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Revelation 22:16, “. . . *I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.*”

It's been six years this month since we had the total eclipse that passed very close to us. People took off work or school. People drove for miles and some even traveled around the world to see this event.

We were fortunate in that we got to see an event we had never seen before. It truly was spectacular. All who saw the eclipse were treated to an event many will never see. The sun is the brightest object in the sky and all eyes were focused upon it.

An event like the eclipse is something we want to grasp and hold on to, but it is gone all too quickly. With Jesus, the bright and morning star, He is not only eternal, but He is given to us. We are told in Revelation 2:27, “*And I will give him the morning star.*” We find out in the final chapter of Revelation what the morning star is. Jesus is speaking and says in Revelation 22:16, “. . . *I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.*”

Jesus said He is the bright and morning star. How wonderful it would

be for all mankind to focus upon Jesus the way they focused upon a two minute event in August 2017. That event was very short lived, but Jesus is eternal.

Beholding Jesus far outshines the sun and any events associated with it. Those events are brief and soon forgotten. To be in the LORD is to not only behold the LORD, but we are given the bright and morning star, which is Jesus. Our closeness to Him after this life is so close that He is ours. We will never have to be away from Him or be out of the light of His glory.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Genesis 1:14-16, “¹⁴*And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: ¹⁵And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. ¹⁶And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.*”

When the LORD created the lights in the heavens, they were not only for light, but for time keeping. Celestial events happen with precision accuracy. That's how astronomers knew the exact time and location of the August 2017 eclipse. We know to the second when the sun and moon will rise and set. We know all these events centuries ahead of time.

The LORD has made such great order that we can count upon. It will never cease to be as long as the earth stands. We are told in Genesis 8:22, “*While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.*”

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Richard Connolly, Larry Compton, Linda Terry. Lauren Candela** is home following two

surgeries to remove a mass from her spine. She is slowly recovering. **Mike Burd** has been quite sick. Doctors have discovered a 2" mass on his liver. He has been told not to do any activity. He returns to the doctor on August 14.

—We extend our sympathies to the family of **Clay Bozarth** who passed away Thursday, August 3, in Berryville, Arkansas. Funeral services will be Tuesday, at the Springfield Missouri National Cemetery. He is the father of Ruby Edwards.

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We can easily see how this promise of the LORD is true, and will never cease. We count upon the regularity of the times and seasons. They have never failed us and never will.

With the promise of days and seasons being so sure, we can count upon the promise of eternal life the LORD has given us. We know that eternal life will indeed be there for us at the end if we obey and remain faithful to the LORD. II Peter 3:9 says, *“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise...”*

What is the promise the LORD has given us and keeps us going day to day?” I John 2:25 says, *“And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.”*

That verse in I John 2:25 is the last time the word “promise” is used in the Bible. It’s fitting that the final time a promise is mentioned, that promise is eternal life. The promise the LORD made regarding times and seasons is only while there is time and the earth remains. The final promise is for when there is time no longer— eternal life.
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Sunday, July 30, 2023		
Classes	22	Mark 13:1-37
Preaching	22	Luke 19; II Kings 2
Contribution	\$1024.00	
Evening	17	Zephaniah 1:1-22
Wednesday, August 2, 2023		
Classes	17	II Timothy 4:1-22

Visitors— Aug 2 (Wed) Audrey Hall (Cave City, KY)

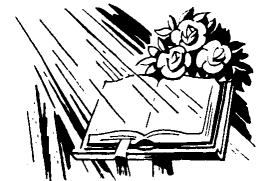
Bible Quiz

What is near and hasteth greatly?

Last Week’s Answer—The heavens (Habakkuk 3:3)

“And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.”

—Revelation 22:5



—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)