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THE STAGES OF THE LAST DAYS

We have for some time now been moving steadily through the stages of the last days, the time of the eventual coming of Jesus to collect his believers and then the seven year Tribulation period. In this newsletter we will look specifically but briefly at the stages of events that have transpired or are happening now to remind ourselves of just where we are in these last days of the current human age. We are deep into this process. Hopefully you can share this document with as many as you can, by email or paper copy.

MAJOR OBVIOUS PROPHECIES FULFILLED

Under this heading we are focusing on the apparent, obvious prophecies that have clearly been fulfilled. After almost 2000 years of nothing happening since Jesus left earth, suddenly early in the last century and escalating up to today these have been fulfilled.

I wrote about these in our **WAKE UP AMERICA!** book, especially in chapters 1, 6, and 7. I suggest you who have the book reread those chapters now. Or get the book so you can read it - from Amazon or our website or office. Or go to the return page on our website. Below I list these fulfilled prophecies with key scripture references:

- **The Return of the Nation of Israel** – Easily the most dramatic prophecy fulfilled. When this happened in 1948 those who knew the Bible and the prophecies knew time was up. Read Isaiah 66:8, Ezekiel 37:21-22, Jeremiah 31:35-37, Genesis 15:18.
- **The Takeover of Jerusalem by the Jews** – This happened in the famous six day war in 1967. Jesus himself gave the prophecy in Luke 21:24.
- **Ingathering of the Jews** – In the last several decades so many Jews have returned to Israel that now nearly half of the Jews in the world live in Israel. They have come from all over the world – Russia, France, Ethiopia, and many others. The area outside Israel which still has a large population of Jews is the United States, and I wonder if things just haven't yet gotten bad enough here for more of them to return. Key scriptures are Amos 9:14-15, Zephaniah 3:20, Jeremiah 16:15, and Isaiah 43:5-7.
- **Knowledge Increased** – Daniel 12:4 gives this prophecy. It is easy to see this fulfillment with the incredible increase in human knowledge in the past several decades. I wish we could say human wisdom has increased as well, but I don't see any evidence of that.
- **Endless Travel To and Fro** – Again, Daniel 12:4 has the prophecy. Until covid slowed down this a bit, this prophecy obviously had already been fulfilled. Many travel the world like it is a village. I did many years ago in my business days before God called me. And in families it has seemed that fathers and mothers constantly travel here and there with all the family and children activities.
- **Breakdown of the Family Unit** – A sad prophecy from Micah 7:5-6. Jesus also offered a related prophecy in Luke 12:51-53. I expect many of us have seen this in action.
- **Mass Communications** – See Matthew 24:27. We live in a world where something can be known by almost everyone everywhere in an instant.

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- **Language in Israel** – See Zephaniah 3:9. The people of Israel today speak an updated version of ancient Hebrew.
- **Shekel Currency** – See Ezekiel 45:12. The currency in modern Israel is the shekel.
- **Agriculture** – Since Israel returned as a specific geographic nation, the barren unattractive land there has been turned into a land producing an abundance of agriculture; the nation exports food. This fulfilled prophecy comes from Isaiah 27:6 and Isaiah 35:1-2.
- **Time Compression** – One of the more unusual prophecies, this one points out how the days are coming when time really is speeding up. Amos 9:13 makes the point. The fact is that time is compressing here at the end of the age. We all think that when we note that Christmas is coming but it seems that we just had Christmas!

There are others we could include, some dealing for example with wars and rumors of war, with earthquakes and storms and pestilence, and more. For example, this disastrous covid surely is a worldwide pestilence (Luke 21:11 is where Jesus prophesied pestilence for these days.).

But let's move to the next stage:

THE DEEPER HUMAN BEHAVIOR PROPHECIES

- **DECEPTION** – When the disciples asked Jesus directly about the sign of his coming and of the end of the age, his very first words were “Watch out that no one deceives you.” in Matthew 24:4 (also in Luke 21:8 and Mark 13:5).

We have massive deception in our world today. Leaders in government, media, business, entertainment, sports, and more say things directly to us through television or other media that we recognize immediately are not true. Now, here is a quandary for us: Are they saying what they believe to be true and thus are badly deceived themselves? Or are they just intentionally misleading us and lying to us. Is this all intentionally evil? It is astounding and I expect shocking to most of you that there also are some people out there in the public – maybe some of your family or friends – who in fact are believing things that you discern are out and out lies and falsehoods.

You don't need a better example of the need to look at things with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to use the great gift from the Spirit of discernment so you can tell truth from falsehood. Those who are not believers or who have not been filled with/baptized with the Holy Spirit do not have available to them this gift of discernment. They really can't see the truth when someone is presenting falsehood after falsehood. Chapter 2 in our book focuses on this subject.

- **DELUSION** – Over in 2 Thessalonians 2 Paul discusses an extraordinary thing. That is a chapter in which Paul focuses on the times in which we are living right now, the last days. Paul notes that in these very last days God sends to those people who refuse to accept the truth (the gospel) a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth (the gospel) but have delighted in wickedness.

I think we can see this happening right now in these last days as we see groups of people and individuals in our society seriously and with great energy and action pushing forward with opinions and views that are clearly not of God and also clearly not rational nor in line with the fundamentals upon which America and other western nations were built. These people don't appear just to be deceived. They

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appear to be frantic with anxiety over their false and lost views. They are frightening to most of us, and it is shocking to see how much power they have accumulated and their influence on the times.

- **FALLING AWAY FROM GOD** – This could have been listed earlier before DECEPTION, for it has been going on throughout the past several decades. 2 Thessalonians 2:3 is the source of the term “falling away,” noting the day of the Lord will not come until there is a falling away and the man of sin is revealed. All of us know there has been a great falling away from God in recent decades. Some churches seem in their very actions not even to be real churches, for they are not serious in following the Bible and God’s word and guidance. Many even who attend church are not serious believers, not born again as Jesus said was one of the requirements to be in the Kingdom of God. Recent polls show as I have written that half the people who say they are “Christians” do not think the devil is real, more than half of the evangelical “Christians” do not believe the Holy Spirit is real, and a majority of “Christians” do not believe Jesus is the only way to God. All of this certainly counts as falling away from God. It also puts all these people in a precarious position as to their future when the Lord soon returns. Chapter 3 in our book covers this subject in depth with more illustrations.

MOVING TOWARD THE ONE-WORLD GOVERNMENT

This is the government of the Tribulation, the government the antichrist comes to head. In case you have not recognized it, this is what has been happening the last several years and especially during the past two years of covid. Governments throughout the world have taken action these past two years to increase their control of the people, requiring them to stay at home or to only go certain places, requiring masks even on little children and in some areas where there is no obvious reason, now in the US mandating people be vaccinated – a direct step far away from the Constitution that does not allow people the freedom to choose even for their own bodies.

Perhaps you have not realized, but this is really what is behind all these worldwide climate control meetings. That is obviously directed at bringing all the nations under one overall banner. The bizarre steps of the current US government that clearly are harming the economy and the people seem focused toward bringing the country down to the point that it will be willing to join in with this one-world government. As I have written before, the United Nations just a few years ago produced their 2030 plan which in essence is a plan to move to one-world uniformity by then. A quote attributed to the World Economic Forum says of people “They will own nothing and they will be happy.” Chilling isn’t it?

During the pandemic and the great loss of freedoms of citizens in various western nations, you may not be aware that there have been big demonstrations of the people against the government actions. In Germany, in France, and elsewhere – and some in the US. But none of this has resulted in any changes in the governments’ actions. They are determined. They are marching to a set of orders they may not even realize, to the tune of a drummer they may not know. But you and I know that drummer. It is the boss of the antichrist, Satan himself, in these last days orchestrating the move toward that one-world government.

ARRIVAL OF THE ANTICHRIST AND THE FALSE PROPHET

Well, the verse in 2 Thessalonians 2:3 that refers to the day of the Lord not coming “until there is a falling away from God” also has this one other condition... “until the man of lawlessness is revealed.” That man is the antichrist. Whenever he is revealed no doubt the Tribulation will soon begin. I also

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expect believers to be taken away by Christ about the same time. And for Israel to enter into a peace covenant it believes is real (Daniel 9:27). The person bringing that agreement to reality is the antichrist.

Right now we see actions moving toward the one-world government. We also see actions moving toward a one-world religion, not the true religion we might hope for, but a man-created one-world religion. The current Pope is very much involved in this, meeting with various leaders of false religions. He took the position you may remember when the former Pope suddenly and astoundingly resigned. How did that happen?

Well, this has been a really short and quick summary of the stages we have been through and are going through. Obviously we are far along into all of this, existing now in the time of moving toward the one-world government and awaiting the Lord's return to take away believers, the revealing of the man of lawlessness, and the beginning of the Tribulation. The actual person who will be the antichrist likely is walking the earth now, although perhaps he does not know who he will be and may not yet be infilled and fully guided by Satan.

NEVER FORGET THE GREAT TRUTH OF OUR TIME: Everything is secondary right now to the fact that Jesus is coming soon and that to be in the Kingdom, to go with him, you must be a true believer in him. You must be born anew. Jesus must be your Lord. (For more guidance on what it takes to be in the Kingdom, read our October 2021 newsletter, see Chapter 11 in our book **WAKE UP AMERICA!**, or watch our two television programs titled "Getting into Heaven" on YOUTUBE and our website.

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