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NOTE: In May 2008 we issued what seems to have been our most popular newsletter to date – **THE RETURN OF JESUS**. Even to this day we keep copies readily available to give out as requested. That newsletter presented in four pages a detailed list of Biblical prophecies of things to happen before Jesus' return, and showed how they had been and were being fulfilled. It evidently was an eye-opener for many.

### **THE RETURN OF JESUS – A 2013 UPDATE**



The May 2008 newsletter on Jesus' return made the point that if George Washington had said Jesus was coming soon, everyone rightfully could have laughed and maybe even would have thought him confused. But I can say that, and you can't laugh. If you do, it is only because you don't know the Bible and what has been happening. Numerous prophecies in the Bible given by God through various prophets and Jesus himself have been fulfilled in the lives of many of you reading this newsletter. In truth, there is nothing to stop Jesus from coming now to call out and collect his CHURCH, that body of individual people who truly know him, who have been born of water and the Spirit. Nothing. That of course is not the same as his coming to win the battle of Armageddon and to set up rule in Jerusalem, which happens at the end of the seven year tribulation.

For hundreds of years after Jesus' death and resurrection, the prophecies went unfulfilled. Suddenly in the last century they began to be fulfilled with force. Now the signs are all around us, if you have eyes to see. So let's get going. For many I can only give a scripture and a line as newsletter space is limited.

**FALLING AWAY FROM GOD** – (II Thessalonians 2:3). Paul makes the point that the Day of the Lord will not occur until the falling away from God occurs, also referred to in some places as rebellion against God and as apostasy. It should be abundantly clear to anyone that there is a great falling away right now. While there continue to be missionary breakthroughs in difficult areas of the world such as China and Africa and India, there obviously is a massive falling away in the US and even before the US in Europe. Behavior called an abomination in the Bible is accepted widely by the media and the entertainment community and many local governments and the federal government. Many traditional churches seem not to go beyond surface presentations of the gospel. The power of

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the Holy Spirit is actually unknown and not recognized by many people who say they are Christians. A gospel without power is not a gospel, is it?

**INCREASE IN DECEPTION** - (Matthew 24:11 and 24:4) – The first words out of Jesus’ mouth when the disciples asked him about his return and the end of the age were that they should watch that they are not deceived. What is your experience of this time in which you are living? I offer up that we are living in a time of massive deception as regards national government leaders, the media, the entertainment world, and then – and this surprises many – even in our own personal interactions with others.

**THE REESTABLISHMENT OF ISRAEL AS A NATION**

- I’ve talked about this just about every time I’ve spoken on the return. Since 70 AD when Jerusalem itself was overrun and destroyed, Israel as a political entity had not existed. Suddenly in 1948 in one moment the nation of Israel came back into existence. Never in the history of the world had a nation been completely taken over and dismembered, only to rise again hundreds of years later. Through all that time the dispersed Jews had continued to maintain their unique identity. Isaiah 66:8 asks if a nation can be born in a day. The answer, in the case of Israel, is yes. Ezekiel 37:21-22, Micah 4:6-8, and Jeremiah 31:35-37 are a few of many scriptures prophesying the restoration of Israel. God’s long term plans for Israel are spelled out in Genesis 15:18 and 17:8. Israel is the apple of God’s eye (Zephaniah 2:8).



**THE TAKEOVER OF JERUSALEM BY THE JEWS** – Even though Israel was now established, the city of Jerusalem was still not under Jewish control. Suddenly in 1967 in the miraculous six day war, this tiny nation that was only 19 years old recaptured Jerusalem. Jesus himself in Luke 21:24 and 32 had prophesied that the end of the control of the Gentiles over Jerusalem would occur with many other prophesied events connected to Jesus’ return in one generation. That happened in 1967.

**INGATHERING OF THE JEWS** – Can these bones live, God asks in Ezekiel 37:3. Yes, they can. Primarily from the reestablishment of Israel but even before that while the area was under British mandate, Jews began moving back to Israel in the last century. For some this has been difficult. Soviet Jews at times could not readily leave to return. Lost tribes have been discovered in Ethiopia and in India, and they have been and are in the process of returning. From a tiny population in 1948, Israel has grown to where there are now about as many Jews in Israel as in the rest of the world. Relevant prophecies include Amos 9:14-15, Zephaniah 3:20, Ezekiel 37:21-22, Jeremiah 16:15, and Isaiah 43:5-7.

**PEOPLE FRIGHTENED BY THE ROARING AND TOSsing OF THE OCEAN** (Luke 21:25) - We all know that there are hurricanes from time to time. But look at this: Of the ten worst hurricanes in recorded history in the world – worst meaning deadliest – four occurred in the last 43 years! In fact, the worst hurricane in recorded history occurred in 1970, with a death toll in Bangladesh of over 500,000. Anyone with knowledge of mathematics and probability/statistics knows that in no way should we expect that many to have occurred in such a short recent time. Now look at the next point:

**EARTHQUAKES** (Matthew 24:7) – Of the twenty-two earthquakes in recorded history with more than 50,000 deaths, ten have happened in just the last 100 years. And get this: four have happened in the last eight years!!! You might expect one of these per century or so. We have records for thousands of years. People have been able to write for a long time! In fact, the worst earthquake occurred in 1556 in China, with about 830,000 people being killed. Mathematically, the great number of recent highly deadly earthquakes is amazingly significant.

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NOW CONSIDER THIS AMAZING FACT: In the short time span of just the last 9 years (from 2004 until today), 4 of the ten deadliest earthquakes and 1 of the ten deadliest hurricanes of recorded history have occurred! In all of recorded history. To make it even more current, in the last five years we have had 3 of these events happen.

**RISE IN LAWLESSNESS/TERRIBLE TIMES** (2 Timothy 3:1-5) - This scripture speaks for itself. We are living in these times.

**GREAT INCREASE IN KNOWLEDGE** (Daniel 12:4) – Just consider the computer, the internet, the cell phone, space travel, the discovery of DNA, all the modern electronic devices and possibilities, and so much more. All this has happened in a short period of time historically and it continues to happen.

**EVERYONE RUSHING AROUND TO AND FRO** (Daniel 12:4) – That describes our life style today doesn't it, not only the international travel but the daily lives of families and really most of us.

**BREAKDOWN OF FAMILY UNIT** (Micah 7:5-6) – Well, this has been going on some time, and now it is a social plague. There are huge numbers of people today not even born into what we have recognized as families in the past.

**TIME COMPRESSION** (Amos 9:13) – It's not just a feeling that you don't have enough time. Time really is compressing.

**MASS COMMUNICATION** (Matthew 24:27) - How is it possible that everyone at the same time can see the Son of Man returning? One answer is satellite television! Only in our day has this been technically possible. Of course, he may choose some other means.

**GOD POURING OUT HIS SPIRIT** (Acts 2:17, Joel 2:28) – This deserves many pages. It is happening in certain areas of the world and in some places in the US. But still not a large percentage in the US.

**WARS/RUMORS OF WARS** (Matthew 24:6) – The Middle East is staged for massive conflict. There is to be a battle between the Arab muslim nations around Israel and Israel (Psalm 83). And the city of Damascus is to be totally destroyed at some point (Is 17:1). It appears to me we are near this all happening. And then there is the Ezekiel 38-39 war, the attack on Israel from the North led by a nation to the north thought to be Russia, joined in this by Iran and others, possibly Turkey. And finally Armageddon. You should recognize that we are right there, right at the flash point in this. Syria, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, the general massive terrorism threat - enough said.

**RETURN OF ANCIENT HEBREW AS THE LANGUAGE OF MODERN ISRAEL** (Zephaniah 3:9) – Already happened.

**THE OLD COIN, THE SHEKEL, AS THE CURRENCY IN MODERN ISRAEL** (Ezekiel 45:12). Happened.

**OTHER CONFUSING ACTIONS AND SIGNS THROUGHOUT THE PLANET AS SECRETIVE GROUPS AND SOME NOT SO SECRETIVE WORK TOWARD A ONE-WORLD GOVERNMENT.** It is a one-world government that the coming anti-christ endeavors to lead. Last month's newsletter began to refer to the actions of these secretive groups, and the latest *Sign of the Times* email gave one obvious unique example in the Georgia Guidestones. I would suggest many of the strange signs and symbols we are beginning to see fit right in the confusion and deception prophesied for this time. Why does the Vatican have an observatory in Arizona, with one of the key equipment items there being named Lucifer? Why does the St. John's Cathedral in New York City

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have a sculpture that presents the destruction of the World Trade Centers and that was put up four years before 9/11? Similarly there are obvious signs of a move toward the one-world church that comes about in the end times and is led by a false prophet. There is much to say about these bizarre things, perhaps in future newsletters and communications.

## WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN FOR US?

The alarm clock is ringing. Not a lot of time left. Your primary focus in life has to be on Jesus and your relationship with him. Everything else is in second or lower place. Remember, there is no other way into the Kingdom of God, no other way to heaven. It is all about you and Jesus – one on one. That is it. Denominations and good speakers and beautiful music can't do it. Ask him to be Lord of your life. Ask him to help you know him. Read the gospels and other Biblical books. And stay alert. Live around believers who can lift you up. You certainly can and should do all you can to help in God's reaching others who do not know, but your place of rest, your home, needs to be around believers.

Realize the Bible is true and this is the season of Jesus' return. It is the time of the end of the age. There is a reason why you notice everything unraveling and those in positions of power acting and behaving like they don't know what they are doing. They don't.

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Some of you may not know we have many teaching CDs that deal with the subjects of this newsletter – *PROPHECIES FULFILLED, THE IMPORTANCE OF ISRAEL, COMING IN THE CLOUDS, AND WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?*. You can request any of these at our web site or by calling or writing the office. A minimum donation of \$7 is suggested for each CD.

Many of our television programs dealing with the subjects of this newsletter are on the web site and can be viewed under the video section.

As always and as noted in the previous newsletter, your donations are greatly appreciated and necessary to keep this ministry going. Our continued gratitude to all who contribute! If you would rather receive this newsletter by email, let us know.

May you live in the blessings of God always.

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