

“Entering the Land of Kairos”

Enchanted (Pt. 1)

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“Enchanted” - (Chapters)

- The Land of Kairos
- An Enchanted Land
- The Battle Between Sarx and Pneuma
- Fighting Enchantment with Enchantment!

INTRO ...a NEW ‘Year’ in Shifting Times

What is Going On ...That Modern Life Feels So Different than just 5 or 10 years ago???

The Thoughts of a ‘Troubled SHEPHERD’ ...“What’s Going On with My Flock?” ...
& ... “How Do We Get to the Other Side of this Coming Year?”

...Today, I want to start a beginning of the year series entitled—“Enchanted—
Crossing the Land of Twenty-eighteen” ...It will be a bit of an ALLEGORY that tells
the story of a land that you and I will inhabit in the coming year (and years).

...Once Upon a
Time—There
was a LAND
...The Land of
KAIROS



WHY a MAP? ...and WHY a Land Called 'KAIROS'?

- A Map ...because traveling through time is much like traveling through terrain. It's not merely the passage of time that we need to be concerned with—but What We Encounter as We Pass through Time!

What Does the Land of 2018 Hold for You? ...What I am concerned with as a Shepherd is preparing you and guiding you through some Drastically Shifting Times! ...This just isn't 1990 or 2004 anymore!!

"Imagine a map of our present — of "this present age," ...What's the shape of the existential terrain in which we find ourselves in late modernity? Where are the valleys of despair and mountains of bliss, the pitfalls and dead ends? What are the sites of malaise and regions of doubt? Where are the spaces of meaning? Are they hidden in secluded places, or waiting to be discovered in the mundane that is always with us? Where should we look for the "thin places" that still seem haunted by transcendence? Or have they disappeared, torn up to make way for progress and development? ...Could we imagine an existential map of our secular age that would actually help us to locate ourselves and give us a feel for where we are?" **Smith, James K. A.**. *How (Not) to Be Secular: Reading Charles Taylor* (pp. 1-2). Kindle Edition.

...The information and technology age has presented to us the 'Next Big Shift'—What has happened in the last 10 years has produced radical and unfamiliar and unconscious shifts in the way we connect with people, the things that we pursue for pleasure and enjoyment, the fears that we feel and the thrills that we seek and the rest that we crave and the schedules that we keep ...all this has shifted—and many, many people are unaware and lacking insight into why their life suddenly FEELS different.

"My goal is to grasp our cultural moment, to help you understand its landscape. There is a pattern to the chaos, and what is more, there is a door out, into the holy expanse that is life in the Spirit." **Sayers, Mark.** *Strange Days: Life in the Spirit in a Time of Upheaval* (p. 18). Moody Publishers. Kindle Edition.

Why 'KAIROS'? ...to emphasize that Not All 'Times' (Terrain) are the Same! ...and You Will Need Particular Grace and Specific Faith for Different Moments and Maps!

Kairos (καιρός) is an Ancient Greek word meaning the right, critical, or opportune moment.^[1] The ancient Greeks had two words for time: chronos (χρόνος) and kairos. While the former refers to chronological or sequential time, the latter signifies a proper or opportune time for action. What is happening when referring to kairos depends on who is using the word. While chronos is quantitative, kairos has a qualitative, permanent nature.^[2] The plural, (kairoi) means the times. [Source: Wikipedia]

Times & Terrain in Scripture:

Matthew 16:1-4 And the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and to test him they asked him to show them a sign from heaven. ² He answered them, "When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' ³ And in the morning, 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times (kairos). ⁴ An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah." So he left them and departed.

...They had entered a new moment ...a new kairos in the midst of on-marching chronos!

Luke 4:13 And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time (kairos).

...Neither Scripture or the Devil see every moment in life as the same! ...That means that Somehow, He Has Greater Opportunity to Advance His Cause at Some Times that are Different than Others ...and Somehow We are More Vulnerable at Some Times than at others!

Mark 13:32-37 "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time (kairos) will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵ Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at

midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—³⁶ lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

...There are Strategic ‘Kairos Moments’ when God is Doing Something Specific ...and These are ‘Times’ that require ‘Wakefulness & Prayer’

Acts 3:19-20 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,²⁰ that times (kairos) of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times (kairos) some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons

2 Timothy 3:1-5 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times (kairos) of difficulty.² For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,³ heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good,⁴ treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,⁵ having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power.

The Different Terrains crossed by the People of God

...Different “Kairos Maps” take Unique Grace and Particular Sort of Faith to Cross!

Deut 6:1-14 ...Insights from the Plains of Moab about Maps and Terrain

- **A Moment with a New Map** ...Previous 'maps' had different terrain: Abraham's map ...The Goshen Map ...The Exodus Map ...The Deuteronomy Map

○ **NOTICE: All these maps are NOT THE SAME!! ...**

- Your PERSONAL Life Map can undergo significant, even radical shifts!—and these can be Very Disorienting, when they catch us off-guard!

WARNING: The “Christian Life Map” that you Used and grew familiar with in the 80's, 90's and early 2000's is NOT THE LAND that you find yourself in in 2018!! ...