

## **"The Ox and Lamb kept time..."**

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Last week I ended my word with a thought, "Yesterday is today. Today is tomorrow. Tomorrow was yesterday". I mentioned that this phrase has been ringing around within me for a few weeks. Shortly after I wrote that word out something happened. I was running errands and listening to Christmas songs in my car as I traveled to each destination. One of my favorites came on the radio and I heard a line in it that I never truly heard before. The song is "Little Drummer Boy" and the line is 'The ox and lamb kept time; pa rum pum pum pum'.

When I grabbed hold of that line in the song I was in awe. The Ox is representative of God Almighty in some historical views and the Lamb...well we know The Lamb is representative of Jesus The Christ. "The Ox and Lamb kept time...". I don't know if the writer of the song consciously knew what they were writing at the time. As a writer myself, there are times I write a lyric and have no idea of its full meaning until much later.

What is rising in my spirit is that the Lord wants us to seriously pay attention to the times and the seasons of the world but also within ourselves. Here is one thing I noticed. I do not believe it is coincidence that Chanukah started around Thanksgiving last year and coincides with the Christmas holiday this year. Humans can try to manipulate time, space and seasons all they want but God Almighty has the final say in every matter. (Get it? 'Matter'-like substance? Ok. Just me.)

I leave you with a few Biblical thoughts and an awesome rendition of "Little Drummer Boy" by Pentatonix. We all have a drum that plays on its own. It's called the heart.

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 14-15 - To everything there is a season,  
A time for every purpose under heaven:  
2 A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a  
time to pluck what is planted;  
3 A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And  
a time to build up;  
4 A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a  
time to dance;  
5 A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A  
time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing;  
6 A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time  
to throw away;**

7 A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak;

8 A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace....14 I know that whatever God does, It shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, And nothing taken from it. God does it, that men should fear before Him. 15 That which is has already been, And what is to be has already been; And God requires an account of what is past.

Revelation 1:3 - Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

Revelation 22:10 - And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand....

Psalm 62:8 - Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah

Me and my drum (my heart) will play for You, Lord, forever. Help me to continue to stay open to You.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=VZC3WB4S0n8>

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