jews, God's chosen people, were back in their homeland, many nations were now capable of nuclear destruction on a grand scale, the world was getting more and more dark with evil things and it looked like the return of Jesus for the church was very near.

More and more books were being written and movies were being made about the end times and people got



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SCOTT CERNEK
Columnist

really excited about being a Christian, but it wasn't quite God's time yet and after a couple of decades end times enthusiasm cooled off.

So, what happened? I think we could say that some well-meaning enthusiastic Christians did what the Bible says not to do, they decided to set some dates and insist that Jesus would be returning for sure on such and such a day.

The fact is they should have known better because Jesus himself said that

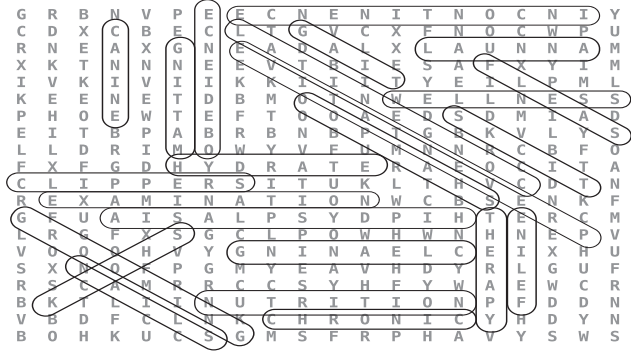
no man knows the day or hour of His return except the Father in heaven. We are to know the season of His return and to be ready, but we cannot know the exact date. Sadly, there was so much date setting going on that were not coming to pass, that people started to doubt the whole thing.

Christians were mocked for it and the church stopped teaching about the end times and the blessed hope of the glorious appearing of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (Titus 2:13)

Pretty soon new believers and young people lost interest in church and the Lord because some of the most exciting and important truths about the end times and return of Jesus were not being taught in their churches.

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Puzzle answers



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Going through the motions

My life, in general, is good. I can't complain – nor should I. Still, lately it's felt like I am going through the motions: doing my daily tasks, completing my daily routine under a cloud, a dark and ominous cloud.

Summer has been good and relaxing and sunny. My family is well. Still the sunshine doesn't feel as bright as usual. The days feel shadowed, somehow, by something – sadness, but not sadness. Dismay, perhaps, or fate or gloom.

It's hard to explain, but easy at the same time. I can sum it up in one word: coronavirus.

COVID-19 has changed our daily lives – our individual lives and our lives as a nation. I have always believed – and continue to believe – that I am privileged to have been born in the United States. And I've never feared for our future like I do now. In the last four months I have seen changes I never could have imagined. And so have you, so you understand.

What will the next four or five months bring to our country? No one can answer the question and that's what keeps me up at night. I don't want my grand daughter to grow up a place where the freedoms are significantly less than those that I grew up with.

I pray for the future. For my son starting college. For my daughter

soon to give birth to her second child. For my sons and son-in-law who are unemployed because of COVID. For my grand daughter and soon-to-be grandson. For my dad who doesn't understand what is happening or the concept of COVID. For everyone. For each of you reading this.

I don't mean to be too heavy. I know each of us is living this reality of finding a new normal when much of our day doesn't feel anything like normal. I know I am not alone.

Segue now to the positive. Mother Nature is nothing short of amazing.

A few days ago, I was sitting on my boat on the lake, feeling the COVID blues. The sun was shining brightly overhead, but I'm not sure I fully appreciated it. I had an insulated cup with ice and water so I was assured of a cool drink for hours. Anyone, under those conditions, should feel gratitude, not melancholy.

I'm certainly not proud of this admission. I'm only being honest.

And then, unexpectedly, up ahead on the lake were five loons. Five! Two adult couples and one baby, all floating together. We approached slowly and they didn't dive, but remained swimming near the pontoon. At this same moment, a bald eagle soared overhead.

As quick as you can say, "Dive" the eagle did just that and came off the surface of the lake with a fresh fish in



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its talons. We watched as the eagle flew to its nest to feed its eaglets. Suddenly a sense of peace came over me.

When we returned from the lake, I checked on a small finch nest that is in one of our bushes. Earlier this summer

there were three blue speckled eggs that all disappeared unexpectedly. We mourned for mom and dad finch. And then, a few days ago, we saw there were two new eggs in the nest. Our finches didn't give up. In spite of adversity, they laid new eggs and are trying again.

I believe I have a lot to learn from birds.

The loons look after their young, even if they are not official family. The eagles nest high in the trees and hunt day and night to take care of their

fledglings. The finches aren't stymied by death of their first batch of eggs. They just keep going, and trying.

And so should we.

We should keep going. And trying. We should hope and pray for the clouds to be lifted. Life will return to normal, even if it is a new normal. We will. We can. Let's do this.

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• Weekly connection (Continued from page 3)

Pastors and leaders seem to have been afraid to study it for what it is and teach it with passion and authority as Jesus himself taught. The fact is we have very quietly moved quite close to the end times according to the Bible.

It tells us in I Thessalonians 4:16-18 that Jesus is about to come in the clouds and catch up all true believers in what is called, the rapture of the church. There is so much incredible Biblical evidence for this event happening before the seven-year tribulation period, but since it's kind of a sensational happening, pastors and Churches have shied away from it which is a shame. It's a powerful

prophecy of the Bible and we need to remember that Bible has a perfect batting average when it comes to prophecy.

Anyway, after the rapture occurs, the earth is going to experience the seven-year tribulation where the wrath of God against sin and the rejection of His son Jesus will be severe.

You see, God poured out tremendous love for us when Jesus went to the cross and shed His blood to pay the penalty for our sin. Sadly, great masses of people have just blown God off and ignored the Creator's great gift of salvation.

They have turned completely away from the truth revealed in the Bible

about our sin and need for redemption and decided that we can be smart enough and good enough in our own strength to earn heaven. Well that is impossible or the Son of God never would have had to die on the cross.

The good news is there is still time to get right with the Lord by putting your faith in Jesus and receiving His great gift of salvation by the grace of God. He is standing at your heart's door, knocking. He won't force His way in. He's left the decision up to us. John 1:12 says; *to all who receive Him, He gives the right to become His children just by believing in Him.*

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Answers on page 3!

Level: Advanced

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[illegible]

CLUES ACROSS

1. Engine additive
4. Undemanding
8. “__ your enthusiasm”
10. Well-known island
- 11 Not saintly
12. Habitual
13. Central parts of church buildings
15. Trust
16. Intestinal
17. Deep-bodied fish
18. Live up to expectations
21. Snag
22. Partner to haw
23. General’s assistant (abbr.)
24. Sheep disease
25. Male term of endearment
26. United
27. Popular TV host
34. Overnighters
35. Beloved British princess
36. Obtains from
37. Third Mughal Emperor
38. Shares the opinion of
39. Central European river
40. Feudal estates
41. KU hoops coach Bill
42. Spreads out for drying
43. “The Partridge Family” actress Susan

CLUES DOWN

1. Picturesque
2. South Pacific island country
3. Shrub of the olive family
4. Establish the truth of
5. Unfettered
6. Originations
7. Famed English park
9. Sheep's cry
10. Danced
12. More upstanding
14. Upstate NY airport (abbr.)
15. Type of lettuce
17. Place to call a pint
19. Backs
20. Partner to cheese
23. Makes it there
24. Value
25. One's convictions
26. Former CIA
27. Clashed
28. Affirmative
29. Journalist Tarbell
30. Athletic shoes
31. Roof style
32. Make possible
33. Make less dense
34. Healthy food
36. Silly

CRYPTO FUN

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(Hint: 22 = E)

A. 20 9 5 9 23 3 18

Clue: Complete list of items

B. 3 14 18 9 16 1 26 22

Clue: Make orderly

C. 15 24 22 23 6 22 15

Clue: Wall storage units

D. 13 7 1 22 5

Clue: Not loud

Answers: A. catalog B. organize C. shelves D. quiet

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