

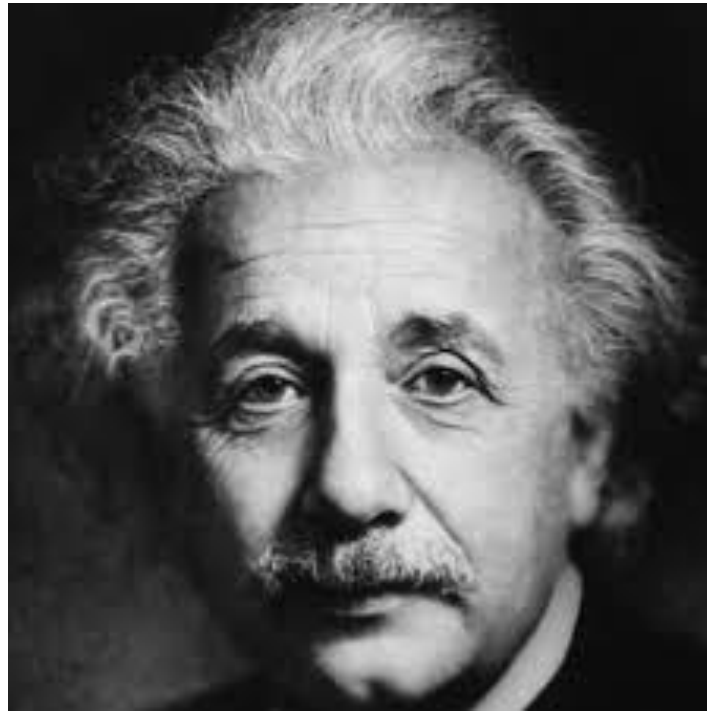


As the old year has gone and the new begun we think of what has past and consider the future.

It's all about time. Where did it all go, what lies ahead ?

Time is funny stuff.

Albert Einstein's theory of Relativity



Time runs slower wherever gravity is strongest, and this is because gravity curves space-time.

It works on mountains.



Another strange thing is that time only goes forward



So this won't work.

Time Machine



When did time begin ? Was it always there ?



Some people suggest a big bang start off
a loooooooong time ago.

Wrong date and wrong method but right idea. It started !
It started when God said “Let there be ...”

So that tells us God exists outside of time.

Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting
you are God

Psalm 90:1-2



He sees over all time

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. 2 Peter 3:8



This gives us an understanding of the nature of prophecy.

It is not a calculated guess.

God has infinite knowledge of all.

So for him to reveal the future – simple !



With God time behaves differently

3 example areas

1. In creation



The master of the feast said, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.”

John 2:10

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2. In salvation



“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.” John 17:6

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2. In salvation

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Psalm 22:1



And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name. Revelation 14:11

With God time behaves differently

3. on the “last day” time ends



He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” Revelation 21:4

the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.
Revelation 22:5

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Remember eternal life begins NOW by faith in
the Saviour



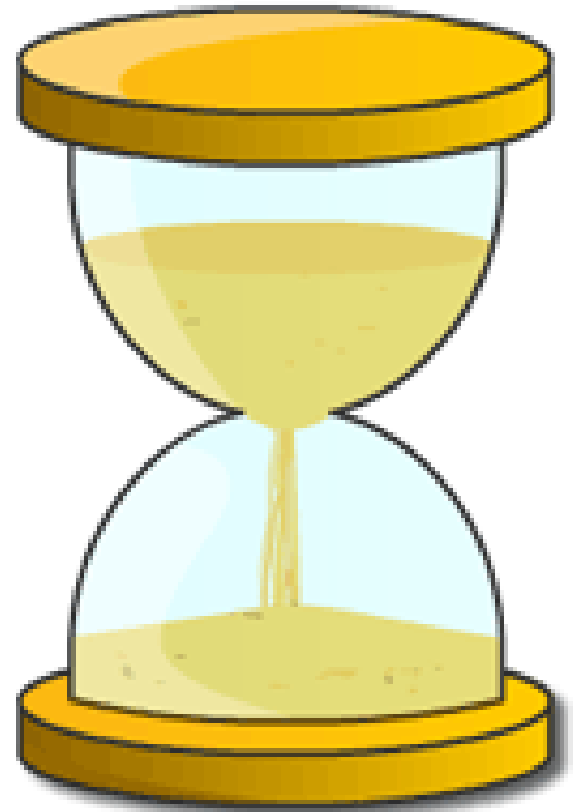
Jesus said, "The time has come. The kingdom of
God has come near. Repent and believe the
good news!" Mark 1:15

But what about Time for us

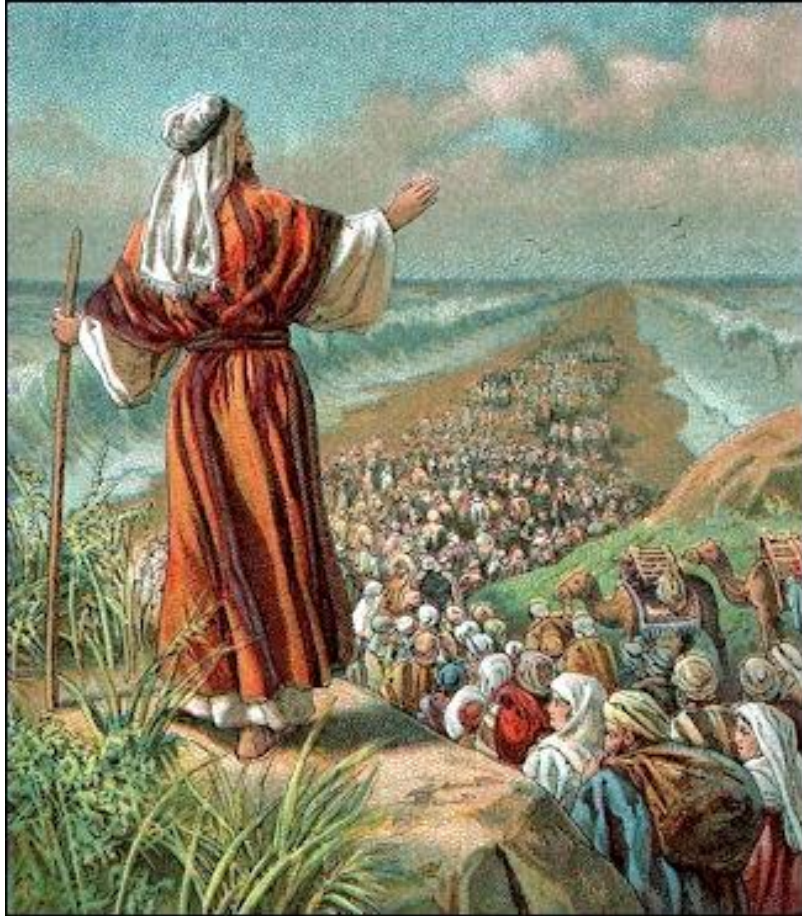
Don't let your imagination fool you.
All we have is today.

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit" — yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."

James 4:13-15



Teach us to number our days



The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you? So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:10-12

today is important

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, “In a favourable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favourable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

2 Corinthians 6:1-2



This is the Lord's promise for today



This is the result of our union with him

Hebrews 13:8
Jesus Christ



Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

Revelation 1:4-5

The eternally present God



Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” Exodus 3:13-14

A Break in cloudy sky

There is more above and beyond what we can see.



But where the beam touches our time and place it brings something of that to here.

What makes a break in a cloudy sky?



Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1