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The End from The Beginning?

As you may well already know, during our live Wednesday night Bible studies we have begun our journey into the Torah, which are again the first five books of the Bible. And during the last couple of weeks we've been talking about "creation", and the many different doctrines, theologies, and philosophies that there are floating around out there concerning "creation", and how things began. And so, I thought this might be an excellent time to slow down and analyze what we know about creation.

The Scripture itself tells us that the end was declared from the beginning. And if we look closely at the book of Genesis, and it's first few chapters, it would seem that each day of creation points to a significant prophetic event that has taken place throughout the history of mankind. And so, we're going to take a look at why the Scripture tells us that the end is declared from the beginning, and how that could possibly be.

When most people study eschatology, and the end time events... They oftentimes run to the back of the book first. After all it would seem logical that if you want to know more about end time events, you would indeed go to the end of the book. But the Bible itself suggests otherwise. And for some people who do not understand who our father in heaven is, and the power that he holds... this might make no sense. And the reason it makes no sense to them is because they do not understand the power and the glory and the majesty of our father in heaven. They don't understand the power that he holds, nor do they understand his ability to tell the end of the story from the beginning like no other pagan God can.

Throughout the ages mankind has created all kinds of fake pagan gods. Over the ages man has worshiped all kinds of inanimate objects, and statues, and stones, and the sun moon and stars themselves. But none of these other pagan gods have the ability to tell the end from the beginning. But you see this is just one of the uncanny attributes of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob.

During Paul's visit to Athens, he noticed all of the different idols that they were worshiping, and amongst all of these different idols he even noticed one Idol that was entitled "The Unknown god". And Paul capitalizes on their so-called "Unknown god", and he begins to tell them about this very real "Unknown god" that they seem to be worshiping... And yet really don't know anything about. Let's read Acts 17:15-33:

Act 17:15 Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens, and after receiving a

command for Silas and Timothy to come to him as soon as possible, they departed.

Act 17:16 Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols.

Act 17:17 So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.

Act 17:18 Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection.

Act 17:19 And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?"

Act 17:20 For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean."

Act 17:21 Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

Act 17:22 So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious.

Act 17:23 For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

Act 17:24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man,

Act 17:25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

Act 17:26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place,

Act 17:27 that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,

Act 17:28 for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "'For we are indeed his offspring.'

Act 17:29 Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.

Act 17:30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

Act 17:31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Act 17:32 Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this."

Act 17:33 So Paul went out from their midst.

So here in the midst of these philosophers, and these so-called men of wisdom... Paul begins to preach about the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. And he begins to tell them about the death burial and the resurrection of his only begotten son. And they're perplexed about this

story of the resurrection and who the only begotten son of the one true God really is. But the reason that I draw your attention to this particular Scripture is just to remind us of how many different little g gods' that mankind has worshiped over the ages. There's a whole laundry list of different little g god's that man has worshiped over the centuries. So many that I daresay they may even be uncountable. The Scripture mentions the fact that people have worshiped everything from stones and rocks and all kinds of inanimate objects, and they've even worshiped the sun moon and the stars. The Gnostics even used to worship angels. And just to make my point, I would point you to the Blackstone that the people of the Muslim faith still worship to this day.

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The Blackstone is a rock set into the eastern corner of the Kaaba, which is an ancient building located in the center of the grand Mosque in Mecca Saudi Arabia. And this Blackstone is revered by Muslims as an Islamic relic which according to Muslim tradition dates back to the time of Adam and Eve. This Blackstone which is most likely a meteorite... was venerated at the Kaaba in pre-Islamic pagan times. According to the Islamic tradition it was set in tact into the wall by the prophet Mohammed in the year 605 A.D.. Since then it has been broken into a number of fragments and is now cemented into a silver frame in the side of the Kaaba. What they've done is they have taken this meteorite and a polished it to give it a smooth shiny look. And Islamic tradition holds that this thing fell from heaven as a guide for Adam and Eve to build an altar.

Muslim pilgrims circle the Kaaba as part of the "Tawaf" ritual during the "Hajj" and many will try to stop and kiss the Blackstone, emulating the kiss of Abraham... according to the Islamic tradition. And so, to this day, they continue to march around this meteorite stone and try to kiss it during what they call the "hajj" and it truly a sight to see. **(SHOW PICTURES OF STONE AND HAJJ)** <http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=the+hajj&FORM=HDRSC2>

And the truth is my friends... that there's really nothing different between this... and the idol worship of the Roman Catholic Church. **(TAKE THEM TO WEBSITE)**

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The Roman Catholic Church has been bowing down and kissing the feet of statues, and carrying around the skulls and the dead bones of their dead Saints from the beginning of their inception.

And so, getting back to my point... the reason that I show you all of these things is just so that we can better understand the ridiculous interpretations that man has had over the centuries concerning who the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob really is. But I would suggest to

you my friends that none of these idols, whether they be stone or statue can tell the end from the beginning the way that the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob can. Let's turn to Isaiah 46:8-11:

Isa 46:8 "Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors,

Isa 46:9 remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me,

Isa 46:10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,'

Isa 46:11 calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.

And so, when we read this Scripture we can clearly see that our father in heaven tells us that he declares the end from the beginning, but I daresay that few Christians have ever even really contemplated this Scripture let alone truly study it. Let's turn to Genesis 1:1

Gen 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

So here in the book of Genesis we see the beginning. And this is where our father in heaven created the heavens and the earth. So here in Genesis 1:1 we are presented with the beginning of everything that defines our reality. And I would submit to you my friends that few Christians have ever stopped to consider why our father in heaven created each one of these things in this sequential order.

Now in order to fully grasp this teaching, we need to go take a look at second Peter 3:8-10:

2Pe 3:8 But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

So, we can see that according to Scripture were told that a day is as 1000 years, and 1000 years is as one day to our father in heaven. Now some Bible scholars will tell you that this is just an idiom, that just means that our father in heaven is outside of time and space as we know it... But I would submit to you that this might not be the case. I would submit to you that it is more likely that one day is truly a 1000 years, and 1000 years truly is as one day to our father in heaven. And the reason that I say that, is because the whole of Scripture seems to teach us that this is a fact, and not an idiom. And as we move forward here in this study I think that you might agree with me. Let's also turn to second Peter 3:1-7:

2Pe 3:1 This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder,
2Pe 3:2 that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles,
2Pe 3:3 knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following
2Pe 3:4 They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.”
2Pe 3:5 For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God,
2Pe 3:6 and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.
2Pe 3:7 But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

Notice in the Scripture that Peter mentions that the world was destroyed by water. And notice that Peter makes note of what happened in the beginning when the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, which happened in the beginning... And then he contrasts that, with the end when the earth will be done away with by fire. And so once again we have Peter doing exactly what Isaiah told us in chapter 48 verses 8 through 11 when God said that he declares the end from the beginning. Let's turn to Genesis 1:3-5:

Gen 1:3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.
Gen 1:4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.
Gen 1:5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Now we talked about these verses in Genesis chapter 1 versus three through five just this past week in our study into the book of Genesis. And we made note of the fact that light and darkness are a representation of good and evil, also known as “righteousness” and “lawlessness”. And so, when we take that understanding, and we understand the original Hebrew wording found in Genesis chapter 1 versus three through five... And we know that this was done on the first day... We must ask ourselves what happened during the first thousand years of man's history?

One of the most significant events that took place during the first thousand years of mankind's history is that Adam and Eve ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, which introduced sin and darkness to mankind. Ever since that day good and evil, righteousness and lawlessness, have existed within man... Separating the light from the darkness. This again declaring the end from the beginning. So, if we understand a day to be 1000 years, and 1000 years to be one day according to the Scripture... we must then ask ourselves what happened on day two? And so, let's go back and take a look at Genesis chapter 1:6-10:

Gen 1:6 And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate

the waters from the waters.”

Gen 1:7 And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so.

Gen 1:8 And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

Gen 1:9 And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so.

Gen 1:10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

And so, on the second day our father in heaven tells us that he made the expanse, and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse, and that he separated the water from the land. And so, we must ask ourselves what happened during the second thousand-year time span of man’s existence?

During the second day, or the second thousand-year time span, we find the event of Noah and the ark. And the earth was completely covered by water, until dry land eventually appeared. And so, we once again have a direct correlation between what God created on day two... and what happened in that 2nd 1000-year time span here on earth.

And so, this then leads us to day three... And the third thousand-year time span. Let’s turn to Genesis chapter 1:11-13:

Gen 1:11 *And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding **seed**, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their **seed**, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so.*

Gen 1:12 *The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding **seed** according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their **seed**, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.*

Gen 1:13 *And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.*

Here in verses 11 through 13 we see the word “seed” four times. And were told that the vegetation and the fruit trees and the plants yielded “seed” according to their own kinds. And so, when we think about the promised land that God gave to Abraham, and the fact that God said this seed of Abraham would outnumber the stars in the heavens... It would seem that this third day... Or this third thousand-year time span, would point directly to Abraham. Let’s turn to Genesis 22:18:

Gen 22:17 *I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,*

Gen 22:18 *and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”*

Genesis 26:4-5:

Gen 26:4 I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed,

Gen 26:5 because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws. ”

Genesis 35:12:

Gen 35:12 The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your offspring after you. ”

So it should be pretty clear to us that Abraham’s seed and the promised land was the fulfillment of day three of creation. And so that leads us to ask what happened on day four, during the fourth thousand year section of time? Let’s turn to Genesis chapter 1:14-19:

Gen 1:14 And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years,

Gen 1:15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth. ” And it was so.

Gen 1:16 And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.

Gen 1:17 And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth,

Gen 1:18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

The light of the earth... The sun... Was created on the fourth day. The end of the fourth day was the arrival of our Messiah who was the son of God, also known as the only begotten son of God. Let’s turn to Malachi chapter 4:2

Mal 4:2 But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

And so just like the physical sun gives the earth light... So too does the only begotten son of God give the earth light, which is also known as truth, which again removes darkness. Let’s turn to John 12:46:

Joh 12:46 I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.

And so, the question then becomes, what happened on the fifth day, with the fifth thousand-year section of time? Let’s turn to Genesis chapter 1:20-23:

Gen 1:20 And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds

fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.”

Gen 1:21 So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:22 And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

Gen 1:23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

The main theme of day five seems to be fish and birds. And when we look at the New Testament, we find that men are equated to fish. Let’s turn to Matthew chapter 4:19:

Mat 4:19 And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

And the Holy Spirit of God is likened to a bird. Let’s turn to John chapter 1:32:

Joh 1:32 And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.

And so, at the end of the fourth day our Messiah arrives on the scene and gives us the Ruach Hakodesh, the Holy Spirit of God and the multiplying of the spirit (also known as a dove), and this began at the start of the fifth day. Let’s turn to the book of Acts chapter 2 :2-4:

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

And so, it was that men who are equated to fish... And the spirit of God that is equated to a bird began to multiply on the earth.

And so then... we need to return to the book of Genesis and ask what happened on the six day, or the 6000th year time span? Let’s turn to Genesis chapter 1:28-31:

Gen 1:28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Gen 1:29 And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.

Gen 1:30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

Gen 1:31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there

was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

And so, this brings us to the sixth day when man was created with the intent of multiplying and filling the earth and ruling over it. And this my friends brings us into the modern age that we now live in. Not only has man subdued the earth... There should be no doubt that man has indeed multiplied. And this my friends... Brings us right to the door of the seventh and last day of creation. Let's turn to Genesis chapter 2:2-3:

Gen 2:2 And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.

Gen 2:3 So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

So here we see that our father rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. And I want us to keep that in mind as we turn to Hebrews chapter 4:3-11:

Heb 4:3 For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,' " although his works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Heb 4:4 For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works."

Heb 4:5 And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest."

Heb 4:6 Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience,

Heb 4:7 again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

Heb 4:8 For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on.

Heb 4:9 So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,

Heb 4:10 for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

Heb 4:11 Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

This last day... This seventh day... Will occur at the second coming of our Messiah and it will indeed last 1000 years. And during this 1000 years we will rest with our Messiah here on this earth. Let's turn to Revelation chapter 20:1-4:

Rev 20:1 *Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain.*

Rev 20:2 *And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years,*

Rev 20:3 *and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not*

deceive the nations any longer, until **the thousand years** were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

*Rev 20:4 Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ **for a thousand years.***

The thousand-year reign of our Messiah is the future fulfillment of the seventh day of creation. And so, it is said, that our father in heaven has indeed revealed the end from the beginning.

Now some might question all of this even though the Scriptures are pretty clear that our father in heaven did indeed declare the end from the beginning. But there's plenty more that would lead us to the same conclusion. Let's turn to Mark 9:2-10:

Mar 9:2 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them,

Mar 9:3 and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them.

Mar 9:4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

Mar 9:5 And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."

Mar 9:6 For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

Mar 9:7 And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."

Mar 9:8 And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

Mar 9:9 And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Mar 9:10 So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean.

This my friends was known as the "Transfiguration". And I want us to notice that it says in verse two, "after six days, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John". So, after six days our Messiah takes Peter and James and John up the mountain and allows them to see the future. He allows Peter and James and John to actually see his second coming on the seventh day.

In verse four we're told that Peter and James and John see Elijah and Moses. Now let me ask you my friends are Elijah and Moses in heaven according to Scripture? Let's turn to John chapter 3:13:

Joh 3:13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

Now some people will tell you that Elijah was taken up to heaven... But I would submit to you my friends that nowhere in the Scripture does it say that Elijah went to heaven. We're told that Elijah was taken up into the heavens a whirlwind... But the "heavens" can mean several different things in the Bible. The "heavens" often times refer to anything in the sky. For instance, ... Let's look at Job 12:7:

Job 12:7 "But ask the beasts, and they will teach you; the birds of the heavens, and they will tell you;

Job 35:5 Look at the heavens, and see; and behold the clouds, which are higher than you.

Psa 8:3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

Psa 8:8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

So once again I would submit to you that the term "heavens" can simply mean the sky above.

So where was Elijah taken up to exactly... The truth is... we're not told. We're simply told that he was taken up in a whirlwind into the sky. The fact of the matter is my friends, that we're told that Elijah wrote a letter to King Jehoram 10 years after his whirlwind ride into the sky.

2Ch 21:12 And a letter came to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, "Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father, 'Because you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father, or in the ways of Asa king of Judah,

We know that this was written long after Elijah's whirlwind ride because Jehoshaphat was King at that time. And it was a number of years later that his son Jahoram had become king. 2nd Chronicles 21:1:

2Ch 21:1 Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David, and Jehoram his son reigned in his place.

We can also see this in 2nd Kings 8:16-17:

2Ki 8:16 In the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab, king of Israel, when Jehoshaphat was king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, began to reign.

2Ki 8:17 He was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

The only way my friends that Elijah could have written a letter to King Jehoram 10 years later

after he was taken up in a whirlwind into the sky... Was if he Elijah was taken from one place on the earth and transported to another place on the earth. He was able to write a letter to King Jahoram because he was still on the earth 10 years later after his whirlwind ride when he was transported from point A to point B on the earth. So once again we know that the Bible does not contradict itself and that no man has entered the kingdom of heaven. All of the Israelite Prophets and Priests who have passed before us, are asleep and are still awaiting the resurrection.

And so once again we see that during the Transfiguration, Yeshua allowed Peter James and John to see a glimpse of his Transfiguration and his second coming that would happen in the future. Take into consideration what our Messiah told the apostles in Matthew chapter 16:28:

Mat 16:28 Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Peter James and John were those who were standing there who did not taste death until they saw the Son of Man coming in his kingdom. They saw at the Transfiguration a glimpse of how our Messiah would be transfigured and what he would look like at his second coming, and of course both Elijah and Moses would've been raised at the resurrection with everyone else at that point in time. Once again, I would point out that it was "after six days" that our Messiah took Peter James and John up that mountain. It was on the seventh day that he took them up that mountain. And it is on the seventh day that he will return. The seventh day is always a day of completion, and a day of rest.

Exo 24:16 The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

Joshua 6:15 On the seventh day they rose early, at the dawn of day, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times. It was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times.

Joshua 6:16 And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city.

Exo 21:2 When you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve six years, and in the seventh he shall go out free, for nothing.

Job 5:19 He will deliver you from six troubles; in seven no evil shall touch you.

And so over and over and over we see that the seventh day is the day of completion. The seventh day is always a Sabbath day. A day of rest. It is the day that our father in heaven rested from all the work that he had done, and it is in that 7000th year that are Messiah will indeed come. Now with that being said... It is important to note that we still do not know the day nor the hour, but we do know when the day is near. Matthew 24:33:

Mat 24:33 So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates.