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TIME CHANGE



This past Sunday morning at 2:00 AM we who live in the United States changed our clocks to Daylight Savings Time. The thing I like the least about the time change is getting up at 2:00 AM to reset our clocks! But otherwise I guess I'm OK with having daylight at about 7:15 and dark at 5:45 beginning today. I don't know what it does to our body rhythms or internal clocks but that extra hour of sleep on Saturday night suited me just fine.

So, with the recent time change I decided to look to see if the phrase "time change" ever occurs in Scripture. I found that it almost does. Note Daniel 7:25 in the New King James Version, "He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time." Did you see it? He will intend to "change times." Now that's almost a time change.

Interestingly enough, Daniel's prophecy predicts the rule of the antichrist during the later half of the Tribulation period. This yet future period will be a terrible time of chaos and persecution of believers as God's wrath is poured out on the rebel people and nations of the world.

To be clear I do not associate our time change with the work of antichrist or some evil force. However note the context of the prediction in Daniel's prophecy. Do not people and politicians in our nation "speak pompous words against the Most High?" Is it not an affront to our most holy God to say that the life of the unborn is expendable and that a mother's choice and freedom includes a death sentence for her unborn child? Is it not arrogant to redefine marriage and ignore the Most High God's creation order of one man and one woman whom He united in holy matrimony? Do we not see the persecution of Christians taking place when a believing military chaplain is forced to participate in ceremonies he thinks are sinful or when a Christian business owner is told they must provide insurance coverage that includes abortifacients?

The times that are changing are much more significant than moving the hands of our clocks; this time change affects our culture and our Christian values.

Times are certainly changing. God is not.

Looking Up,
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