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Session 10 – January 18, 2015 – Summary and Q & A session

Introduction

Tonight is our last session in the End Times Study. We have looked at all the key topics in the 9 previous sessions. Tonight I want to summarize our discussions and answer some of your questions. I come to this session with both excitement and sadness. Excitement in the time we have spent together looking at what God's Word has to say to us about these times, excitement for tonight's discussion and for finishing this long study. I want to thank each of you for coming and giving up your time to learn about the End Times. A little sadness in the fact that this study will be over, and each of us will go back to what we have been doing...either changed or not...re-committed to study Gods Word or not... and being prepared and anxiously awaiting His return or not.

(Open with prayer)

Prophecy Studies have surfaced many times in Church History and generally have waned in importance because the key underpinnings of the signs of the times were not all present. Today the study and preaching/teaching of prophecy is reaching up again, not just by random teachers and preachers, but by people with important voices in the church and people respected as scholars and worthy of listening to. Here is a partial list

John McArthur, David Jeremiah, Stephen Davey, Mark Hitchcock, Erwin Lutzer, Bryant Wright, Colin Smith, Alister Begg, John Ankerburg, Jimmy DeYoung, Tim LaHaye, Thomas Ice, Robert Jeffress, Michael Youssef, John Hagee, Kay Arthur, Ed Hindson, Greg Laurie, Jan Markell, Ron Rhodes, Billy Graham, Ann Graham Lotz, and Franklin Graham...just to name a few.

Why are they teaching and talking about Prophecy? ...Because Israel has become a nation and all the other signs are occurring at the same time and with increasing frequency. If you know the scriptures you can see them being fulfilled right before your eyes. Now you may feel that you do not know scripture very well, but you know that something is happening across the world and that things just aren't right. That is a great start!

Perhaps this feeling has brought you here to learn more about what God's Word has to say on the future and now you are prepared to look deeper into the Word. Hopefully you are more aware of Prophecy and what is ahead for the world, and can live your life in view of that reality.

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In this particular study we have looked at:

Signs of the Times
Who is the Anti-Christ?
Can One man rule the world?
All Hell Breaks Loose
Armageddon
Ultimate Destination Wedding Reception and the Rapture
Jesus' Second Coming
Touchdown!!
The Ultimate Hope

I think you will agree that we are in the End Times. You will probably even agree that we are in the last days of the End Times. Having said that, no one knows the dates nor times that God has chosen for the remaining events to take place....not even Jesus.

Summation of events of the End Times

We have studied all these topics, but I want to put them in order for you, as I see them, so we can look at what is ahead and watch the signs.

Currently, we are in what is called the Church Age, which is the time between the beginning of the church at Pentecost, and the end of the church at The Rapture. We have seen the return of Israel to the land, and the return of Jerusalem to Jewish control. We are also seeing the other key signs begin to play out in the world. I will talk about them more in a few minutes. The next things on the End Times calendar are:

Rapture of the Church – can happen any moment. No signs to precede it.

Judgment Seat of Christ - all believers who died are all judged not for salvation issues but for their obedience to God and doing His Work. *Crowns are given...*

Formation of the One World Government – this is most likely the follow-on to the European Union and reformed NATO as the Army of the EU

Emergence of new Leader, most likely from the revived Roman Empire who brings “peace”. He will appear as a charismatic political leader who has great insight to solve problems.

Emergence of One world Religion out of the ashes of the remaining “church” that did not get raptured. The False Prophet works with New Leader to solidify control. This becomes the counterfeit of the Revived Holy Roman Empire but sways millions of people who are looking for leadership and stability. We see that happening today, with the Apostasy of the Church.

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Peace Treaty with Israel and her neighbors is ratified -> kicks off the 7 year period called Tribulation/Great Tribulation

Tribulation Temple built on Temple Mount – sometime early in this period

Psalms 83 War between Israel and the nations that border Israel– This could be before the Peace Treaty as well and either will allow the Jews to believe the Peace Treaty when New Leader enforces it, or happens afterward as he jumps in with them to win it. This war reduces the zeal of Islam and hatred for joining forces with other religions to benefit the One World Religion.

(Damascus Destroyed. ISIS and Al Qaida beginning of it?)

Persecution continues and Anti-Semitism continues to rise due to Church being gone and no longer the restraining influence of the Christians in the world. NO CHRISTIANS LEFT after Rapture. Only Gentiles and unbelieving Jews are left.

Appearance of the 2 Witnesses and 144,000 Jewish converts to Messiah who begin to share the Gospel and God's coming wrath with the world. Many people will be converted to believers during this period and many will be killed for their beliefs. All Nations will hear the Gospel proclaimed by these witnesses.

Midpoint of Tribulation- Could be before 2 witnesses, etc.

New Leader turns out to be the Anti-Christ, declares himself God and desecrates the Jewish Temple and forbids temple worship and sacrifice. Jews react and all Hell breaks loose as Bryant taught. Many Jews flee the city to the mountains (Petra) and shelter to escape Antichrist's war on the Jews.

Seal/Trumpet/Bowl Judgments poured out on earth both to drive Jews to the Lord and punish followers of Antichrist

Campaign of Armageddon with all the World's Armies brought to valley of Megiddo to come down the Jezreel Plain to Jerusalem to destroy Jews once and for all

Jews call out to the Lord in desperation for Deliverance

Jesus Answers and Second Coming spectacular entry commences

Wicked followers of the AntiChrist are killed.

Satan is thrown into Abyss for 1000 years

AntiChrist and False Prophet are thrown into Lake of Fire (Hell)

Christ sets up Millennial Kingdom and rules from Jerusalem for 1000 years with us as administrators of the earth

Christ rebuilds the Millennial Temple on the Temple Mount

When wicked are killed, all that is left on earth is believers who are mortal.

They are joined by those who were part of Church Raptured in resurrected bodies

They are joined by those who were killed during the Tribulation for belief in resurrected bodies (aka Tribulation Saints)

1000 year reign takes place and babies are born to those who are mortal. People live very long lives and many babies are born. Each must make the decisions all humans must make about whether to follow Jesus or not. (All will submit, but not all heart followers)

At the end of 1000 years, **Satan is released** from the Abyss to lead those who will not believe to their death and judgment. This will purify those left who will receive resurrected bodies as well.

Great White Throne Judgment – all those who were unbelievers who have died since the

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beginning of time will be judged by Christ and thrown into the Lake of Fire or Hell. They will be brought out of Sheol /Hades to face judgment. As an aside, the whole notion of praying people out of **Purgatory** to salvation is not Scriptural but found in the **Apocrypha** which is a set of writings Catholics have as Intertestamental Writings as part of Canon. We do not accept them as scripture, but as historical, non inspired writings.

Eternity begins with New Heaven, and New Earth and the New Jerusalem – all those who are the believers of all time will inhabit these, as the Lord Assigns. The old Heaven and earth will pass away.

Judgments - a closer look

Judgment Seat of Christ – where all believers are judged. What is judged is **not salvation** but based on our Works done for the Lord, we will be rewarded stations and crowns.

There are two types of Crowns mentioned in the Bible. Diadem is a Greek word that is symbolic of sovereignty and power, and is used exclusively for denoting honor and exaltation (e.g. The Queen of England wears a diadem crown). The other word is stephanos, which is both different in appearance and usage. Stephanos is an earned crown, as opposed to a royal crown of position. The crowns spoken of for believers to earn are the "stephanos" types of crowns...and there are 5 of them.

1. **THE INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN:** (I Corinthians 9:24-27). These will be given to those who "keep the body under control and bring it into subjection", *running the race faithfully.*

2. **THE CROWN OF REJOICING:** (I Thessalonians. 2:19). This is the *soul-winner's crown.*

3. **THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS:** (II Timothy 4:8). This crown will be given for *those who love His appearing and who live their lives anticipating Christ's soon return.* ★

4. **THE CROWN OF GLORY:** (I Peter 5:4). This crown is for *faithful teaching of the Word of God.* This will be given to those instructing others in God's Word.

5. **THE CROWN OF LIFE:** (Revelation 2:10). This is sometimes termed the *"martyr's crown".* It is for those who suffer for the cause of Christ.
This crown, like the others, is given personally by Christ. "I will give."

There are also "Other" crowns given by the world...what you might call Satan's corruptible crowns. Here are two of them:

1. **THE CROWN OF FAME:** There are those that are possessed with a craving to be recognized, to be esteemed, to be influential, to be remembered.

2. **THE CROWN OF WEALTH:** Many are seeking after the crown of wealth and money as their chief concern in life.

There is no better time than NOW to make a DECISION to start WITNESSING and LIVING for Christ. Remember, salvation is received by faith and is a present or current possession. Rewards are a future attainment based on your works after salvation to

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further the Kingdom and Gospel of Christ.

Great White Throne Judgment

Revelation 20:11-15 (NIV) - *The Judgment of the Dead*

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. ¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵ Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

This is a very sober set of verses. Essentially all the wicked dead, those who died without belief in Christ are brought before this judgment throne. The OT saints who were Jews and anticipated and looked for the Messiah may have already been judged in Hades by Jesus on the Saturday of his death on the cross (see 1 Peter 3:18-20). Many believe this is the case, and that selected OT figures were judged righteous earlier and brought to Heaven. I am really not sure but I believe that they are already in Heaven.

These wicked dead will have all their sins brought before them, and after their appearance before the throne, they will be cast into the Lake of Fire (which is Hell).

Great and Small, Famous and not famous, men and women, Kings and peasants, Presidents and leaders. Religious figures that were not saved. The vast majority of mankind... Interesting though who won't be there... Of course all the Christians of all time, the OT Saints, babies, the mentally deficient, and children who died early or were aborted... Imagine the reunion of mothers and infants

The net is...you don't want to be in Great White Throne Judgment

Questions and Answers – Separate Handout

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What do we look for in 2015 and 2016?

My own view -

Key signs of the End Times are many. My belief is that the key sign is the Nation of Israel re-emerging in 1948. Let me review what Rapture Ready contributor Carl Worline says are the fulfilled signs in our times to refresh your memories:

Fulfilled Prophecies of the Last Days

By Carl Worline, Rapture Ready

Prophecy is history written in advance. Bible prophecies about what is going to happen in the End Times were written from 1900 to 3500 years ago. God challenged anyone else to come up with prophecy like that which is found in the Bible.

God offers this to us as proof that He is who He says He is. ***The Old Testament tells us that God gave us Prophecy so that the people of the earth may know that the Lord is God and that there is no other.***

Bible prophecy is given to mankind in order to help validate and authenticate the Word of God and it is a promise as well as a prediction.

Christians who study prophecy and eagerly look forward to the coming of our Lord will earn the Crown of Righteousness (2 Timothy 4:8). I, for one, really want the privilege of having and wearing that crown.

The Bible is absolutely unique. No other religious writings of any kind contain predictive prophecies like the Bible.

- *Not the Islamic Koran or the Hadith.*
- *Not the Jewish Tanaka or the Talmud.*
- *Not the Hindu Vedas or the Bhagavad Gita.*
- *Not Confucianism's Five Classics or the Analects.*
- *Not Taoism's ao-te-ching, or Zhuangzi, or Daozang.*
- *Not the Druze Rasail al-hikmah (Epistles of Wisdom).*
- *Not the Shinto Kojiki or the Nihon Shoki.*

This is the first time in history that all of the prophetic scenarios that the prophets predicted are actually in view. We are being plunged into a period of time about which the Bible says more than about any other period in history, including the time when Jesus walked the shores of Galilee and climbed the mountains of Judea.

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Everything is now coming together in the perfect prophetic storm. We are, quite literally, being plunged into the climax of human history.

There is prophecy in each and every book of the Bible. The Second Coming is mentioned in 23 of the 27 books of the New Testament. Of the 46 Old Testament prophets, less than 10 speak of Christ's first coming, but 36 speak of His Second Coming.

Jesus said that He was coming back again 21 times in the New Testament. If Jesus says this we should truly believe Him.

The Bible clearly teaches that the understanding of End Time Prophecy will be progressive in nature. We will understand more of the prophecies as we get closer to the time of their fulfillment. Daniel did not understand the prophecies that had been entrusted to him. When he complained to the Lord about this the Lord told him to not worry but to write them down as instructed because they were sealed until the end times.

As for me, I heard but could not understand; so I said "My lord, what will be the outcome of these events?" And He said, "*Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time (Daniel 12:8-9 NAS).*"

Jeremiah was also told that his prophecies would not be understood until the end times.

The anger of the Lord will not turn back until He performed and carried out the purposes of His heart. In the last days you will clearly understand it (Jeremiah 23:3).

The fierce anger of the Lord will not turn back until He has performed and until He has accomplished the intent of His heart. In the latter days you will understand this (Jeremiah 30:24).

We are now in the last days of the end times. In order to understand what is happening we have to look at them from two perspectives. One of these perspectives is the prophecies that have been fulfilled with respect to Israel. The other perspective is all of the other fulfilled prophecies that deal with the last days.

Fulfilled Prophecies of Israel in the Last Days

For the first time in history an extinct nation came back into existence. Israel became a nation once again exactly as God promised (Joel 3:1-2, Amos 9, Jeremiah 31, Ezekiel 36).

God restored Israel as a nation in a single day, exactly as promised (Isaiah 66-8).

Prior to restoring the nation of Israel the Hebrew language was on the brink of extinction. Once again, just as God promised, the Hebrew language was restored (Zephaniah 3:9). (Eliazar Ben Yehuda)

The Bible predicted that during the Jewish Diaspora Israel would become a wasteland (Deuteronomy 29:23-28, Ezekiel 36:8-11, Ezekiel 36:34-36). For nearly 1900 years Israel became a nearly uninhabited, desolate wasteland. *Today the land flourishes far beyond any of her surrounding neighbors.*

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The Bible predicted that Israel would blossom in the last days and export produce to the world (Isaiah 27:6, Isaiah 35:1-2, Ezekiel 36:34-36). With God's blessing Israel's increased rainfall and irrigation technology have caused the land to blossom. Israel exports \$800 million of produce each year and over \$200 million in ornamental plants and flowers.

The Bible predicted that Israel would prosper economically (Ezekiel 38:12-13). Israel exported \$42 billion dollars worth of goods in 2006, as compared with her neighbor Jordan, who exported \$5 billion dollars worth of goods in the same year. Eighty percent of Europe's citrus imports come from Israel.

The Bible predicted that Jerusalem would be rebuilt in the last days on its old ruins, which is exactly what happened (Jeremiah 30:18, Zechariah 12:6).

Ezekiel told us over 2500 years ago that in the last days the Arab people will claim the land of Israel which God gave to the Jews (Ezekiel 35:5, 10; 36:2,5).

The Bible says that in the end times Israel will be in possession of Jerusalem. This happened on June 7, 1967 as a result of the Six-Day War (Daniel 9:27, Matthew 24:15, 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, Revelation 11:1-2).

The Bible predicted that Jerusalem would be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled (Luke 21:24). From 70 AD until the Six-Day War in 1967, Jerusalem was under Gentile control.

The Bible says that in the last days the possession of Jerusalem will be a major source of international conflict (Zechariah 12:3). Zechariah called Jerusalem a burdensome stone and a cup of trembling.

Over 2,500 years ago God knew that in the last days Jerusalem's very existence would cause the world to shudder even though it is a small city with no natural resources, no port, as well as having insignificant manufacturing and industrial capabilities. Prior to 1948 world diplomatic leaders seldom mentioned Jerusalem.

The Bible also tells us that in the last days Israel will be embroiled in peace talks that will include many nations (Daniel 9:27).

Ezekiel prophesied that Jerusalem's Eastern Gate would remain closed until the Messiah returns (Ezekiel 37:15-22). Today, as prophesied, the Eastern Gate remains sealed.

The Bible says that in the last days all of the friends that Israel had will be gone, abandoning the Jews (Jeremiah 30:14).

The Lord warned Israel that it would be hated and persecuted by all nations because of Him (Matthew 24:9).

Today we see the Gaza Strip and the West Bank partitioned off for the Palestinians and the Golan Heights partitioned off for Syria. Jerusalem has also been partitioned with the Palestinians adamantly demanding East Jerusalem for their capital.

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The Bible says that in the last days Aliyah will be taking place. Aliyah is a Hebrew word that means the physical return of the Jewish people (Jewish Diaspora) to their ancient Promised Land from abroad. ([Discuss 3 Diasporas](#))

Ynet News recently reported that 2014 was a record year for Aliyah (Ezekiel 36:22-28 and Isaiah 11:10-12).

The Bible says that in the last days world politics will be focused on Israel (Zechariah 12:13).

Israel will be surrounded on every side by enemies. The alignment of all of the nations mentioned in Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 38 against Israel has occurred exactly as Asaph and Ezekiel described.

God said that in the last days Israel would be invincible (Zechariah 12:6-9). Since 1948 tiny Israel has been attacked in 3 major wars and several lesser wars. Yet, despite being vastly outnumbered, they have defeated all attacking foes. *[An invincible Israel makes no sense unless you believe God's Word.](#)*

Even though Israel will be the focus of many fulfilled prophecies in the last days, most Jews will remain blind to the fact that Jesus is their Messiah until the very end (Luke 19:41-42, Luke 13:34-35, Romans 11:25-26).

Other Fulfilled Prophecies of the End Times

Jesus, Himself, told us that we are to watch for general indicators that will be a signal to Christians that we are, indeed, in the end times and that the rapture is near. What are these general indicators?

Earthquakes will increase in frequency and intensity and will be occurring globally (Matthew 24:7, Luke 21:11, Isaiah 24:19-20, Revelation 6:12-14, Revelation 16:18-20).

Matthew 24 and Luke 21 speak of strange weather occurring in the last days. Can anybody deny that our weather today can only be described as supernaturally freakish? Even more frightening is that our weather seems to be becoming even more freakish with each passing month.

Our freakish weather seems to be contributing to an alarmingly large number of forest fires all around the world. Trees that are many hundreds of years are now gone. At the moment, as I write this, Australian firefighters are battling the worst wildfires in 30 years.

Romans 8:20-22 tells us that creation, itself, longs to be free from the curse and suffers from the increase in frequency and intensity of natural disasters that are not specifically named. Unexplainably strange sinkholes are opening up in places all around the world. Equally as **strange are sounds that are being heard all over the world** that have no apparent source and come from no apparent direction.

Joel 2:30 tells us that in the last days there would be signs in the heavens and in the earth that would include, among other things, “fire” and “pillars of smoke.” Volcanic activity has

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been increasing at an alarming rate in frequency and intensity as formerly dormant volcanoes come back to life. Pillars of fire and smoke are closing large blocks of airspace to commercial air traffic.

Hosea 4:1-3 tells us that in the last days the land will mourn because of man's sin and that all who live in it will waste away. Hosea told us this will include the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and even the fish in the sea will die.

- **Mass animal die-off were first reported in the news on New Year's Eve 2010/2011 when approximately 5,000+ red-winged blackbirds and starlings fell out of the sky in Bebe, Arkansas.**
- In 2011 there were 138 reported cases of mass animal die-offs.
- In 2012 the number of mass animal deaths rose to 465 events that occurred in 67 countries around the world.
- During 2013 there were 798 reported mass animal death events that occurred in 93 countries.
- **In 2014 there were 649 reported events of mass animal deaths that occurred in 76 countries.**

Matthew 24:7 tells us that famines will be common in the last days. Currently, one out of every six people in the world does not get enough to eat. Aid agencies estimate that as much as one-third of the earth's 6 billion people are victims of starvation. Every day 34,000 people die from famine related causes.

The Bible tells us that in the last days deadly diseases (pestilence) will be rampant.

Examples of current deadly diseases that are spreading include AIDS, Ebola, Hanta virus, dengue, West Nile, SARS, bird flu, cholera, yellow fever, mad cow disease, lyme disease, drug resistant strains of many old diseases, and many more.

Diseases we considered conquered, such as polio and the plague, are making a strong return. In sub-Saharan Africa 23 million children are infected with the HIV virus. Ironically, just a few decades ago scientists were forecasting that advances in medicine might soon eradicate deadly diseases (Matthew 24:7, Revelation 6:8, Luke 21:11).

We were warned that many will rejoice in their unrighteousness (2 Thessalonians 2:12). People are now calling good evil and evil good. [A perfect example of this is the way homosexuality and same sex marriage is being forced upon us as an honorable and even preferred alternative lifestyle while those who see homosexuality as sin are labeled as homophobic](#) (Isaiah 5:20).

Homosexuals are so proud of their sin that they march in the streets demanding to be recognized as a special, privileged class (2 Peter 3:3-4 and 2 Timothy 3:1-5).

2 Timothy 3:1-5 says: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves...without natural affection." I interpret this verse as a reference to an increase in homosexuality throughout the world in the last days.

We are warned in the Bible that there will be a falling away of believers and an increase in false prophets (2 Timothy 4:1). Many Christians and church doctrines have departed from

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the faith. Many Christians have also become lukewarm in their faith (Revelation 3:15). There is now a mixture of true believers and false believers within the church body (Matthew 13:24-30).

As foretold in the New Testament, **despair is increasing** (2 Timothy 3:1).

There has been **an increase in lawlessness and evil during these the last days** (Luke 17:26 and 2 Timothy 3:15).

The world is **getting darker and waxing more evil by the minute**. The swiftness with which the darkness is setting in is unsettling. We were told that there would be **an increase in blasphemy (2 Timothy 3:2)**. **Sadly, this has come to pass.**

Unimaginably filthy things are openly being said about our mighty God and our precious Savior. Those who worship Satan are coming out of hiding and finding new ways impose their beliefs and agenda upon us. There are now public places in our great nation where satanic displays are allowed at Christmas and where Satan is invoked at public meetings.

Humanity has become increasingly materialistic and lovers of pleasure (2 Timothy 3:1-5).

Idolatry has been common place. Idolatry is worshiping anything or anyone other than God (Revelation 9:20). We worship the rich and famous and long to be like them instead of being like people of God.

The love of many has grown cold (Matthew 24:11-13). **Abortion** kills millions ([57 Million](#)). Feeding the homeless and hungry is becoming a crime in some places, punishable by fines and imprisonment. We find it more important to turn corn into ethanol to use as fuel in our automobiles while so much of the world's population is dying from starvation and starvation related causes.

False Christs and false prophets are very effective in the art of deception (Matthew 24:24). False prophets and **religious cults now flourish** (2 Peter 2:1). It is very common today to find people who reject the Bible out of hand because they have heard it misrepresented by false teachers.

The false prophets mentioned above are money hungry, smooth talkers (2 Peter 2:3). A growing number of TV evangelists epitomize this. They twist the Scriptures to make merchandise of the unwary.

There has been an **increase in the persecution of Christians** in these last days (Matthew 24:9). Jews and Christians are hated for their faith in and connection with Christ (Luke 21:17). Today Christians are being killed in Islamic nations around the world in an ever increasing escalation of violence and murder.

Christianity now faces extinction in the Middle East and in other places around the world. Jihadist groups throughout the Islamic world have taken it upon themselves to slaughter those who are preaching the gospel.

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Mankind is desperately seeking peace (1 Thessalonians 5:3) but yet there is still warfare all over the earth (Mark 13:8 and Matthew 24:6). It is estimated that more people have died in wars during the 20th Century than in all other previous wars throughout all of recorded human history.

Today mockers of prophecy and the Word of God abound (Jude 1:18 and 2 Peter 3:3-4).

Many Bible scholars believe that Zachariah 5 and Zachariah 14 strongly indicate that mankind will have nuclear weapons in the last days, especially when these chapters are examined using the Strong's Concordance with a Hebrew lexicon.

The Bible tells us that in the last days many will deny that God created the earth or that God once flooded the Earth (2 Peter 3:5-6). Today science and Christianity have become bitter rivals. Science attempts to claim the moral high ground by citing "facts" while hypocritically refusing to consider any fact that is linked in any way to scripture.

Children have certainly become disobedient and rebellious (2 Timothy 3:2).

Humanity is now able to cross the globe rapidly (Daniel 12:4). Our skies have become so crowded around the world that it is often difficult to safely separate aircraft, even with the use of computers.

A system of real time global communication now exists (Revelation 11:9). Today information travels at the speed of light. In the apostle John's day information traveled at the speed of a donkey.

Science is now rapidly advancing (Daniel 12:4). It is conservatively estimated that the sum of man's knowledge is doubled every 18 months.

Technology already exists that is capable of tracking the world's population and finances (Revelation 13:16-17). This technology is currently being developed at an alarmingly fast and efficient pace. It just hasn't been forcefully imposed yet.

The gospel is being preached to all nations (Matthew 24:14, Mark 13:10, Revelation 14:6). The Bible has been translated into 2,400 languages and dialects covering over 90 percent of the world's population. Satellites and the Internet have also played a major role in bringing the word of God to all nations.

Huge oil and natural gas reserves have been discovered beneath the sands of Israel.

The Bible says that in the last days the world will be headed toward a one world religion (Revelation 13; 17:7-18; 18:1-8). Today we see a movement called **Chrislam** that attempts to find common ground that will allow Christians and Muslims to co-exist and is based on the assumption that we both worship the same god. That is a lie from the very pit of hell.

There are the strong beginnings for a push toward a worldwide global government (Revelation 13:1-2; 17:12-13, Daniel 7:23-26).

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Before He was crucified, Jesus told the Sanhedrin that they would not see Him again until they said, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord” (Luke 13:35).

This indicates that the Sanhedrin would have to be in existence before His Second Coming. The Sanhedrin were dispersed, as was the entire Jewish nation, after the Temple was destroyed in 70 AD. In 2004 the Sanhedrin formally came back into existence.

Conclusion

The proverbial writing is on the wall and it is telling me that **the end of the Age of Grace is at hand**. The pause in Daniel’s timeline that occurred at the 69th week is about to end. God has taken a people unto Himself during that pause and the fullness of the Gentiles is now being reached (Romans 11:25 and Acts 15:13-18).

The stage has been set and the actors are in place. Bible prophecy has been fulfilled (and continues to be fulfilled). **The entire world senses that something big is about to happen.** Christians who are awake and watching are waiting with eager anticipation for the Rapture of the church.

Sleeping Christians find restful peace illusive due to a stirring in their soul that they just cannot escape. Atheists are angry because they also feel that something is just not right. Even the mockers are angry. There are far too many signs that the Age of Grace is about to end for them to ridicule.

Every prophetic sign seems to point to an imminent Rapture. Salvation is currently a free gift to all who will admit they are sinners and sincerely ask Jesus for forgiveness and salvation. What is your personal relationship with God?

Jesus said when you see these things **begin** to come to pass to lift up your head and look because your redemption draws near (Mathew 24:33, Mark 13:29, and Luke 21:31). We have definitely reached the beginning of these things.

Carl Worline

Others focus on the Big Prophecies to come like

Building up of the coalitions what will attack Israel in the future

Psalm 83 coalition – All the countries that have a common border with Israel
Egypt, Syria, Lebanon. Jordan. Palestinian Territories – Gaza, West Bank aka
Samaria

Gog / Magog War – Coalition led by Russia of Russia, Ancient Persia (Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan), Northern Turkey and the Black Sea contingent of the
“Stans”, Assyria (modern Syria, parts of Iraq, Southern Turkey)

One World Government represented by Revived Roman Empire – The EU appears to be the seed for this organization today

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One World Religion – Ecumenical movement to unite religions into a worldwide organization. Many think **Chrislam** is the way.

US Diminishing Role in the World - We are seeing the early fruits of this movement today in the worldwide reduction in America's capability.

All the World against Israel – This is rearing its ugly head again in the rise of terror against the Jewish state, and anti-Semitism on the rise, as well as an abandonment of Israel by America. Europe is returning to its Anti-Semitism roots.

What would I look for in 2015 and 2016?

Realizing that I am no prophet or son of a prophet, this is dart-boarding with some feeling about what I see, and here are the big things I am watching for...

Israel to be increasingly alone in the world and the world focus on the tiny country and the city of Jerusalem will be all out of proportion to its size and monetary importance.

City of Jerusalem will be a visible stumbling block for those who want to possess her. Fighting and Terrorism will continue to escalate.

America will all but abandon Israel in government policy. American Churches will continue drift away from support for Israel and believe the Palestinian lies. Christians must stand up and be counted. This will cause a real split in allegiance of involved Christians. I see this as one of the ways God will separate the Wheat from the Tares in the church.

Europe and Russia will see tensions increase dramatically as Russia consolidates its hold on Crimea, and Ukraine, as well as other old Soviet Union countries. Russia will use Gas and Oil and the threat of war to increase both its reach and its power to blunt NATO. Russia sees itself as the heir to the Roman Empire through the Russian Orthodox Church and will battle Catholic Europe for its "rightful" place, as it sees it. This is the pathway for the Gog/Magog war to have a land bridge to Israel.

Europe for its part will consolidate into the EU and add a military component largely from the NATO forces there to be the "enforcer" of its policies. Pope Francis will encourage ecumenism to allay any fears and urge coming together under the Roman banner and thus be the start of the Holy Roman Empire – Revived. As the reformation Christian influence disappears from Europe the formalness of the Roman Church will take hold again in being a strong influence in their lives, I see a form of Godliness without its true nature taking root.

Russia will broaden its base of support by joining up with the Muslim nations mentioned earlier for Gog/ Magog war. Persia (Iran/Afghanistan/ Pakistan), Syria, Turkey for the most part.

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Muslim terrorists will increasingly be aggressive in Europe and press the various states for more control and independence. France is already >10% Muslim with Germany, Britain, and Belgium not far behind. Some may be too far gone to recover. This will increase the anti-Semitic feeling across old Europe, despite the recent Paris Terror incidents. Russia will use its own national interest to foment unrest in Europe by enlisting the Anti-Semitic and Islamic forces to act together.

How many of you listen to the Megyn Kelly show on Fox News? She had a 4 star General Jack Keane (Retired) to ask about leadership in the world today, and asking the question...**Where is the Winston Churchill today that the World needs, or the Ronald Reagan?** General Keane said there is NO ONE visible in the world to fill that void. The world will be desperately looking for a leader as the civilization continues to suffer from chaos, terrorism, anarchy and violence. Think we are immune? Think again...Ferguson, New York, and others to come. I am old enough to remember the race wars that nearly destroyed our country and the anti-war movement that incites anarchy. Add the Radical Environmental groups and you have a dangerous potpourri of people.

With an American leadership vacuum, the world will grow desperate for a leader and one will show up who can bring peace and hope to the entire world. Watch for the chaos that leads to that time. I do not have any idea how close we are, but the signs are all there.

I would not be surprised for wars to break out in the Middle East as Jordan and Saudi Arabia are pressed by ISIS and Israel's neighbors get itchy to "eliminate" the Jews. The World will support the idea, at least not come to Israel's defense.

The Jews are the "canary in the coal mine" (explain) for what is to come. **Do not be alarmed** because it must be this way because the Bible predicts it will happen. **God is sovereign and in control.**

In America we will be in continued trouble, declining morals, anarchy in the big cities, unrestricted border crossings and who knows who is coming to our towns and cities. Family and Christianity will continue under increasing attack and the pressure to accept the Sodom and Gomorrah lifestyle as "normal" will be everywhere from Schools, to government to business. Christian thought will become "hate speech" and we will be marginalized even more. **We will be praying for the Rapture of the Church.**

Of course, I believe the Rapture of the Church is Imminent, which means it can happen at any time. There are NO signs to be fulfilled before it happens. It will happen in the Lords time, but think about what happens to America when it happens:

330 Million People, roughly ½ claim to be Christian. If only half of them are true born again believers think about 55 Million people vanishing. Add to that **All** the Children who are under the age of accountability, and **all** the mentally impaired who are unable to make a decision for Christ. This gets us to about 100 Million men, women, and children... *In America alone.*

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What is life like then? Just think...No infants, no toddlers, no K-5. No Christian leaders, business people. By geography the Big Cities are less impacted but the Middle America, and rural families are wiped out.

Military is also decimated, especially the troops. Congress is largely intact but who pays the taxes? Who drives food to grocery stores? Who delivers gasoline to stores? Who grows food? It will be a dark day and days indeed. Chaos will be the order of the day. I believe if America is now declining as a world power, the Rapture will finish us off as a super power. Muslims and secular non believers such as in Europe will be largely unaffected because the populace will be unaffected. This is another reason I believe the USA will no longer be a factor.

You may think I am crazy, and maybe I am ... but I believe it is critical for us as believers to be urgent about spreading God's word to others, and our families especially. We have no time to waste. Unfortunately the institutional church has neglected fundamental teaching of scripture for years and opted for passive, feel good sermons, how to live a better life now, and avoided taking a stand due to political sensitivities and refusal to preach against sin. The dismissiveness of our youth to the things of God, and lack of even respect for God is the outgrowth of this failure.

I believe also that each of us must try and live the life that God has called us to live, in purity, honesty, being Spirit-led, and obedient to His command. Not playing church, not taking salvation for granted and thinking we have plenty of time to witness to that lost family member, neighbor, or friend. We must be salt and light in the world and do what we can while there is still time. My prayer is that these sessions have aided that effort in your heart.

Lets pray now and close this session and study.