

“know” He is JEHOVAH.

Let us go to Ezekiel where this statement is found a few dozen times. Anyone can use the Strong’s Concordance and look these up; there are many more of these kinds of declarations throughout the Book of Ezekiel. It says in **Ezekiel 6:12-14: He that is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that remaineth and is besieged shall die by the famine: thus will I accomplish my fury upon them. Then shall ye know that I am JEHOVAH, when their slain men shall be among their idols round about their altars, upon every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the place where they did offer sweet savour to all their idols. So will I stretch out my hand upon them, and make the land desolate, yea, more desolate than the wilderness toward Dibrath, in all their habitations: and they shall know that I am JEHOVAH.**

Again, this is very clearly language of God’s wrath being poured out and through it, “*they shall know that I am JEHOVAH;*” God says.

It also says in **Ezekiel 7:4: And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I am JEHOVAH.**

Then it says in **Ezekiel 7:9: And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will recompense thee according to thy ways and thine abominations that are in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I am JEHOVAH that smiteth.**

Again, we could go on for quite some time in Ezekiel reading very similar verses. God’s wrath is expressed and the statement is made: “*And ye shall know that I am JEHOVAH.*”

Remember the verse we are looking at that says, “*Of that day and hour knoweth no man,*” and even the people in the churches recognize that the term “day and hour” is a figure of speech that represents God’s wrath in the Day of Judgment. The world understands that, even if they do not think it through. But, “of that day and hour” is representative of the wrath of God and “Of that day and hour knoweth no man,” or “Of that wrath of God knoweth no man.”

Here, again, we are seeing in the Old Testament dozens of Scriptures where God speaks of the pouring out of His wrath and then makes the statement, “*And ye shall know that I am JEHOVAH;*” that is, they will “know” the wrath of God through the “experience” of it as God carries out His judgment upon them. As a result, they will “know” He is JEHOVAH, the One and only God of mankind, through their destruction; they will have this “knowledge” in the sense of experiencing it, even though they may not know it intellectually. They may lack any idea of it, but through the fact that they have been destroyed, it has been demonstrated to them and it has been shown to them that God is God: “*I am JEHOVAH.*”

Let us look at a verse God gives us which defines all these other Scriptures where He will bring a judgment, whether it be turning water to blood or drowning the Egyptians in the sea, and through the judgment, He will then make the declaration, “I am JEHOVAH.” I am going to give a verse that will help us solve the mystery of, “But of that day and hour knoweth no man.” We can answer that verse easily, without any problem at all. We now have the Bible’s definition for what it is to “know” God in judgment. I would recommend you highlight this verse because whenever someone says, “No man knows the day or hour,” you can say, “What that means is to experience God’s wrath and when Christ said it, no man had yet experienced the official final judgment of mankind and here is a verse that explains.” It says in **Psalm 9:16: JEHOVAH is known by the judgment which he executeth...**

Therefore, if God had not yet executed the judgment (as was the case in Matthew 24:36 or in Mark 13:32) at the time Jesus made that statement, mankind was not being judged then. The Day of Judgment would not be until almost 2,000 years later. Satan and the fallen angels had access to heaven, as we read in the Book of Job. They showed up with the sons of God to accuse the brethren, but Jesus had not yet gone to the cross and it was at that point that Satan would be bound and the fallen angels and Satan would be cast out of heaven, as Revelation, chapter 12 tells us. Also, the Lord Jesus Christ had not yet gone to the cross; He had not yet “experienced” the wrath of God at the cross. Some might say, “That is a

problem because you say Christ was slain at the foundation of the world. There is a problem with you saying He had not experienced the wrath of God, because you say He already was judged as the Lamb of God from the foundation of the world and, therefore, you cannot carry it over because what it says of the angels, it says of Jesus, too.” By the way, that is why we thought for a time that the “Son” might refer to Satan as the “son of perdition,” but forget that now because it does refer to Jesus, but not Jesus as the “Son of God.” When Christ died from the foundation of the world, God gave him a new name. It says in **Romans 1:3-4: Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:**

Jesus was “*declared to be the Son of God...by the resurrection from the dead.*” He died and rose and was the firstborn by the dead and God then said, “This is my Son.” He was the Son of God. As the Son of God He had experienced the wrath of God and, therefore, He knew the wrath of God. But, in Mark 13:32, where it says, “*But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son,*” it is not making reference to “the Son of God,” or Jesus’ name that showed He had already died and experienced God’s wrath. Rather, it is making reference to the “Son of man,” because Christ entered into this world, born of the Virgin Mary, in order to take upon Him a human nature and He became a man, walking among men in the world. As a man living the life of a man, He was both fully man and fully God and He had to go the cross in order to demonstrate the things He had done from the foundation of the world. Therefore, as the “Son of man,” He had not yet experienced the wrath of God at the cross, beginning in the Garden of Gethsemane for that period of three days and three nights. Therefore, He did not “know” as the Son of man the wrath of God and the Bible does tell us in Hebrews that Christ “learned obedience by the things which he suffered.” Through the experience of suffering the second time in a tableau to demonstrate the atoning work He had performed from the foundation of the world, he “learned obedience” or He came to “know” the wrath of God and this is what Mark 13, verse 32, is speaking of and we now understand and we have an answer for each of those mentioned (for mankind, for the fallen angels and for Christ Himself) as to why they did not “know the day and hour.” They had not yet experienced God’s wrath. We now have no problem in understanding these verses in Matthew 24 and Mark 13 in reference to not knowing the “day or hour.”

Let us look at just one other Scripture in Revelation, chapter 2, and through this we will see that when God says man does not “know the day and hour,” once God carries out a spiritual judgment (and as He is in the process of carrying it out) the objects of His wrath are said to “know” because they are experiencing the judgment, even if they do not have intellectual knowledge of the judgment because it is spiritual in nature. I know that sounds a little complicated, but it is not. Let us start where Christ addresses the seven churches and after each address, there was a concluding statement that said, “*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit sayeth unto the churches,*” so what was said to Thyatira had application to the entire corporate body of churches throughout the church age. It says in **Revelation 2:20-21: Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.**

God is speaking to all the churches because they have sinned in allowing Jezebel to seduce God’s servants and to commit fornication and this is pointing to false doctrines and gospels that crept into the churches and perverted the true Gospel, so spiritual fornication had been committed. God gave them space to repent and the space was the entire time of the church age; 1,955 years was a lot of time for the churches to have turned from their sins and, yet, they did not, and here is what God says to them in **Revelation 2:22: Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.**

Following the space of the church age which God allotted for repentance (but there was no repentance), God then came to “visit

them” on May 21, 1988 and judgment began at the house of God and the Great Tribulation was under way. God cast all the churches into “great tribulation” because they failed to repent. Then notice what it says in verse 23 (and this goes along with many of the statements we just read in the Old Testament), as it says in **Revelation 22:23: And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts...**

Does it say, “*I am JEHOVAH?*” No, it does not say that, but it says the equivalent: “*I am he which search the reins and hearts,*” and, of course, only JEHOVAH can search the minds of men, so it is the equivalent statement that we read in Exodus and in Ezekiel, where God pronounces a judgment. Here, the judgment is that He will “*kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know.*” Notice the word “all.” It is not the majority of the churches, as some like to think. It is not even 99.9% of them, but it is all the churches that “*shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts,*” the all-knowing JEHOVAH. They will “know” JEHOVAH because JEHOVAH is known by the judgment which He executeth, according to Psalm 9:16.

All the churches shall know JEHOVAH God through the judgment that He executed upon them in ending the church age and removing His Holy Spirit from the midst and the judgment of installing Satan in the churches as the “man of sin” that ruled over all the church world. Through that judgment, all the churches will “know” that God is God and they will “know” Him through the judgment He executed or carried out upon them. To put it another way, through the 23-year judgment upon the churches and congregations during the Great Tribulation, God made Himself “known” to the churches of the world and it can be said they “know” He is JEHOVAH. If you ask them, “Did God bring judgment upon you? Has the Holy Spirit left? Is the church age over?” and they will respond, “No, that is foolishness. God will never abandon His church. Do you not know that the gates of hell will not prevail against Christ’s church?” But, of course, they superficially quote a verse, failing to dig deeper into what the Bible means by “church.” It is actually His eternal church, comprised of the elect, which the gates of hell cannot prevail against. But, again, they will know that He is JEHOVAH God through the judgment, even though they may lack spiritual understanding and they fail to recognize it. That does not mean anything as far as God is concerned; they “know” through the judgment which He executed.

Likewise, here we are and it is approaching four years since judgment began on the world on May 21, 2011 and, overwhelmingly, the people of the world are ignorant of that fact. They do not have an intellectual understanding of this, for the most part, and they could care less. They dismiss it. They would not recognize it or agree with it in any way, but that does not matter because God is “known” through the judgment which He carries out and He is presently carrying out His judgment, a spiritual judgment, upon all the unsaved inhabitants of the earth. When He shut the door of heaven, He made Himself known as JEHOVAH to the people of the world and that is why I mentioned at the very beginning of my message that it is sadly ironic that the unsaved people in the churches and in the world that say, “No man knows the day or hour,” are actually, at the same time, “knowing” the day and hour; that is, all unsaved people now know the day and hour through the experience of it because they are going through it. They are experiencing it and they know JEHOVAH’S wrath as He continues to pour it out upon all the unsaved people of the earth.

**We are living at the time when it can be said that man presently “knows the day and hour.”**

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# Man Now Knows the Day and Hour

## ***LIVING IN THE DAY OF JUDGMENT TRACT SERIES #4***

Today we are going to take a look at the question of whether man can know the day and hour. Actually, we are going to find out the Bible is now teaching that mankind does presently know the “day and hour.” The study is going to show how it can be that man knows the day and hour through the “experiencing” of it. Since God has brought Judgment Day upon all the unsaved people of the earth, they “know” the “day and hour” through this experience of God’s wrath, even though in their understanding they may know nothing about it; they may lack intellectual understanding, but they “know” it through the experience of it.

So, in a way, it is sadly ironic that people continue to quote this verse whenever they hear about Judgment Day beginning May 21, 2011 or the likelihood of the end of Judgment Day on October 7, 2015: “No man knows the day and hour.” Yet, at this time, they are actually in the process of knowing it or experiencing it.

Let us start by going to those verses that people quote. I am going to read them because we find this kind of statement in a few places in the Bible. Let us start in **Matthew 24:36: But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.**

Also, we find in **Matthew 24:42: Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.**

Then it says in **Matthew 25:10-13: And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.**

And, it says in **Mark 13:32-33: But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.**

The word “time” is the same word translated as “hour.” Then it goes on to say in **Mark 13:34-37: For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.**

These are the verses that the pastors and priests and ministers refer to, again, and again, whenever the subject of May 21, 2011 was brought up. The news media would report on the phenomenon of the May 21, 2011 proclamation, with its billboards and signs, and then they would go to the corporate church officials for a response. This happened pretty much without fail and I cannot remember an exception to when the news media would go to a church official and the response would always be, “Nothing to worry about. No man knows the day or the hour. Nobody knows the time of Christ’s return and the end of the world.” That is how they interpreted the Scriptures (I just read). They thought these verses mean you cannot know the timing of the end of the world.

As a result of that, this phrase, “No man knows the day or hour,” is out there in the world and even the unsaved inhabitants of the world, who do not have much relationship with churches, are also familiar with this verse because of the news reports on it.

Even though the churches referred to these Scriptures, time, after time,

they never bothered to check the entire Bible for more information. They fell into the error of thinking that you can go to a single verse or to a couple of verses that seem to say the same thing and attempt to answer the question, “Can God’s people know the end of the world?” That is a very superficial and casual way to interpret the Bible. I am putting it in a “nice way,” but the truth is that it is a very lazy way to interpret the Bible. They are only skimming the surface of the Bible when they read a couple of verses and then take it at “face value” or literally and to interpret it the way they want to understand it, instead of digging into the Bible, doing a word study and seeing everything the Bible has to say on the subject.

Of course, they did not do that because they did not want to do that. They wanted to be able to dismiss it, ignore it and just “write it off,” as the saying goes. So God provided Scripture that permitted them a quick escape that would turn off their ears and turn their attention from the information that came forth from the Bible. God is the one that wrote those verses and placed them in the Bible and He gave them what they think is justification for not taking the warning seriously about the approach of Judgment Day on May 21, 2011 and other information regarding the end of the world.

They should have followed the Bible’s methodology for coming to truth. You have to look at a conclusion and after comparing Scripture with Scripture, which would have led you to other parts of the Bible, you must make sure your conclusion harmonizes with everything else the Bible says about the matter. And that is the problem. Does the idea that no man can know about the timing of the return of Christ and the end of the world harmonize with everything else the Bible says? The answer is, “It absolutely does not.” It does not even harmonize with Matthew 24, where the disciples ask of Jesus: “What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?” Jesus does not say to them, “Do not ask such a thing because you can never know.” But after they asked that question, Matthew 24 is a chapter that does answer their question as Christ gives indicators of His coming and information about the end of the world.

The idea that we can know nothing does not harmonize with the Scriptures I am going to share with you. In Genesis, chapter 18, God is about to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah and it says in **Genesis 18:16: And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way. And JEHOVAH said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;**

He proceeded to inform Abraham of His intent to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities of the plain. That is why Abraham then went on to make intercession for the “righteous” within Sodom: “Would you destroy it if there were fifty righteous or forty righteous?” Abraham was concerned about Lot. Abraham had foreknowledge about the destruction of Sodom.

In Genesis chapter 19, we have the account of God going to Sodom in the form of “two angels” or messengers and He has warned Lot, in **Genesis 19:12-14: And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring *them* out of this place: For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of JEHOVAH; and JEHOVAH hath sent us to destroy it. And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for JEHOVAH will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.**

They did not listen. Lot and his wife and two of his two daughters fled the city, by the mercy and grace of God in giving them advance information concerning Sodom’s destruction.

We find in the Bible that it is a Biblical principal that before God would bring judgment upon a city, or a nation, or the world, He first warns His people. We read in **Proverbs 28:5: Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek JEHOVAH understand all *things*.**

We also read in **Ecclesiastes 8:5: Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment.**

We also find it says in **Daniel 12:4: 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.**

Then it says in **Daniel 12:9-10: And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.**

Here, God is indicating that He has given Daniel much information regarding the end of time, but it was to be sealed up until the time of the end. Once the time of the end is reached, then it is unsealed and can be revealed. Then God speaks of knowledge increasing in verse 4 and in verse 9, He says, “But the wise shall understand,” as it also says in Proverbs 28:5 and Ecclesiastes 8:5. *The wise will understand but none of the wicked will understand* and that is the Biblical principal that is supported by this statement in **Amos 3:7: Surely the Lord JEHOVAH will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.**

We see that He did reveal it to Abraham: “Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do?” And he did reveal it to Lot. Also, remember the prophet Jonah went into Nineveh and proclaimed this message to the Ninevites in **Jonah 3:2-4: Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of JEHOVAH. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days’ journey. And Jonah began to enter into the city a day’s journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.**

The preaching that God commanded Jonah to preach was the proclamation of a timeline; at the end of the forty days would be destruction. Anyone hearing Jonah could have counted the days and circled the date on their calendar: “That is the day God is warning us about.”

In all these things (and many more in the Bible), God indicates a Biblical principal that before He destroys, He forewarns His people who, in turn, act as watchmen and blow the trumpet and warn the people of the approaching sword of God’s wrath.

Those in the churches should have known better and they should have checked out these Scriptures and many more. They should have also checked out the context in which Christ spoke in **Matthew 24:36: But of that day and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.**

Do we just read one verse and stop? We cannot be so lazy that we do not go on to the next verse and the next verse says, in **Matthew 24:37: But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**

So Christ made the statement, “But of that day and hour knoweth no “man”, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.” But then He adds, “It will be like the days of Noah.” The coming of the Son of man will be like the time before the flood. It is an historical example of what Christ is telling them. The response should be, “Then very well. Let us go back to the Book of Genesis where God tells us about the flood.” Anyone could read it. Jesus said His coming would be like the flood and He actually gave two examples of what the coming of the Lord is likened to, one of which (in the Book of Luke) is likened to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah; we saw that God first forewarned Abraham and then He forewarned Lot. In the other example, He likens it to the flood in the days of Noah, and it says in **Genesis 7:1: And JEHOVAH said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.**

Then it says in **Genesis 7:4: For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.**

Then it says in **Genesis 7:10: And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.**

There we have it. God speaks to Noah and He says to Noah, “In seven days I will bring the flood and I will destroy the world.” Then seven days later, the flood came and that means Noah had advance information; he was forewarned by God.

You know, the Bible says in **Isaiah 46:10: Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *\*the things\** that are not yet done...**

Genesis, chapter 7, is a good example of that. God has declared the end and He knows all things throughout the entire history of the world and into eternity future. He is God and since He knows this information, it is nothing for Him to tell Noah what will happen a week from that date, on “the seventeenth day of the second month.” And it is nothing for God to describe what will happen 7,000 years into the future and to hide it in the Bible in the form of this “seven days.” We know that the Bible likens a “day as a thousand years,” in 2 Peter, chapter 3. Because God is infinite in knowledge, He is able to tell Noah that in seven days the flood will destroy the first earth and, at the same time, God hid in that message of seven days the message of there being exactly 7,000 years to the destruction, spiritually, of the second earth, as God shut the door to heaven on May 21, 2011. That date also had the underlying Hebrew calendar date of the “seventeenth day of the second month,” and that was the precise date 7,000 years earlier when God shut the door of the ark and brought the flood.

It is incredible. What infinite and glorious knowledge God possesses to be able to declare the end from the beginning. Genesis is a Book of “beginnings,” and God just lays out all earth’s history in just a couple of simple statements. He has foretold and declared the end of the world and when that would take place exactly 7,000 years from 4990 BC (the date of the flood) in the year 2011. Then He pinpointed the very day through the 23-year Great Tribulation period that “just happened” after an exact 23 years or an exact 8,400 days to fall on that date of May 21, 2011. And that date “just happened” to have the same underlying Hebrew calendar date of the very day the door of the ark was shut and the flood began. It is absolutely mind-boggling, as the expression goes, that God has all these things lined up with such harmony and with such unity of purpose and foretells them in the Bible.

I just wanted to mention these things so we could see that a verse that indicates “no man can know the day or the hour,” is not giving us all the information. There is a whole lot of other information that the Bible has to say.

Some people join together their idea that “No man knows the day or hour,” with their statement that “Christ comes as a thief in the night,” and they think that since a thief does not tell you when he is coming, this supports their conclusion. Yet, it can be shown from the Bible that this very Scripture actually proves that we can know the day and hour, because it follows the same Biblical principal that God forewarns His people. It says in **1 Thessalonians 5:2-3: For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.**

This shows that they are correct, does it not? Nobody knew – they thought they were safe, but then they are suddenly destroyed. But, again, we have to read the whole context, so let us read on in **1 Thessalonians 5:4-5: But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.**

Do you see how beautifully that fits with God warning Abraham, God warning Lot and God warning Noah before the flood? Do you see how it harmonizes with the statement that a wise man “discerneth both time and judgment” and with the statement that God will open the Scriptures at the time of the end and knowledge will increase? The “wise shall understand, but none of the wicked shall understand,” and, therefore, they are caught by the “thief in the night.” But the brethren, (the wise or the true believers) are not caught unaware because they understand, so Christ does not come as a thief in the night for the true child of God. That is not the case because the true child of God will be forewarned: “For the Lord JEHOVAH will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.” God has, indeed, done that very thing in opening up wonderful truths from His Word as we reached the time of the end and the people of God have been drawn to His Word and they have had their understanding enlightened by God’s Word to reveal the Biblical calendar of history and God’s program of “times and seasons.” It is remarkable how we can lay out the Bible’s history and pinpoint key

historical events in the Scriptures: we can lay out the beginning of the church age, the end of the church age, the beginning of the Great Tribulation, the end of the Great Tribulation, the beginning of Judgment Day and the very likely end of Judgment Day on October 7, 2015. It is remarkable how God has revealed so much information to His people at this time.

But, what about that verse, “But of that day and hour knoweth no man”? You know, this verse has been a troublesome verse for the true believers for quite a while. I remember back before 1994 around the time of 1992 or 1993 when Mr. Camping came out with his book “1994?” and this was a topic even then and that was more than twenty years ago and it has continued throughout this period of time, basically, throughout the Great Tribulation and into this time. It has been kind of a “thorn in the side” for us because we want to harmonize everything. We have been able to see all that other information and we see the beauty of the Biblical calendar and how the dates lock into May 21, 2011 and all the other Scriptures that indicate that God would, of course, reveal these things to His children. It all made perfect sense and, yet, there was that verse that made it so easy for the unsaved to grab hold of it and throw it out there. What is the answer?

We struggled with it and at one time we thought we had the answer. Going back several years, Mr. Camping taught that it involved “experiencing” Judgment Day because man was not yet under judgment. Satan and the demons had access to heaven up until the time of the cross and they were not yet “judged” and neither was the Son (Christ) because He had not yet gone to the cross. That was the answer – it meant to “experience” the day and hour of God’s judgment because man had not yet experienced the judgment of God.

Then we learned as part of the Biblical information God opened up during the Great Tribulation that Christ had died from the foundation of the world and that was when He was declared to be the Son, but Mark 13:32 says, “*But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son,*” so if it meant to “experience” God’s wrath, the Son did already experience the wrath of God at the foundation of the world. That seemed to remove that possibility of “experience” being the answer to the question.

Yet, when we go to the Bible and we check out what God means by the word “know,” we find that it does point to “experience.” We will come back, Lord willing, to answer how the “Son” can refer to the cross even though He did experience the wrath of God from the foundation of the world. There is a solution for that.

But, first, let us go to the Old Testament and see how Gods speaks of “knowing” Him in connection with His wrath. It says in Exodus 7:5: And the Egyptians shall know that I “am” JEHOVAH, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them.

Of course, that was a judgment upon Israel because God had to send plague after plague before they would release Israel, so God says that was when the Egyptians will “know” that He is JEHOVAH.

It says in **Exodus 7:17: Thus saith JEHOVAH, In this thou shalt know that I *\*am\** JEHOVAH: behold, I will smite with the rod that *is* in mine hand upon the waters which *are* in the river, and they shall be turned to blood.**

This was one of the plagues or judgments on Egypt and in this judgment, they “*shalt know that I am JEHOVAH,*” God said.

It says in **Exodus 14:4: And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I *am* JEHOVAH. And they did so.**

This is speaking of God getting honor upon them in the Red Sea. Then it goes on to say in **Exodus 14:18: And the Egyptians shall know that I *am* JEHOVAH, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.**

Once God destroys them in the sea and He causes the waters of the Red Sea to collapse upon them and they are drowned in the midst of the sea, then they shall “know” that He is JEHOVAH. Once they “experience” the wrath of God which brings about their death, they shall