



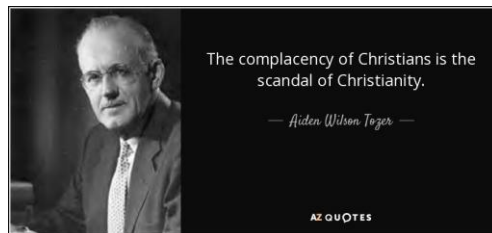
PROPHECY UPDATE 2023 “OH MY GOSH!”

Here we are, one year from our last Prophecy Update and over this last year there has not been much happening in regard to Bible prophecy!

Just kidding. There is so much and for many Christians today, they are like “*Oh my gosh!*” In other words, they are fearful, they are mad, they are angry, they want to call fire down from heaven to destroy all these wicked people!



On the other end of the spectrum are those Christians who just don't care, they don't think the Lord is coming back and thus, they are happy to live in this world! Are you kidding me.



I don't know about you, but each year I feel more like an alien or a stranger and the reason being, this is not my home.

My home is in heaven with the Lord, and I am eagerly waiting for His return.

And please understand that Paul thought the Lord was coming back in His day and we see this in I Thessalonians 4:17, as Paul speaks of the Rapture of the Body of Christ, the Church and the dead in Christ will rise first and then he goes on to say, **“Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”**

Did you see that?

Paul said, **“Then WE who are alive and remain”** and the point is that when Paul says **“we”** he is speaking of the Lord returning in His day, that he would see this day.

Now some may say that was almost 2,000 years ago and it hasn't happened yet. Please understand, it is God's timing and I think it is close. But no matter what, each generation should have that hope of the return of the Lord, looking for Him.

Paul said that in Titus 2:13, **“looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.”**

Satan loves to take our hope away and get our eyes focused on what is going on here and what is going on there. We should be looking for the return of the Lord and the things we do should show that we believe He is coming soon.



And as much as people try to discourage us regarding the return of the Lord, Paul tells Titus to, “**Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.**” Titus 2:15.

Don't let others cause you to be silent about the days we are living in and the soon return of the Lord.



In fact, if you are anxious, worried, mad, angry or whatever. Listen to what Paul said is the solution to this problem. It is born out of what Paul said regarding the Rapture of the church and he tells us in I Thessalonians 4:18, “**Therefore comfort one another with these words.**”



In other words, as bad as it may get, keep your eyes on Jesus.

As bad as it may get, know He is coming back.

As bad as it may get, one day you will be spending eternity with Him.

Do you see the comfort that looking for Jesus is to our lives. Don't be worried. Don't be anxious. Don't be mad. Rest in Jesus because He is our ***BLESSED HOPE!***

Now let me ask you this, because we are going to look at Bible prophecy.

What is the key to Bible prophecy?

There can be many answers to that question but to me, the answer is simple. Israel and the Jewish people!

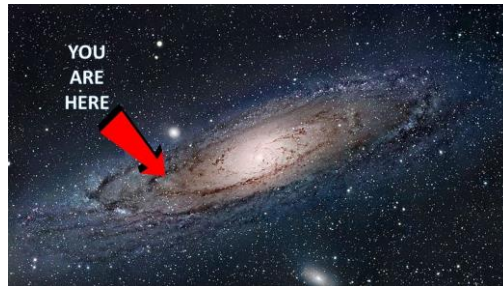


If you get this wrong, then your understanding of the end times or last days is going to be off, way off!

You see, if God is done with Israel, then His promise to them was nothing more than a lie! But, as we are told in Jeremiah 31:35-37, **“Thus says the Lord, Who gives the sun for a light by day, The ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who disturbs the sea, And its waves roar (The Lord of hosts is His name): ‘If those ordinances depart From before Me, says the Lord, Then the seed of Israel shall also cease from being a nation before Me forever.’ Thus says the Lord: ‘If heaven above can be measured, And the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel For all that they have done, says the Lord.”**

God is saying that if you ever see the sun stop shining, the stars fade away, if you can measure the universe, then Israel will be cast off by God. Now some say we have measured the universe. That is not true.

This blew me away because we hear of the universe being some 15 billion light years in diameter, but we are now being told, ***“Recent measurements reveal that the Universe is at least 150 billion light-years in diameter.”*** (<http://www.universetoday.com/37409/how-big-is-the-universe/>)



And yet we still don't know, so we have not been able to measure the universe!

And the reality is that you will not see that happen because God has not and will not forsake Israel.

Why is that?

The reason is simple. Back in chapter 15 of Genesis God made an unconditional covenant with Abraham. This covenant was unilateral and not based upon the faithfulness of man, but of God. And you can take that to the bank. Israel will not be forsaken by God! This is an everlasting covenant that He made with them and as you can see here, God will not have them cease from being a nation and He will not forsake them!

And listen how this chapter concludes because it speaks of the Kingdom Age and the restoration of the land by God.

In Jeremiah 31:38-40 we are told, **“Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, that the city shall be built for the Lord from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate. The surveyor’s line shall again extend straight forward over the hill Gareb; then it shall turn toward Goath. And the whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields as far as the Brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall be holy to the Lord. It shall not be plucked up or thrown down anymore forever.”**

The boundaries given here show us that when Jerusalem is rebuilt in the Kingdom Age it will be significantly larger than it originally was. Not only that, but it will stand forever. Thus, this is a prophecy concerning the Kingdom yet to come during the Millennium and the Jewish people who have given their life to the Lord will also be there!

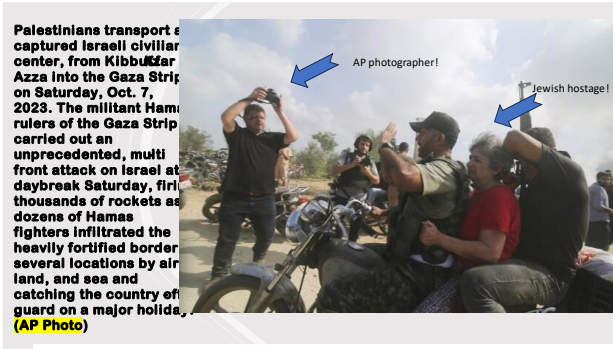
And keep in mind that the Jews are the focus as Daniel chapter 9 tells us. There is still that last seven-year period of time that God is dealing with the nation of Israel, and we call that the Tribulation Period. It is here that the Jews will come to their Messiah, to Jesus and be saved and, as I have said, enter into the Millennial reign of Jesus!

As you look at the events that have transpired over the last few months, I think all eyes are focused on Israel and what is happening.

I think all of you are aware of this.

Back on October 7th Hamas terrorists invaded the Israeli neighborhoods around the Gaza Strip and killed 1400 Jews.





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Israel response is to destroy Hamas and to do this they have invaded Gaza to retrieve the 237 hostages still held by Hamas, to root out the terrorists who orchestrated the attack, and to demilitarize the Gaza Strip. Some have been released and praise the Lord for that. But some have been brutally murdered!



With all these brutal attacks upon Jewish men, women and children, you would think the world would be outraged but instead, look at the pro-Palestinian protests that are happening around the world and even in our country. Look at some of the government officials that are supporting this Palestinian attack against the Jewish people.



Osman Umarji, a Lecturer at the School of Education at the University of California, Irvine, during a lecture on November 10, he stated: ***“The Zionists have been exposed for the criminals and blood-thirsty animals that they are. This is a gift from Allah to the world.”***

He also remarked: ***“This is a chance for us. Allah is giving us a golden opportunity. Every now and then, with His divine wisdom, He sends reminders to us, whether it was 9/11 or the Second Intifada, or some other issue that is waking the Muslims’ spirit.”***

Not only that, but Danny Shaw, Adjunct Lecturer of Latin American and Caribbean Studies and Race, Ethnicity, Class and Gender at the City University of New York, at a Sunday, October 15, 2023, rally, he reportedly shouted, ***“Zionism is a trap. Go back to your true history. Go back to Yiddish land! . . . This is not Israel vs. Hamas. This is a Zionist extermination campaign that began in 1948.”***

Shaw has tweeted numerous denigrating comments about Zionism in the wake of the Hamas massacres, posting on October 16 that *“Zi^nists are straight Babylon swine. We need to protest their neighborhoods. Where is your humanity? Why are you racist arrogant bullies? You think you are better than others? Zionism is beyond a mental illness. It’s a genocidal disease. #Israel #gaza #gaza_genocide”* and later that day, *“Zionist[s are] the most despicable form of human being.”*

And I can go on but just listen to what is born out of that hatred. Listen to the slogans that they are displaying in support of the butchering of Jews that occurred on October 7th.

“End the Occupation.”



What they are saying is that the Jews have no indigenous claim to the land and are modern-day colonizers.

That is funny to me because they have been in the land of Israel for some 3,000 years and Islam was not even established until around 610 A. D.



Please understand that the concept of “*Palestinians*” is one that did not exist until about 1948 when the Arab inhabitants, of what until then was Palestine, wished to differentiate themselves from the Jews.

Until then, the Jews were the Palestinians. They had the Palestinian Brigade which was made up of Jewish volunteers in the British World War II Army. Keep in mind that at a time the Palestinian Arabs were in Berlin hatching plans with Adolph Hitler for world conquest and how to kill all the Jews.

There was the Palestinian Symphony Orchestra, all Jews, of course.

And there was The Palestine Post, a Jewish newspaper and so much more!

Then why do we hear so much about Palestinians today?

Keep in mind that the Arabs who now call themselves “*Palestinians*” do so in order to persuade a misinformed world that they are a distinct nationality, and that “*Palestine*” is their ancestral homeland.

But they are not a distinct nationality at all. They are the same – in language, custom, and tribal and family ties – as the Arabs of Syria, Jordan, and beyond.

Also, many of the “*Palestinians*” or their immediate ancestors came to the area attracted by the prosperity created by the Jews, in what previously had been pretty much of a wasteland.

Dave Hunt gives us insight into this idea of a Palestinian. He wrote,

To the British Peel Commission in 1937, a local Arab leader testified, “*There is no such country as Palestine. ‘Palestine’ is a term the Zionists invented . . .*”

Professor Philip Hitti, Arab historian, testified to an Anglo-American Committee of inquiry in 1946, “*There is no such thing as Palestine in history – absolutely not!*”

To the UN Security Council on May 31, 1956, Ahmed Shukairy declared, ***“It is common knowledge that Palestine is nothing but southern Syria.”***

Eight years later, in 1964, Shukairy became the founding chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization and coined the infamous slogan, ***“[W]e’ll drive the Jews into the sea.”***

And he wasn’t even a ***“Palestinian”!***

Like Arafat, he was born in Cairo. The Palestinian Liberation Organization was not founded by Palestinians but has been used to exploit these abused people in Islam’s war against Israel.

- Dave Hunt, Judgment Day! - pp. 82-83

And please understand that the Arabs control 99.9 percent of the Middle East lands.



Israel represents one-tenth of 1 percent of the landmass and yet, the so-called Palestinians want it all!

But whose land is it.

Listen to what God has told us in His Word.

The land belongs to the Jews, God has given it to them, and it was His in the first place and it is still His!

In Genesis 12:7 we are told, **“Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, ‘To your descendants I will give this land.’ And there he built an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.”**

That is pretty clear; the land of Israel belongs to the Jews!

In Genesis 13:15 we are told, **“for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.”**

Think about this for a minute. This land that God gave to Israel is theirs forever! Has that ended? No, it is ***FOREVER!***

And think about this for a minute. The word **“Israel”** is mentioned 2,565 times in 2,293 verses in The King James Version of the Bible.

The city of **“Jerusalem”** is found 811 times in 764 verses.

Now in contrast the word **“Jerusalem”** is not even found once, not even once in the Qur’an and yet Muslims claim that this city is their third holiest city!

The Jews have been in the land of Israel continuously for about 3,000 years, not so with the so-called Palestinians!

And the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque are located where?



They are located in Jerusalem, and they have been built upon the site of Solomon's Temple and Herod's Temple or the beautification of the Jews rebuilding the Temple after it was destroyed by the Babylonians. My point is simple. The Temple and all that land where the Temple was located was there a few thousand years before these structures were built upon it!

With this hatred of the Jewish people growing, we are seeing these protest groups from around the world and again, even in our government, and they are saying things like, ***“From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free!”***



Now many don't see a problem with that, they only want a Palestinian state. But think about that for a minute. From the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea presupposes the elimination of modern-day Israel!

But, as we have seen, the Jews have been in this land longer than any other people and God has given them this land, so they do have the right to live there, they do have the right to exist!

Why am I focusing so much upon Israel and the Middle East? Because that is the focus, like I have said, of the last days or the end times. It is the focus of the seven-year Tribulation Period!

I want to show you how this is playing out and will play out.

Not many people teach on the book of Hosea and not many teachers deal with what I am going to share with you this morning. This is not some new insight but when you hear what is being spoken, you will see how this is speaking about the Jewish people and what has happened to them and what will happen to them.

First of all, in Hosea 5:15 we are told, **“I will return again to My place Till they acknowledge their offense. Then they will seek My face; In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me.”**

This is speaking of the Lord returning to His place but there is a stipulation to how long He will remain there. What is that stipulation?

Until Israel acknowledges their offense. And I will deal with what their offense is in a minute.

When did God leave His place, Heaven?

It is called the Incarnation when God became flesh and dwelt among us.

In the First Coming of Jesus Christ, when God became flesh and dwelt among us, He was rejected by His people, the Jews.

John 1:11 tells us, **“He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.”**

He then was crucified on the cross of Calvary, resurrected on the third day and returned to glory, to heaven.

How long will He stay there?

As I have said, until Israel acknowledges their sin of rejecting Him!

Have they done that yet as a nation?

No, individual Jews have come to saving faith but not the nation.

So the prerequisite to the Lord's return is Israel calling upon Him to return! And we see that played out for us in Hosea 6:1-2 where we are told, **"Come, and let us return to the Lord; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight."**

I believe this is part of the prayer of the Jewish people as they call upon the Lord, as they recognize Jesus as their Messiah. **"Come, and let us return to the LORD . . ."**

But before they call upon Him, they must recognize their sin and see that this judgment that has come upon them is because of their rebellion against God.

We also see this spoken of in Matthew 23:39 where we are told, **"for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'"**

I believe this is that call!

How long have the Jewish people been stricken?

Almost 2,000 years!

Yes, God has revived them physically, but not spiritually yet.

During the Tribulation Period many Jews will get saved and it will climax at the end of the Tribulation Period as the nation of Israel will call upon Jesus and He will forgive them of their sins and revive them spiritually.

And as the third day begins or the beginning of the 3,000th year, God will restore them as He returns to set-up His Kingdom.

Think about this for a minute. Just as Hosea took back his unfaithful wife, so too will the Lord take back unfaithful Israel!

Do you see the importance of understanding where Israel is during this period of time and where the Church is, with the Lord!

Let me give you a summary of what we are seeing happening in the Middle East. It should only take a few hours! Just kidding.

But I want you to understand how things are playing out here and where this is leading to according to the Bible.

I think what happened on October 7th, when Hamas terrorists invaded the Israeli neighborhoods around the Gaza Strip and killed 1400 Jews and not only that, but they also committed heinous and unspeakable crimes in the process, was the tipping point for the Jews!

And, as we have seen, Israel has since invaded Gaza to retrieve the 237 hostages still held by Hamas, to root out the terrorists who orchestrated the attack, and to demilitarize the Gaza Strip. Some of those hostages have been released by Hamas, but this is just a ploy to stop Israel from destroying this terrorist organization.

In seeing all that has happened, how does this play out in regard to Bible prophecy or does it even play out!

I think it does and let me share with you what I think is going to take place, maybe not with this war, but a war that is coming that will then lead to a time of peace before the Ezekiel 38 and 39 war breaks out.

Let me share with you what Psalm 83:1-8 has to say and then I will expound on these verses because I don't believe that this has happened yet. We are told, **“Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold Your peace, And do not be still, O God! For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; And those who hate You have lifted up their head. They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, And consulted together against Your sheltered ones. They have said, ‘Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, That the name of Israel may be remembered no more.’ For they have consulted together with one consent; They form a**

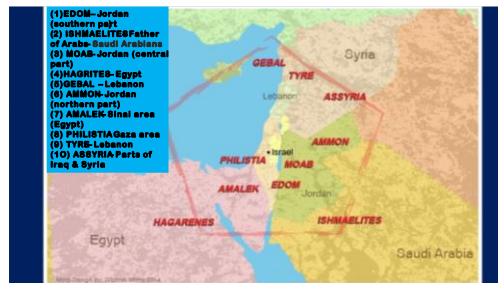
confederacy against You: The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab and the Hagriles; Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assyria also has joined with them; They have helped the children of Lot.”

One of the things that I want you to notice is what these nations that have come together want to do to the Jewish people, to Israel, they want to destroy them, wipe them off the face of the earth.

Now that may seem a little dramatic, but listen to what is being said, **“Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, That the name of Israel may be remembered no more.”**

I think that is pretty clear and when you listen to what these nations are saying after this attack on Israel back on October 7th, it fits in with what Asaph is saying here in Psalm 83!

Who are these nations that Asaph is speaking of?



- (1) EDOM – Jordan (southern part)
- (2) ISHMAELITES – Father of Arabs - Saudi Arabians
- (3) MOAB – Jordan (central part)
- (4) HAGRILES – Egypt
- (5) GEBAL – Lebanon
- (6) AMMON – Jordan (northern part)
- (7) AMALEK – Sinai area (Egypt)

(8) PHILISTIA – Gaza area

(9) TYRE – Lebanon

(10) ASSYRIA – Parts of Iraq & Syria

At this point, there is a lot of noise from these countries, but nothing is really being done, not yet. And for Hamas in Gaza, Israel has vowed to completely wipe them out and that is starting to stir these other nations against Israel!

So I don't think this war is going to lead into the war of Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 because with that war we are told in Ezekiel 38:8-12, **“After many days you will be visited. In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely. You will ascend, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud, you and all your troops and many peoples with you. Thus says the Lord God: ‘On that day it shall come to pass that thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will make an evil plan: You will say, “I will go up against a land of unwalled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates - to take plunder and to take booty, to stretch out your hand against the waste places that are again inhabited, and against a people gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land.””**

In the latter years or days Israel will be restored to the Jewish people, they will come back into the land. And we see Ezekiel chapter 37 speak of that and it became a reality back in 1948 and continues on today, in spite of the Arab nations that surround her wanting to destroy her!

The key for me is that today, Israel is not living in peace, and I think that maybe after this war against Hamas, and Hezbollah as well as these other nations that Asaph spoke of is over, after Israel defeats them, maybe there is a time of peace before this next invasion comes upon them with Russia and her Muslim allies!



Again, I don't know if this war with Hamas will turn into these other nations spoken of in Psalm 83 joining together or not, but I do believe we have a rest were Israel will be at peace, something that they have not enjoyed since they became a nation, but this peace will evolve into the war with Gog and Magog as Ezekiel tells us!

As I have said, Israel is the focus of the end times but there are many other things that will be happening as the Bible tells us.

But what about the last days church, what has happened to it?

Let me be clear on this. The true believers will be raptured or caught up to meet the Lord in the air. The Bible is very clear on that. And, as I have said so many times before and no one has been able to answer this question, ***“If the church remained on the earth during the Tribulation Period that would mean that God would be pouring His judgment upon His Bride before He marries her! How can that be?”***



Now some would argue that the church is spoken of in Revelation chapter 7 and is represented by the 144,000 that are sealed. But if you look carefully, that is speaking of 144,000 Jewish men who get saved and there are 12,000 each of the 12 tribes of Israel! Not only that, but they are virgins and the people I have talked to about this being the church were not virgins, none of them! So that is wrong, and it is easy to prove. (Revelation 14:1-5)

The Bible is clear, we are looking for our blessed hope Jesus Christ and if we went through the Tribulation Period, the next person we would be looking for is the Antichrist, but the Bible never tells us to do that because we are taken up to be with our Bridegroom, Jesus before the Antichrist is revealed or that first seal judgment opened!

If you want more on the Rapture, look at our in-depth study in I Thessalonians chapter 4 and I will clearly show you that this is an event that is coming, and I believe coming soon!

Now let me also say this. The apostate church will not be taken up in the rapture and you can read of this last day's apostate church in the last letter that Jesus wrote in Revelation chapter 3. This letter is to the church of Laodicea and as you read through this letter you will see that Jesus is not even allowed into this church, but is outside knocking to come in. That is the apostate church of the last days!

How did this happen? Very simply, ***“When the Church stopped teaching fundamental doctrines and the educational system became the indoctrination of secularism and liberalism, it was the perfect storm to create the most gullible, rebellious and dumbest generation.”***

And we can see that apostate philosophy today in the church.

This is amazing to me, but a report from 2022 showed that only 37% of Christian pastors have a biblical worldview, with the predominant worldview among pastors (62%) being syncretism, a hybrid mixture of disparate worldview elements blended into a customized philosophy of life. That would mean that only 1% of pastors have a true Biblical worldview!

So these leaders are teaching the sheep that God has entrusted to them this worldview that accepts sin, flaunts sin, encourages sin because they don't see it as sin. Look at the churches today that embrace the LGBTQ+ lifestyle and some even ordain ministers with that background!

And what these pastors are doing is leading people away from God and to the apostate church of the last days!

Not only that, but this report, from just two years ago, showed that one-third or more of senior pastors believe:

- Sexual relations between two unmarried people who believe they love each other is morally acceptable.
- Determining moral truth is up to each individual; there are no moral absolutes that apply to everyone, all the time.
- The Holy Spirit is not a living entity, but is a symbol of God's power, presence, or purity.
- Having faith matters more than which faith you have.
- Reincarnation is a real possibility.
- A person who is generally good, or does enough good things for others, can earn a place in Heaven.
- Socialism is preferable to capitalism.
- Allowing property ownership facilitates economic injustice.
- The Bible is ambiguous in its teaching about abortion, enabling you to make a strong argument either for or against abortion based on biblical principles.

And what has happened, to spread these false teachings, is that the music industry, the movie industry, the entertainment industry in general, for Christians, has promoted aberrant Biblical doctrine and so many Christians don't see it. In other words, instead of reading the Bible or comparing what the Bible has to say with these movies and shows and books, they take these to be true even though they contradict the Bible. Even solid Christians can be taken in by these things, it is called – ***DECEPTION!***



And here is how this all works. When we see things with our eyes and hear them with our ears, they tend to impact us more and we tend to believe them!

I will give you an example and that is from the television series ***The Chosen!***



It is the story about Jesus and the production of this series is done very well. That is not the problem.

The problem comes with the content, it is not Biblical!

Let me clarify that. Some of it is Biblical and here lies the problem – ***SOME OF IT!***

That means some of it is not Biblical and thus, it opens the viewer up to deception!

As you watch this series maybe you notice that Jesus takes on a more human role. Which, nothing wrong with that because Jesus, in the Incarnation was fully God and fully man.

The problem comes when you take His deity away. What do I mean by that?

In one of the episodes, we see one of Jesus' disciples helping Him recite His lines for His sermon on the Mount! I don't think Jesus needed help here and how many times did He have to correct His men because they were wrong in what they believed!

Now for many, not a big deal but when you understand that *The Chosen* has a CEO and Executive Producer who is a Mormon, it is a big deal. The reason being is that Mormon's do not believe that Jesus is Almighty God but a man who attained godhood!

Do you see the danger. And it may be a little here and a little there but like poison, it will finally kill you!

And this is all the preliminary indoctrination for the religions of the world to come together to be a part of a one world religion, which will ultimately be headed by the false prophet or the wolf in sheep's clothing!

Listen to what is being said regarding this one world religion and keep in mind that for the Christian church to be a part of this, they will have to compromise what they believe and ultimately Jesus will not be allowed into that church, not the Jesus of the Bible!

We are told,

“Different people think of different versions of ‘God’ - a loving father or a fearful punishing ghoul. These are incompatible, irreconcilable - and you thought having ‘one world religion’ or ‘one God’ would unite humanity?”

- Christina Engela, Author of Science Fiction book – Loderunner

“I hold that it is the duty of every cultured man or woman to read sympathetically the scriptures of the world. If we are to respect others’ religions as we would have them to respect our own, a friendly study of the world’s religions is a sacred duty.”

- Mahatma Gandhi

From the United Nations, listen to what they wrote back in 1981. The title of this is - **Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief**, and it was Proclaimed by General Assembly resolution 36/55 of 25. This is what part of it said,

Article 1

1. Everyone shall have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion. This right shall include freedom to have a religion or whatever belief of his choice, and freedom, either individually or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in worship, observance, practice and teaching.

[That sounds good. Everyone has the right to worship as they please.]

2. No one shall be subject to coercion which would impair his freedom to have a religion or belief of his choice.

[Now this is getting a little cloudy. Do they mean you can’t share your faith; you can’t witness to others so that they can come to Jesus and receive the gift of life that is only found in Him? It seems to be saying that and when you look at point three, I think you will see how this all plays out.]

3. Freedom to manifest one's religion or belief may be subject only to such limitations as are prescribed by law and are necessary to protect public safety, order, health or morals or the fundamental rights and freedoms of others.

[Now it will be up to the government to tell you if you can practice your faith. If it goes against what they want, then you won't! Do you see how dangerous this is and what was stated back in 1981, is getting closer and closer to implementation as Agenda 2030 draws near!]

That is where we are headed in regard to the one world religion and the church has moved so far away from Jesus that what this religion will desire, removal of the Biblical Jesus, they have already given up!

Apostasy, and we can spend a lot of time on this, but I think you get the idea, will be a big part of the last days scenario, and we are seeing that played out for us today!

What I want to focus on now is what Jesus said in Matthew chapter 24 as He was sharing with His men what the end times or the last days would be like, the Tribulation Period. And yes, this is not for us, but listen to what Jesus says here and I believe we are seeing pre-labor pains or this world preparing to enter into the seven-year Tribulation Period.

These pre-labor pains, also called Braxton Hicks contractions are very familiar to women who are preparing to go into labor, and I believe we are seeing what Jesus spoken of here beginning to happen and preparing the world for what is coming and ultimately the birth of the Kingdom Age!

This is what we are told, **“And Jesus answered and said to them: ‘Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.”** Matthew 24:4-8.

Again, if we are seeing these things happening or beginning to happen, that means that the labor is getting close. And keep in mind that **“the beginning of sorrows”** is literally saying ***“the beginning of birth pangs.”***

Jesus starts out with a warning about deception that is related to religious practices, wars, famines, pestilences, earthquakes! Now I am not saying that these things will not happen, but don't be deceived by them, don't fall prey to where they are leading you.

We need to be focused on Jesus and I am sorry to say, for many, they are focused on all these things that are happening in the world. I am not saying we should not be aware, but if you are spending more time looking at these world events and not in the Bible, something is off.

And what ends up happening is where you are spending your time will be manifested in your life! That is just the way it is.

I am sharing these things with you so that you can stay focused and be aware of the days we are living in. And, as I have said, I don't think this big war in the Middle East is going to happen yet. Remember, Israel is not living in peace, not yet!

Maybe the outcome of what Hamas has done and what Hezbollah is trying to do, who are nothing more than puppets used by Iran, will cause the world to come against them and help support a peace plan for the Middle East with Israel.

And it is out of this time of peace that we see Russia and its Muslim allies come down upon Israel as Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 tell us.



Listen again to what Jesus said, **“For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.”**

I believe there is something that He is hitting on that may blow you away. The Greek word for **“many”** is *POLUS* and it speaks of a very great number, as in millions and millions of people, not just a select few and they will claim to be god, they are false Christ’s!

And look at the teachings of New Ager’s, of health, wealth and prosperity teachers, and many are falling prey to this idea that they are god! I think that is what Jesus is speaking of, the proliferation of man thinking he is god!

I also see this as the opening of the first seal in Revelation 6:1-2 which says, **“Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, ‘Come and see.’ And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.”**

This rider on the white horse is the Antichrist and here is this man who will eventually go into the rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem and demand to be worshiped as God! And the deception here is that they will worship this man as a god!

The next thing Jesus speaks of is wars. And look at what we see, wars all over the place today, terrorism that is only going to increase.

Interestingly enough the word “**will**” in the Greek is **MELLO**, (mel’-lo) and that carries the idea of continual hearing. There will be constant talk of actual wars and of rumors of wars, to a degree the world has never known before.



And look at what we are seeing. Russia invading the Ukraine. We have China trying to take control Hong Kong and they really have.

One report puts it like this, ***“One might think that Chinese authorities, having quashed the pro-democracy protests that erupted in 2019, would ease up. After all, they’ve shuttered all free media, neutered judicial independence, destroyed civil society and suppressed all political opposition. But since last year, the Chinese government has ramped up its effort to snuff out Hong Kong’s autonomy and Hong Kongers’ rights, even while exporting its authoritarianism around the world.”*** (<https://bit.ly/47teAqg>)

Not only that, but China is threatening on attacking Taiwan as well. Again, wars and rumors of wars and this is just the beginning!

We see all that is happening in the Middle East. And it will continue on.

Again, I see this portrayed for us in Revelation. In Revelation 6:3-4 we see the opening of the second seal, and we are told, **“When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, ‘Come and see.’ Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.”**

This of course is speaking of wars like we read in Matthew 24:6-7a.

As we move on in verse 7 of Matthew chapter 24, we see **“famines”** spoken of, **“pestilences”** spoken of, **“earthquakes in various places”** spoken of. Let’s look at these three and see how they too are spoken of in Revelation.



In regard to famine, this is not a big issue in our minds in our country. But in 2023 there continues to be a global food crisis. In 48 countries, 238 million people are facing high levels of acute food insecurity – 10% more than in 2022. And over 18 million people will die of hunger in 2023!

And this is affecting people even in our own country as well.

Now what if there were major wars, what if there was some kind of ecological disaster, some drought?

I think that Revelation 6:5-6 gives us a picture of what that will be like, **“When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, ‘Come and see.’ So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, ‘A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine.’”**

This rider on this black horse has a pair of scales in his hand and we are told that the cost to obtain just the basic necessities of life, food, is going to be very high. It would cost a denarius for a quart of wheat and a denarius for three quarts of barley. Now why did it cost more for wheat? The reason is simple; wheat was better for you and barely had a lower nutritional value than wheat. Barley was often fed to the livestock but if you had a family, you could purchase more barley than wheat and you needed to do what you could to feed your family.

To put this in perspective, a denarius was the daily wage for the workingman. So it would cost you a day’s pay to buy 3 quarts of barley that could feed a family of 3, but barely. A quart of wheat could feed one person.



Next is **“pestilences”** and I think that many times we feel this is speaking of deadly diseases like AIDS and Ebola and others for which there is no known cure. I think that is part of it and it will only get worse. But what about plagues and biological warfare, do they fit into this?

Absolutely as we saw with COVID and the number of people that died from this virus was almost 7 million people. COVID is still around but the variant today is not as deadly as the Delta variant was.

And this looks like it was a deliberate attack on the people of this world as this disease spread from China all over the world!

Let me share this with you and, as you will see, the technology for creating these weapons is growing very quickly!

We are told,

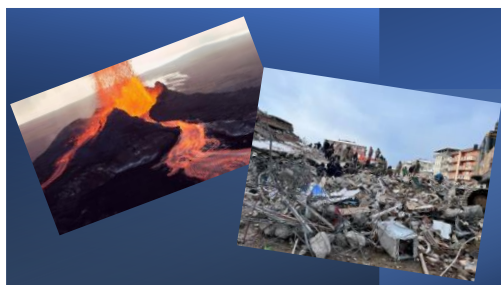
Artificial intelligence and its cutting-edge abilities have been applied to early disease detection and gaining insight into chemical compound reactions, but with this capability to contribute to healthcare also comes great risk when used for nefarious purposes. An existing AI tool identified 40,000 bioweapon chemicals possibilities in the span of six hours.

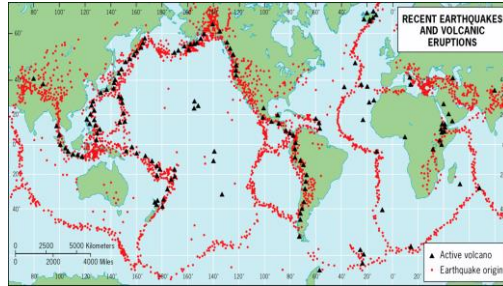
In an experiment, the AI system MegaSyn was trained to detect toxicity molecules, retain them, and create molecule combinations — the exact opposite of what it is intended to perform. Unlike at the start of bioweapons programs, machine learning has progressed far enough that current AI capabilities are able to allow bad actors to flip the switch and go from being a helpful tool of medicine to being a generator of weapons.

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So this is only going to get worse, much worse!

And then there are **“earthquakes in various places”** and I think this includes volcanic eruptions as well.





For volcanoes, there does not seem to be an increase in the number of volcanoes erupting but the problem is that more people are living close enough to be affected by these volcanic eruptions.

For instance, Iceland is preparing for a significant eruption, which has taken place. Because of that the town of Grindavík, a little over an hour's drive from the capital, has been evacuated. Large steaming cracks have opened in the streets.

And earthquakes are varying some but again, with increased populations, when they hit, they are more devastating, they affect more people.

I do believe that volcanic activity and earthquakes will increase over time, but not as the result of what the World Economic Forum tells us. Listen to what they have to say about why there may be an increase in these activities. On their website they tell us,

- Climate change could cause more earthquakes and volcanic eruptions by increasing the weight of water on the Earth's crust.
- When glaciers melt, the water can seep into cracks in the Earth's crust, causing them to widen and weaken.
- This can lead to earthquakes, especially in areas that are already seismically active.
- Climate change can also cause more volcanic eruptions by increasing the amount of magma in the Earth's mantle.

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I know, it sounds crazy, and it is, but to control people, you have to control what they do and where they go and thus, oil, gas is evil, we must run on electric vehicles and things.

But this whole climate thing is becoming religious as well. Let me show you what I mean.

We are told,

At the UN Climate Action summit in 2019, Thunberg lamented, ***“Entire ecosystems are collapsing. . . . If you really understood the situation and still kept on failing to act, then you would be evil.”*** [Again, cataclysmic, we are all going to die! But look back over the years and see how many times these climate activists have said this. It is almost comical but, because so many people are buying into it, this is not going to be good!]

Climate alarmists view the earth as a living organism and see mankind as an infection upon it. And if humans have sinned against the earth, then they surely must repent of their sin and remedy their harm.

In 2019, students at Union Theological Seminary in New York City confessed their sins to plants. The seminary tweeted,

Today in chapel, we confessed to plants. Together, we held our grief, joy, regret, hope, guilt and sorrow in prayer; offering them to the beings who sustain us but whose gift we too often fail to honor.



And in October 2021, the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow, Scotland, made booths available for people to confess their climate sins.

On the final day of the COP26 climate conference, Population Matters, a UK-based charity, advocated for smaller families for the sake of the environment. They displayed the message *“Smaller Families, Cooler Planet”* on a giant inflatable baby.

How should we reduce the size of families? A study published by PubMed.org asserts, *“No nation desirous of reducing its growth rate to 1% or less can expect to do so without the widespread use of abortion.”* These activists view abortion as a means of reducing the world’s surplus population to regulate carbon emissions.

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As we see these things growing, these famines, pestilences, earthquakes and the like, man is going to come up with a humanistic explanation and in the end, it is making the earth a god to be worshiped and man has to submit to it, as crazy as it sounds!

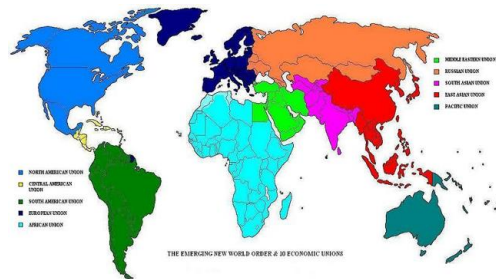
Now, as you read Revelation 6:7-8 you get an overview of the death that these things will bring about, including I believe these pestilences! We are told, **“When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, ‘Come and see.’ So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.”**

Now what period of time are these things taking place? We don’t have to guess because verse 8 tells us the exact period of time these things will happen. **“All these are the beginning of sorrows.”** Matthew 24:9. This is the first 3½ years of the seven-year Tribulation Period.

I believe that we are seeing the pre-labor pains, as I have said. That the Lord is preparing this world for the start of the labor that will lead into the Tribulation Period, then the Great Tribulation or those last 3½ years of the seven-year Tribulation Period leading to the birth of the Kingdom Age!

We see the coming together of the one-world government as the world has already been divided up into 10 Kingdoms, but they have not been established as yet. Keep in mind that these 10 Kingdoms are what Daniel spoke of in Daniel chapter 2, the revived Roman Empire and it is the Antichrist who will emerge from this.

On September 17, 1973, the Club of Rome released this report: Regionalized and Adaptive Model of the Global World System. This document divides the world into ten political/economic regions that they call, interestingly enough, “kingdoms.”



Listen to a few quotes regarding this one world government. We are told,

This present window of opportunity, during which a truly peaceful and interdependent world order might be built, will not be open for too long - We are on the verge of a global transformation. All we need is the right major crisis and the nations will accept the New World Order.

- Davod Rockefeller

To achieve world government, it is necessary to remove from the minds of men, their individualism, loyalty to family traditions, national patriotism and religious dogmas.

- Brock Chisholm

It is the system of nationalist individualism that has to go . . . We are living in the end of the sovereign states . . . In the great struggle to evoke a Westernized World Socialism, contemporary governments may vanish . . . Countless people . . . will hate the new world order . . . and will die protesting against it.

- H. G. Wells

We have before us the opportunity to forge for ourselves and for future generations a new world order, a world where the rule of law, not the law of the jungle, governs the conduct of nations. When we are successful, and we will be, we have a real chance at this new world order, an order in which a credible United Nations can use its peacekeeping role to fulfill the promise and vision of the U.N.'s founders.

- George H. W. Bush

Within the next hundred years . . . nationhood as we know it will be obsolete; all states will recognize a single, global authority . . . National sovereignty wasn't such a great idea after all.

- Strobe Talbott

I think that his [Obama's] task will be to develop an overall strategy for America in this period, when really a New World Order can be created.

- Henry A. Kissinger

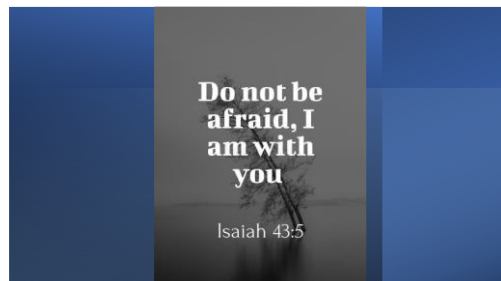
This continues to be the push as America is giving away more and more of its sovereignty and ultimately will become part of this global government!

What does all this mean for us?

I think the Lord tells us what this means for us in Isaiah 44:6-8. We are told, **“Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, And his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: ‘I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God. And who can proclaim as I do? Then let him declare it and set it in order for Me, Since I appointed the ancient people. And the things that are coming and shall come, Let them show these to them. Do not fear, nor be afraid; Have I not told you from that time, and declared it? You are My witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? Indeed there is no other Rock; I know not one.’”**

First of all, only our God knows the beginning from the end, and He has told us these things. No other gods can do that!

He has warned us of what is coming for what reason?



As He said, **“Do not fear nor be afraid”** because we know what is coming and we know that God is in control! Rest in that hope that Jesus is coming back!

And what are we to do with these things?

We are to be a witness to the lost that there is no God but our God and the only peace that will be found is when we place our feet upon the Rock, Jesus Christ! That is what we are to bring to people, repent of your sins and ask Jesus to be your Lord and Savior. It is the Gospel message!

If you don't know Jesus, then you are here or you are listening to this message because God has brought you here. And now you have to make a decision. Are you going to continue on apart from Jesus or are you going to call out to Him and come to saving faith. The choice is yours!

And I will close with this. When you feel anxious about the state of the world. Ask God to give your heart and mind rest as you fix your mind on him. Or as Paul said, **“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”** Philippians 4:6-7.

And how do we accomplish that?

Paul goes on to say, **“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy - meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.”** Philippians 4:8-9.

