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Dear Bro Jacobs:

I think all the living saints will yet know the day and hour of Jesus' coming. Rev. 3:3, is a strong text in favor of it, Mark 13:32, "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, (maketh known,) no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father." I think all Advent writers on this text, have agreed that it teaches that the Father will make known, even the day and hour that he will send his Son. I think the time has fully come when we have the proverb to perfection, in the land of Israel, Ezek. 12:21-25, "The days are prolonged, and every vision (time) faileth." But God says, ver. 25, "I am the Lord, I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass." None will doubt but the burden of this prophecy is time. Then certainly, the word that the Father speaks will be the time, and thus make known the day and hour. I think one sign of Jesus' coming, (Matt.24:29) remains unfulfilled. The powers of the heavens have not yet been shaken. Who will say it is not literal, and apply it to the shaking and scattering of professed Christians? A literal sun and moon were darkened in 1780, literal stars or points of light fell from the literal heavens in 1833. And these same literal heavens are yet to shake before the Father's voice, when He makes known the time. Paul says, Heb. 12:20, "Whose voice then shook the earth, but now he hath promised, saying, yet once more, I shake not the earth only, but also heaven." His voice shook the earth when he spake to Moses in the Mount, and the plain inference is, that it will be His voice that will shake the heavens and earth. But I will settle this by a plain thus saith the Lord, from Joel 3:16, "The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth shall shake. Hag. 2:6; Psa. 18:13; 46:6, Isa. 30:30,31; 66:6; Jer. 30:6;

Ezek. 12:21-25; Joel 2:10,12; 3:16; Amos 1:2. All this is yet to take place before we see the literal Sign of the Son of Man. Now the just shall live by faith. But when the Father's voice proclaims the day and hour, and the heavens shake, knowledge will take the place of faith. For Jesus says, Matt. 24:33, "So likewise ye, when ye see all these things KNOW that it is near, even at the door. Then the cup of trembling will be taken out of our hand and put into the hand of them that have afflicted us. Isa. 51:22-23. Then will commence the hour of temptation to try all but the 144,000, who by that time have the seal of the living God, Rev. 3:9,10. A mighty change is yet to take place. God has promised to turn our captivity. Those who humble themselves under his mighty hand, He will raise up, and at their feet the synagogue of Satan are to worship, and KNOW that God has loved them. And before their face the people shall be much pained, all faces shall gather paleness." Joel 2:6. I have much more I should like to say, but I close by quoting a few verses from the *Wisdom of Solomon*, 5:1-5; "Then shall the righteous man stand in great boldness, before the face of such as have afflicted him, and made no account of his labors. When they see it they shall be troubled with terrible fear, and shall be amazed at the strangeness of his salvation, so far beyond all that they looked for. And they repenting and groaning for anguish of spirit, shall say within themselves, this was he whom we held sometimes in derision and a proverb of reproach. We, fools, accounted his life madness, and his end to be without honor. How is he numbered among the children of God, and his lot is among the saints.

Yours, in love, joy, hope, and much assurance.

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