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<u>"In the Know"</u> Abraham (Part 12)

"No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you." (John 15:15)

Now for the Bad News...

<u>Genesis 18:17-21</u> – (17) "The LORD said, '<u>Shall I hide from Abraham what I am</u> <u>about to do</u>, (18) seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? (19) For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.' (20) Then the LORD said, '<u>Because</u> <u>the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave</u>, (21) I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.'"

God Makes His Friends Aware

"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, <u>and he will declare to you the things that are to come</u>." (John 16:13)

"Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all— so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed." (Luke 17:28-31)

"Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <u>For you yourselves are fully aware</u> that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief." (1 Thessalonians 5:1-4)

God Warns His Friends to Steer Clear

"And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, '<u>Save yourselves from this crooked generation</u>."" (Acts 2:40)

"After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory. And he called out with a mighty voice, 'Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast. For all nations have drunk the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living.' Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, 'Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues'" (Revelation 18:1-4)

Questions to Ponder:

(1) Am I keeping sober and attentive to the times in reference to the coming of the Lord? (Luke 21:36; 1 Chron. 12:32; Matt. 25:1-13)
(2) Am I being careful not to be assimilated into or accommodative of the world system that is going to perish under God's judgment? (Rom. 12:2; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17)