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Numbers

Time is for man Not God

Psa. 90:4 "For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night."

2 Pet. 3:8 "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."

In the first reference above, we note that God is eternal. Thus, a thousand years is a figure of speech to tell us that time regardless of the amount of time is irrelevant to God. He is from everlasting to everlasting. Furthermore, he is the eternal "I AM". Therefore, time is not relevant to God, but is made for man. Our days are numbered. We have a timely beginning and our natural lives on earth have a timely ending. We mark events by time. We can spend our time, "redeeming the time," or we can spend our time serving the flesh. If we do the latter, then we will not have the joy and peace, rest, and comfort that comes from spending our time serving the Lord.

In the second reference, we should not concern ourselves about how long it may be before God fulfills his promise of returning to take his elect home to glory. In the eyes of God it is as good as done, because he promised it. On God's measure of time, it has only been two days (two thousand years) since Christ ascended back to glory after his resurrection. God will fulfill his promise to return, but it will be when God pleases and it is foolish for us to speculate on when that may be.