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Micah 4:1 *“But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.”*

This verse is referring to the establishment of the Church upon the day of Pentecost in Acts 2. Isaiah 2:2 has almost the exact same statement. These are the last days because there is no other spiritual age to come. There was the Patriarchal and Mosaic ages and now the Christian age. The last days without a doubt begin during the writing of the New Testament. Hebrews 1:1-2 says, *“¹God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, ²Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;”*

The writer of Hebrews refers to “these last days.” It has been the “last days” since Jesus spoke to them. I John 2:18 says, *“Little children, it is the last time.”* There is no other age to come. The next event that is going to occur in God’s plan is the end of time. We are told plainly that no one knows when the end of time will be.

In Matthew 24 Jesus told the disciples about the temple and how one stone would not be left upon another. They then asked Jesus in verse three when these things would be and what would be the sign of his coming and the end of the world. Jesus answered them regarding signs they would see concerning the destruction of the temple. He then answers the second part of their question. In Matthew 24:36 Jesus says, *“³⁶But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.”*

We do not know when the last days will end and the LORD will return, but we do know some things that will occur during the last days. What has happened and is happening during the last days?

1. **Joel 2:28 was fulfilled.** *“And it shall come to pass afterward, [that] I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:”* We are told in Acts 2:17 that the events happening then was what Joel had prophesied and they would happen during the last days.

2. **The house of the LORD was established.** This was done during the book of Acts. The house of the LORD is the Church, the saved. The word church is simply translated from the Greek word which means, “called out.” It is those who have obeyed the LORD and are called out of the world. We learn from Micah that the Church is established on the top of the mountains and would be exalted above all hills. The Church was established in Jerusalem and it is built upon a mountain. But, even more than the physical attribute of a mountain, this is a metaphor meaning that the Church is above all other establishments and people would flow unto it. The wording is interesting in that most things flow downhill due to gravity, but the house of the LORD is above all hills, yet people flow unto it. They flow to it when they obey the LORD.

3. **Perilous times will come.** Paul wrote in II Timothy 3:1, *“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.”* Perilous times have indeed come. The verses following show a long list of sinful types that will be. Certainly today, there is no shortage of these sins during this, the last days.

4. **Scoffers walking after their own lusts will come.** Peter wrote in II Peter 3:3, *“³Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,”* Jude 18 says, *“How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time...”* There are many who scoff at the Bible and the idea of God. These people walk after their own lusts. They do what they want and desire and never give thought to answer for their deeds. They scoff at the precious words of the Bible. We are indeed in the last days.

The last days have been since the first century. We have no idea how long these last days will last, but they will end when the LORD returns.

—Marty Edwards❖

News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry and Kenneth Compton. Shirley Edwards** is in Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital in Elizabethtown recovering from a small stroke. She is expected to come home Tuesday around noon.. **Lillian Riffle** has a fracture in her elbow as a result of a fall while playing soccer.

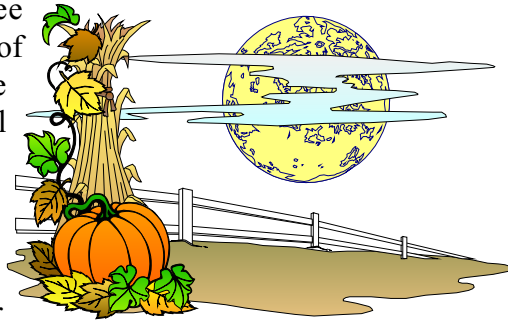
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October

Marty Edwards — October 23
Allen & Breanna Riffle — October 25



October is here and one can already see some changing of the leaves and a chill in the autumn air. Soon we will awaken to frost covering the ground. The fields are ready for harvest, and farmers are now reaping what they had sown earlier in the year.



Harvest time is what gives a farmer hope. If one had no evidence that there would be a harvest to come, there would be no incentive to put forth the effort of sowing.

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| Sunday, September 25, 2016 | | |
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| Classes | 16 | Ephesians 3:13-20 |
| Preaching | 23 | James 5:14-20 |
| Contribution | \$644.00 | |
| Evening | 16 | Proverbs 16:1-33 |
| Wednesday, September 28, 2016 | | |
| Classes | 11 | Nehemiah 5:1-19 |

Visitors—
 Sep 25 (AM) Clay Glass (Hiseville, KY); Ryan Queen (Munfordville)
 Sep 25 (PM) Ryan Queen (Munfordville)
 Sep 28 (Wed) Ryan Queen (Munfordville)

Bible Quiz

What is a crown of glory if found in the way of righteousness?

Last Week's Answer— The stars appeared (Nehemiah 4:21)
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The Christian also has hope of a harvest time. We will be rewarded for our labors and provided a rest. On the other hand, those who live in sin will also have a harvest time, but they will only reap to themselves eternal damnation.

There will be a harvest time. Consider the seed you are sowing. It will come forth abundantly in time of harvest.

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—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)