

THE NEXT TIME!

Like so many others, I like trivia. It is interesting to hear and share little tidbits of information that are rare themselves or that are little known by others. Perhaps you have heard the following information about the early occurrence of Easter this year. Easter occurs on the Sunday following the first full moon of spring (which is why it is different from year to year).

The earliest it can possibly be is March 22 and the latest is April 25. This year it will be March 23. The last time it was this early was in 1913 and the next time it will occur will be in 2160. The last time Easter was on March 22 (its earliest possible date) was in 1818, and the next time it will occur will be 2285. To witness Easter on its latest date of April 25 is not quite as rare. It last occurred in 1943 and will happen again in 2038.

One point of interest in regards to this is the precision of the universe. When you think about it, it is amazing that we can know when such an event occurred in the past and can tell with absolute certainty when it will occur next based merely upon the movements of the celestial bodies. That is design! And design demands a designer! *“For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God”* (Heb. 3:4).

Another point of interest (and a very sobering thought) from this trivial matter is that the next time Easter occurs this early, none of us will be alive. Our world (if it still stands) will have changed in so many respects. The next 150 years will likely bring improvements in technology, communication, transportation, medicine, and most other areas.

Those of us who live today will not be around to witness these things. That is simply the fact of the matter (Heb. 9:27). However, that time will find us still in existence- either in torment or paradise. So, where will you be the next time Easter occurs this early? You won't be on earth, but you will be somewhere. Where that is depends on what you do now with God's word. Think about it.