



Prophecy in Perspective

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Our Times - Prophecy in Current Events

**Jesus Reveals the Future
Part 5
The Events and Timing of His Coming**

Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. (Matthew 24:26-28)

Jesus continues to warn the Jews of the latter days and what they should look for in the days just prior to His return. He is referring to the time of the Great Tribulation period, after the rapture of the church to heaven. The Tribulation will be a time of great judgment from God upon the earth as well as a time of the diabolical workings of the Antichrist. False prophets will be everywhere, especially in Israel seeking to mislead those of the Jews who refuse to take the mark of the Beast. They will seek to lure them into places of supposed safety for capture and death. But, with the Lord's coming, there will be widespread carnage when the Lord kills Israel's attackers. There will be carcasses of people and animals everywhere and the birds will have a feast.

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. (Matthew 24:29-31)

The Lord will return with sweeping destruction and judgment. The heavens will manifest the cosmological disturbance that will occur over and upon the earth at that time. When the Lord comes in the air to rapture the church away to heaven, He will be unseen by the world. But at His second coming to the earth, "***they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.***" The wicked will see the One whom they sought to deny and to overthrow when He returns to destroy them and to rescue Israel from their murderous intentions. They will have sought to destroy Israel, but the Lord Jesus Christ will destroy them. The Lord Jesus will then regather all of the remnant of the Jews (His elect) from all over the world to

Jerusalem. He will establish His Kingdom from there. Jesus will rule the earth from Jerusalem. The question is: Does Jesus Christ rule in your heart today?

The prophetic indications are growing in frequency to warn us of the coming type of cosmic and geological disturbances that the Bible predicts for the Tribulation Period. These indications include happenings in China, Russia, Iran, Israel, and even the United States. Chinese war ships have recently been seen closer to the Alaskan coast than ever. Russia is selling high tech weapons to Iran while we foolishly agree to allow Iran to inspect their own nuclear sites. Thanks to the Muslim in the White House (or at least one who is very sympathetic to Islam), Barak Hussein Obama, Israel is more vulnerable to destruction now than ever in their history since 1948. President Obama also urges American churches to accept same sex marriage. Watch what happens in the next few weeks very prayerfully as the Jewish high holy days occur along with unusual events in the heavens. Great judgment is coming to America because of our growing anti-Semitic as well as our anti-Biblical moral stance.

Many of the once great seminaries and Bible colleges in America have denied the inerrancy and authority of the Bible. The result is that most pastors in America do not believe the Bible is entirely true. [Try asking your pastor if he believes that there are any mistakes in the Bible!] This denial has allowed compromise into our churches and conviction to be suppressed or even obliterated!

In addition, perverse sexual practices abound in America and many of these practices have been declared virtuous. Those who oppose ungodly and Antichrist laws against biblical marriage, such as Kim Davis in Kentucky (pictured on right), who is now in jail for her biblical conviction not to grant marriage licenses to homosexual couples, receive little or no support from Christians in America.



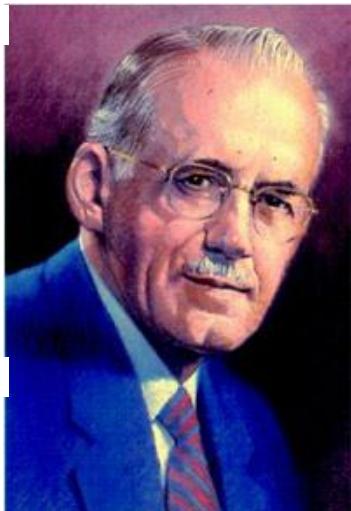
As a consequence of America's rejection of the Bible, God has already begun to send warnings. Among these warnings may be the extreme stock-market fluctuations that indicate that something is about to happen in America if we do not repent. ***"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34)***. The weaker America gets through the promotion of immorality and godless philosophies that support the butchery of Planned Parenthood and the vile and satanic regime of Iran, the greater the likelihood that God will soon bring this nation to its end. God can still protect Israel without us, but I firmly believe that one of the main reasons for America's founding was God's intention to use this nation as a shelter and support for the Jews. Believers need to pray for repentance in America! This repentance needs to begin with American Christians who have grown complacent and have set their Bibles aside to attend churches that do not preach the Bible but "tickle their ears" and who "play great rock and roll." ***"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires" (2 Timothy 4:3, see also Daniel 3:4-6, Rev 18:22)***.

A.W. Tozer wrote about how the church of our day needs prophets to speak from the Word of God from their pulpits the clear declarations of God to the issues of our day. I have included an excerpt from his article, We Need Men of God Again:

The Church at this moment needs men, the right kind of men, bold men. The talk is that we need revival, that we need a new [movement] of the Spirit—and God knows we must have both; but God will not revive mice. He will not fill rabbits with the Holy Ghost.

We languish for men who feel themselves expendable in the warfare of the soul, who cannot be frightened by threats of death because they have already died to the allurements of this world. Such men will be free from the compulsions that control weaker men. They will not be forced to do things by the squeeze of circumstances; their only compulsion will come from within—or from above.

This kind of freedom is necessary if we are to have [powerful preachers] in our pulpits again instead of mascots. These free men will serve God and mankind from motives too high to be understood by the rank and file of religious retainers who today shuttle in and out of the sanctuary. They will make no decisions out of fear, take no course out of a desire to please, accept no service for financial considerations, perform no religious act out of mere custom; nor will they allow themselves to be influenced by the love of publicity or the desire for reputation.



Much that the church—even the evangelical church—is doing these days she is doing because she is afraid not to. Ministerial associations take up projects for no higher reason than that they are being scared into it. Whatever their ear-to-the-ground, fear-inspired reconnoitering leads them to believe the world expects them to do they will be doing come next Monday morning with all kinds of trumped-up zeal and show of godliness. The pressure of public opinion calls these prophets, not the voice of Jehovah.

The true church has never sounded out public expectations before launching her crusades. Her leaders heard from God and went ahead wholly independent of popular support or the lack of it. They knew their

Lord's will and did it, and their people followed them—sometimes to triumph, oftener to insults and public persecution—and their sufficient reward was the satisfaction of being right in a wrong world.

... Yes, if evangelical Christianity is to stay alive she must have men again, the right kind of men. She must repudiate the weaklings who dare not speak out, and she must seek in prayer and much humility the coming again of men of the stuff prophets and martyrs are made of. God will hear the cries of His people as He heard the cries of Israel in Egypt. And He will send deliverance by sending deliverers. It is His way among men. (The Best of A.W. Tozer, pp. 147-149)

It is time for believers to take a stand by taking their Bibles in hand, studying it, obeying it, and preaching it as real and an unstoppable witnesses for Jesus Christ. Today, I believe the Lord is looking for those who will stand boldly for Him even in a day when everyone else disagrees. Remember: You and God make a majority!

***FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD RUN TO AND FRO
THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EARTH, TO SHEW HIMSELF
STRONG IN THE BEHALF OF THEM WHOSE HEART IS PERFECT
TOWARD HIM.***

(2 CHRONICLES 16:9)

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

(Revelation 22:12)

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