

*Chapter 1

Father...The Hour Has Come...

* Jesus' Last Will and Testament ~ John 17

Jesus prays for himself: John 17:1-6

1. These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:
2. As thou has given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.
3. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.
4. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.
5. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.
6. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

Jesus prays for his disciples: John 17:7-19

7. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.
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.
9. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.
10. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.
11. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.
12. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.
13. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.
14. I have given them thy word: and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
15. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.
16. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
17. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.
18. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.
19. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Jesus prays for all believers: John 17:20-26

20. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word.
21. That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.
22. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:
23. I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.
24. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovest me before the foundation of the world.
25. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou has sent me.
26. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou has loved me may be in them, and I in them.

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Context:

Upper room - Chapter 14

Sharing his last moments on earth and the coming of Holy Spirit - Chapters 15-16

Chapter 17 - Jesus' prayer

- the Father's will is released - places into motion the answers
- this prayer precedes Jesus to the cross
- this prayer carries him through the cross
- this prayer precedes us
- this prayer provides for us

Gethsemane - Chapter 18

The Cross - Chapter 19

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Page 18 - Posture and Time

John 17:1 “...and lifted up his eyes to heaven...”

He is looking up to where his Father is.

→ Glances past the heavenly hosts

→ Glances beyond his future place of honor

Fixes his eyes...upon his Father sitting on the throne.

→ Their hearts must both leap! Love so overwhelming.

Jesus addresses this one closest to his heart.

→ “Father” (vs. 1, 21, and 24) “O Father” (v. 5), “Holy Father” (v. 11), and Righteous Father” (v.25)



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John 17:1 “...the hour is come...”

Prior reference -



Isaiah 61:1-2 “The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable YEAR of the Lord...”

Luke 4:18-19 “**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19) to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. 20) And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21) And he began to say unto them, This DAY is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.”**

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Many hours had passed since time was set in motion.

Before time existed the Word, the Father, and Spirit had covenanted together to bring Father-God a family.

They planned every minute detail.

Now, Jesus is saying: "The hour is come."

The work is finished!

Share current Hebraic information.



Given at September 9, 2015 home group...

“BLOOD MOON” TETRAD

In a full lunar eclipse the moon appears red, like blood. The Prophet Joel connected this with the end times in Joel 2:30-31. Periodically a “Tetrad” occurs, with four blood moons in a row, astoundingly on the very times of the biblical feasts of Passover and Booths. This is occurring in 2014 and 2015. It has happened only three other times in the last 500 years: 1492-1494, 1949-1950 and 1967-1968, all times of cataclysmic events for the Jewish people.

Joel 2:30-31 “And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. 31) The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come.”

2015

Eve of September 13 - Feast of Trumpets also called Rosh Hashanah - new civil Jewish year begins 5776

This starts 10 Days of Awe in preparation for the Day of Atonement. Cleansing, forgiveness, etc. are sought and asked for from God in preparation for the Day of Atonement.

Eve of September 22 - Day of Atonement

Eve of September 28 - Feast of Tabernacles - Succoth Day 1 lasting through October 5.

The Blood Moon appears.

Eve of October 5 - Eighth Day of the Feast - Rejoicing in the Torah

New Torah readings begin - called Parshas

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Drawing 1 - Eternal Plan of the Ages

The work is finished...

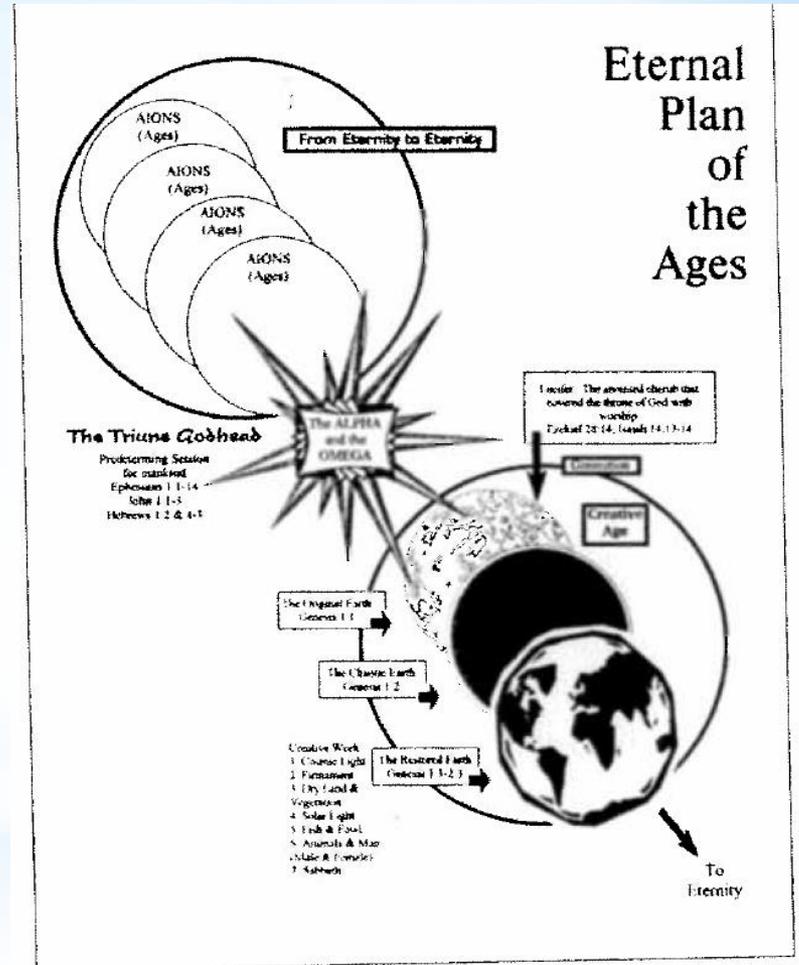
Where did it start?

What happened?

When did time begin?

When will time end?

When will eternity commence, not that it has stopped.



Eternal Plan of the Ages

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When Jesus prays we see a his countenance...his body language...his passion...his humanness...maybe even reaching out to touch him...

He is homesick for heaven - where his Father lives.

It is a place is he familiar with.

It is a place where he longs to return to.

Jesus know it won't be long.

He will be going home having successfully finished his assignment.

He is saying, "Father, I have facilitated your having a family. It is finished.

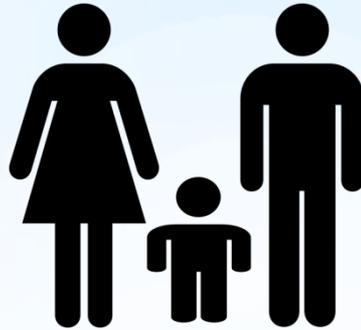
Here is my prayer for our family. This is my last will and testament.



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A picture ... a family

Can you see it?
Father God
Jesus Son



John 17:21 “That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us...”

Let's look at our own family.

I can look at my grandson and say, “Isaac, I am in you.” His Pupa can look at him and say, “Grandson, I am in you.” Isaac can look into his grandfather's eyes and make his requests. Daddy! Father! Pupa!

To the born-again child of God...

Father can look at us and say, “Dearest son or daughter, I am in you. I am your spiritual Father. Because of my Son, in whom I am, you are able to be in me as well.”

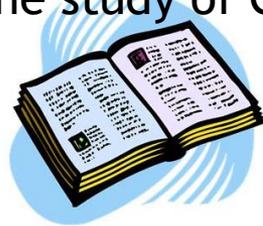
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Our journey to know Jesus and Father God begins with prayer.



As created beings and born-again Christians we have a natural tugging to know who we are spiritually.

Through prayer and the study of God's Word, a relationship can be established.



With the flesh pushed aside more and more, the spirit becomes stronger, which results in a closer walk with Jesus and Father God.



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Next week:

Chapter 2

Glorify Thy Son, That Thy Son Also May Glorify Thee

Please read this chapter.