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This newsletter updates to May 2016 much of what we know about Biblical prophecies of events to happen before the return of the Lord. First issued in 2008 and updated in 2013, it is a basic source reference. Please pass it on to all others as possible. We will follow it up in coming months with a specific look again at the amazing importance of Israel and at the imminent coming of the Lord to collect his believers. Events are moving at an escalating rate. You need to know the basics and to be able to share them.

THE RETURN OF JESUS – A 2016 UPDATE



These are indeed the days of the return of the Lord. He and so many of God's prophets told us the signs of these times, and they have been and are apparent for any who have eyes to see. He pointed out we could recognize the times. But you do need to know the truth, and to see events with an understanding of scripture and God's timing.

The May 2008 newsletter 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 as prophesied in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, 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 and 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.

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LOOKING AT THE PROPHECIES:



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. This is why all the pressure on Jerusalem by other nations to split Jerusalem up and give part to the Palestinians just cannot and must not happen.

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 almost as many Jews in Israel as in the rest of the world. The relevant prophecies include Amos 9:14-15, Zephaniah 3:20, Ezekiel 37:21-22, Jeremiah 16:15, and Isaiah 43:5-7. They are coming from everywhere. Interestingly, I wonder how soon and when the American Jews will return. Perhaps when they realize it is no longer safe here.

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 74 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 95 years. And get this: four have happened in the last eleven 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.

NOW CONSIDER THIS AMAZING FACT: In the short time span of just the last 11 years, 4 of the ten deadliest earthquakes and 1 of the ten deadliest hurricanes of recorded history have occurred! In all of recorded history.

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RISE IN LAWLESSNESS/TERRIBLE TIMES (2 Timothy 3:1-5) - This scripture speaks for itself. We are living in these times. This is the world today and society today. Look at ISIS and AL-QUEDA and at crime in the inner cities such as Chicago. And look at the moral behavior of people, and youth especially, everywhere.

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) – 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. There are really large numbers growing up in homes with no fathers.

TIME COMPRESSION (Amos 9:13) – It's not just a feeling that you don't have enough time. Time really is compressing. Doesn't it seem like it was last summer just yesterday or so?

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. There have been services and areas where this has happened in recent years, including in our own ministry programs. 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) – Well, this one is obvious. The Middle East is in a continual upheaval. How many wars do you want to ascribe to this region? And there are others of course. At some point 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. Surely you should recognize that we are right there, right at the flash point in this. Syria, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, ISIS, Al Queda, the general massive terrorism threat - enough said.

The latest figures I have on active wars in the world today show by country ten different wars each with at least 1,000 battle deaths per year (Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nigeria, Ukraine, South Sudan, the Israel/Gaza region, Somalia, and Yemen; five more each with 200-999 battle deaths per year (India, Uganda, Libya, Sudan, and Egypt), and fifteen other armed conflicts in the world. And most certainly the world terrorist war reaches across numerous countries.

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. I have written about this, and you can look up

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our July 2013 newsletter and our July 2013 *Sign of the Times* about the Georgia Guidestones which you can find on our blog. I would suggest many of the strange signs and symbols we are seeing 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 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 are many many such bizarre things happening. The recent plans in NY City to erect part of a temple of Baal of all things, that thankfully has been cancelled. The terrific confusion and lack of common sense among leaders of the country in establishing almost insane laws and agreements (see the agreement with IRAN, a country that cannot at all be trusted, or the recent bathroom uproar in North Carolina and elsewhere), and the terrifying growth in political correctness and the numbers of youth who seem to abide by it (not being able to understand or tolerate those with differing opinions). See the general actions of town councils and county governments that approve actions to placate the loud noisy tiny special interest groups while not recognizing the views and beliefs of the majority of citizens.

TWO WIDELY ENCOMPASSING PROPHECIES OF JESUS AND PAUL WHICH WE EXPERIENCE AND SEE WIDELY TODAY

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 the 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 some areas and some apparent real revivals, such as in China and Africa and Brazil, there obviously is a massive falling away in the US and even before that in Europe. Behavior called an abomination in the Bible is accepted widely now by the media and the entertainment community and many local governments and the federal government. This has been demonstrated greatly in the past few months. Many traditional churches seem not to go beyond surface presentations of the gospel. The power of 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? Examples are abundant: The television program Saturday Night Live recently presented a skit in which God was portrayed as being gay. It is difficult if not impossible to speak of Jesus and the Bible in school and public places although very easy to talk about the koran and mohammed and other false religions and prophets

INCREASE IN DECEPTION - (Matthew 24:4, Mark 13:5, Luke 21:8) – 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 in national government, the media, the entertainment world, even in parts of the religious world, and in our own personal interactions with others. If ever there was a time for the gift of discernment to be utilized, it is now. Surely believers must wonder how it is they see such obvious untruths being projected in government speeches and media reports and yet so many others watch and take it all in. They are deceived. They just can't see. Christians be alert! (See our January 2015 and February 2012 newsletters).

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WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN FOR US?

We are running toward the end. No one I know has the day or the hour, but the Lord was very clear that we could recognize the season, and this is it, folks.

Your primary focus in life has to be on Jesus and your relationship with him. Everything else is in second or lower place. It should have always been. 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. Live in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. There is a reason why you notice everything unraveling and those in positions of power act and behave like they don't know what they are doing. They don't.

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Look on the web site through our past newsletters for several years to read more about aspects of the return. Or go to our blog (click on in the menu column in the web site home page) and search there for articles on the return of Jesus. There are many to read.

Many of our television programs dealing with the subjects of this newsletter are on our web site and YOUTUBE and you can watch them there.

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So many people do not know what is contained here. You might be interested in how some on the distribution list have used past newsletters or our other publications. One makes paper copies and hands them out in her neighborhood. Another uses them to teach at a local senior center. Still another uses them the same way at a Sunday School program. At times one of our publications has been republished in another publication. Recently one was read several times an hour by a Christian radio station on Easter Sunday.

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PLEASE HELP US GET THIS MESSAGE OUT TO AS MANY AS POSSIBLE! You know I have shared that God says my message right now is the return. And as you can see, I am endeavoring to get it out in all sorts of ways.

As always, your donations and prayers are greatly appreciated and necessary to keep this ministry going. Our continued gratitude to all who provide this way. You can donate by mailing in your contribution, by going to the ministry web site giving page and using any credit card, or by telephoning the ministry.

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KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS!

Always remember to stay alert! The Lord is coming soon. I have it on good authority - his.

May you live in the blessings of the Lord always.

John

PS - Following up this newsletter, it in our plan in coming months to publish newsletters on the Lord's coming in the clouds to collect his believers and on the importance of Israel. Let us know if any of your family, friends, neighbors, and other contacts would like to be added to the distribution list.

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