

Hong Kong Lens

No. 7



Dear Friends,

Choice greetings from Hong Kong in the wonderful name of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ!

I have been in Hong Kong for 7 months. Wherever God puts me, I am interested to discern the spiritual condition of the city and the nation I am in. I also want to know God's heart and His thoughts for Hong Kong and China, and of course the wider world at this time.

I know God is doing different things in different parts of the world today. **One common theme is that God is trying to get people to wake up, take note of the dire predicament we are in, and put our hope and trust in Jesus.**

In addition, I want to know what the church leaders are hearing from the Holy Spirit, reflected in what they are doing in the churches. For this reason, I have visited a number of churches that differ in size and target groups. Amazingly, their messages are also different.

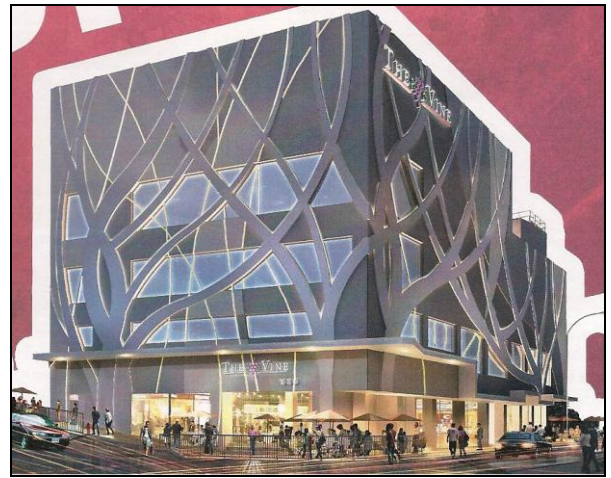
Roughly 5% of the 7.5-million population in Hong Kong attend church every Sunday. The majority of the churches are under 100 people in size.

One church (The Vine) I visited is about 1000 people, with multiple services in a 200 capacity venue. It is one of the few English speaking churches in HK. Some 300 of the congregation are asylum seekers. Clearly they have a heart for the "little ones", whom they provide financial help in food and housing subsidy. The pastors are hoping that the asylum seekers will continue to spread the Gospel whichever country they are accepted by in future.

The Vine has recently acquired a cinema on a 15-year lease. They are renovating the building and adding a mezzanine floor through fund raising of some HK\$60m. I can see that they are planning long term.



The Vine (Before)



The Vine (After)

Another church (Church of Zion) I visited is over 2000 strong, very organized with ushers wearing very smart uniforms. The pastor is kind of hinting that the 7 year tribulation has already started in 2009 and they, in some agreement with the movie "2012", are expecting something dramatic to take place in 2012!

They quoted the Illuminati as the chief agent of Satan and that America has been hijacked to do the devil's work.

The pastor is preparing his congregation for the final battle!



7 Year Tribulation Timeline



**7 Year Tribulation
(The Pyramid on the US Dollar)**

A few smaller churches (all around 50 people) I have visited are basically trying their best to take care of the congregation like a family, with no particular vision or direction.

Personally, I do not want to predict when Jesus will return a 2nd time. Indeed, only our Father in Heaven knows the time and the hour. But I do believe the time is near.

The signs of the End of the Age that Jesus talked about in Matthew 24 are increasing in number and frequency – earthquake, natural disasters, man-made crisis such as war, financial problems.....

[Matt 24:3-25 NIV]

3 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

4 Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you.

6 You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.

7 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

8 All these are the beginning of birth pains.

9 "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me.

10 At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other,

11 and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.

12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold,

13 but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

15 "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel-let the reader understand-

21 For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now-and never to be equaled again.

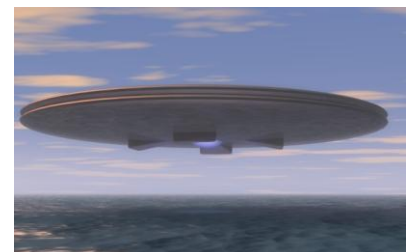
22 If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

24 For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect-if that were possible.

25 See, I have told you ahead of time.

The key scriptures are v4 & v24. Satan biggest weapon is **deception – to deceive even the elect!**

One of the great signs and miracles is UFO (Unidentified Flying Objects).



The United Nations has recently decided to take the lead on the possibility of an alien form arriving on earth seeking to speak to the person in charge. Rather than delegating this task to the US President or the leader of any other country or religious leader such as the Pope, the UN is tipped to select Malaysian astrophysicist Mazian Othman (Head of Office for Outer Space Affairs).

In anticipation of her appointment, Mazian spoke to fellow scientists at a scientific Royal Society conference in Buckinghamshire:

"The continued search for extraterrestrial communication, by several entities, sustains the hope that some day humankind will receive signals from extraterrestrials.

When we do, we should have in place a co-ordinated response that takes into account all the sensitivities related to the subject.

The UN is a ready-made mechanism for such co-ordination."

Jesus, having warned His disciples about the signs of End of the Age in [Matthew 24], talked about the 10 virgins in [Matthew 25] as an exhortation.

[Matt 25:1-13 NIV]

- 1 "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.
- 2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise.
- 3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them.
- 4 The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps.
- 5 The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.
- 6 "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'
- 7 "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps.
- 8 The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'
- 9 "'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you....'
- 10 "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.
- 11 "Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!'
- 12 "But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.'
- 13 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Let us be wise and be ever ready, like the 5 virgins with the lamp lit all the time and keeping oil in jars as supply. Let us continue to preach the Gospel and build God's church until the very end. Amen!

With love & prayers in Christ,



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