



# Prophecy in Perspective

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## The Jewish Temple to be Rebuilt

*"The mountain of the house of the Lord will be established as the chief of the mountains; and will be raised above the hills; and all the nations will stream to it. And many peoples will come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob'" (Isaiah 2:2-3).*

There will be great upheavals of the earth at the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. These are overturnings of the earth's geology as well as the political and religious alignments of the world. Following the rapture of the church and then the seven year Great Tribulation period, the Lord Jesus will return to Jerusalem. At that time, the Millennial or Kingdom Temple will be built to the specifications and for the purposes described in detail in Ezekiel, chapters 40-48. Here is a brief introduction to the Millennial Temple from my book, Fearless Faith:

God brings Ezekiel to in ***a very high mountain, by which was as the frame of a city on the south,*** overlooking the Millennial city of Jerusalem. This city will be very different in appearance than it is today. There he sees, in a vision, the details of the future Millennial Temple. Ezekiel is to watch and listen carefully: ***hear with thine ears, and set thine heart upon all that I shall shew thee.*** God's intention is for Ezekiel to ***declare*** all ***that*** he sees ***to the house of Israel***, who are in Babylon. And, of course, Ezekiel's entire book of prophecy is available for the Jews through the centuries to give them hope that God still has great plans to fulfill all His covenant promises to them. The specifics of this future temple are to be taken literally rather than spiritually or symbolically. This will be Israel's fourth and last temple. (Fearless Faith, A Study in the Prophecies and Precepts of Ezekiel, p. 213)

### **1. God's Unfolding Prophetic Plan Involves the Rebuilding of the Jewish Temple on the Ancient Site.**

The Millennial Temple, resting on the ancient site of the Temple Mount, will be the highest point on the earth. Jesus predicted: ***"And you will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars...nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places, there will be famines and earthquakes"*** (*Matthew 24:6-7*). Today we certainly see indications that these conditions will soon reach fever pitch for Israel and the whole earth. The Lord sees the increase of wickedness and rebellion on the earth and, just like in the days of Noah, Jesus Christ must deal in judgment against these conditions and the people that are departing from the Word of God. What we see today is what Jesus had reference to when He said: ***"But all these things are merely the***

***beginning of the birth pangs" (Matthew 24:8).*** Even though the Great Tribulation has not yet begun, I strongly believe that many of the present trends in America and the world are God's warnings of the soon coming of that seven year season of judgment upon the earth.

The Lord God is holy and He will not continually tolerate mankind's rebellion. This rebellion involves destroying the lives of the pre-born through abortion and of leading our children into immoral wickedness through teaching them to approve of gender confusion and sexual promiscuity in public schools. I just received information that Rehoboth Presbyterian Church in Atlanta (PCUSA) is closing over a split in the congregation over the church wanting to permit same-sex marriage. The national store chain, Target, is leading the charge against biblical morality through its extreme commitment to political-correctness in providing for gender-neutral bathrooms. All sexual perversity is energized by demons. The Bible warns that there will be a tremendous increase of demonic deception in the latter days: ***"But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons" (2 Timothy 3:1).***

## **2. The Rise of Demonic Activity is Evident Today Through Leftism**

Nowhere is this later days demonic influence more evident in America today, as well as most of Europe, than in the movement of political and religious **Leftism**. "Leftism" (think of turning "left" from the "right") is a demonically motivated political and religious perspective that seeks to radically transform morality and the social structure to produce a new world order under authoritarian rule. In 2008, when Barack Hussein Obama promised to "transform America," during his presidency, he meant that he intended to force change in the political, social and religious strong points in the nation. I believe Leftism is a philosophy that is often more ferociously "fundamentalist," and "radical," than the most virulent Islamist. At the heart of current Islamist movements, such as those found in Al Qaeda, ISIS, and among the Shiite leadership in Iran are strong Leftist social and religious bents and biases. I believe that current Islamic movements are currently following the lead of the Leftists in America and Europe. The Leftists and progressives are deliberately providing them an "open door," to infiltrate the West. Leftism, like Islam, is anti-Bible, anti-Israel, and is morbidly disdainful of the traditional family, and traditional America. Leftists are fully capable of being fiercely malicious, deceptive, revolutionary and violent in achieving their goals.

The current influx of Muslims and of Islamic terror and terrorists in America and Europe has radically increased since Obama took office. He and many other radical Leftist leaders have encouraged these trends for years. I believe Islamic terrorist attacks and advances of Islam in general which we are witnessing in America and parts of Europe today are largely facilitated by the policies and philosophies of radical Leftism. It is possible that in many ways, such as exemplified in our current relations with Iran, radical Leftism is employing Islam and its adherents as willing agents to further Satan's global agenda.

### **3. Christians Should Expect that the Lord Jesus Will Return Soon**

Expecting the Lord Jesus to return soon will encourage a sense of importance for Christians to understand the times. Both biblical and secular history shows that the God of the Bible will not continually tolerate mankind's rebellion. Leftism is systematically weakening America and Europe partly by wholesale abortions and even selling of baby parts and by rebellion against gender distinctions which God has created and ordained to produce and raise up new godly generations. Obama, Hillary Clinton, and Bernie Sanders are public leaders that are stridently Leftist in their ideology and in their methods of leadership. The more than tacit agreement that exists between Islamism and Leftism can be seen over and over again from Obama's refusal to use the key term, "Islamic Terrorism," and Hillary's bombastic question regarding the cause and potential cover-up of the Islamic Terrorist attack at Ben Ghazi, "What difference does it make?" As the committed Leftists that they are, when it comes to how they respond to questions regarding Islamic Terrorism, their methods are always to: Obscure, obfuscate, and diffuse the issues to avoid directly answering the questions in order to buy time to manipulate voters, or force change and bring about revolution.

### **4. Satan Himself is a Leftist!**

Satan is the original Leftist! Satan's scheme today is similar to that which he used in the garden of Eden to subvert Adam and Eve to abandon God (Genesis 3). Again he sought to corrupt mankind through the cohabitation of fallen angels with women just prior to Noah's flood (see Genesis 6). What we are witnessing today is merely the fulfillment of prophecy: ***"For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah" (Matthew 24:37)***. Interestingly, the context of this prophecy involves ongoing marriage activity as well as the carrying on of the revelry of rebellion implied in "eating and drinking," until the flood came. Today, we see rebellious "marriage" activity of another form than that of the demonic inter-marriage of Noah's day. Today we are seeing inter-gender or trans-gender "marriage," which is no less demonic than the strikingly demented form of marriage in Noah's time! The demonic "off-spring" of these unscriptural unions are a latter days demonic plague influencing men to become the new "giants in the earth," or latter days "heroes," like the former Olympic champion, Bruce Jenner, desiring to become a woman! Such are the "champions" of the latter days!

Many in the liberal and emerging church are increasingly committed to some form of Replacement theology where God's wonderful promises for Israel's future are re-defined as the future global religion and one world government. A new and ultra authoritarian world order is the general goal of Mohammed's followers. This is also the goal of political and religious Leftists.

### **5. Leftism and Islamism Have Common Motives And Goals**

Eerily, the motives and goals for both Islam and Leftism are similar: Authoritarian government to achieve global domination which consists of a world without Christians, Israel, or the God of the Bible. Both Leftism and Islamism are interested in securing new authoritarian powers that will bring about the total control of ownership, use and distribution of property, resources and wealth. For Leftism, Socialism is important to achieve these goals. For Islam, Sharia Law is vital to do this. Either of these ideologies assume the need for

dictatorial and large government structures and both have and will use coercion and violent force to achieve their ends. This explains why Leftists and Islam are so opposed to biblical Christianity and conservative Judaism, both of which teach the importance of individual freedom and responsibility before God. This also explains why radical Leftists like Barak Obama and Hillary Clinton are soft on Islamic Terrorism. These and other Leftists are generally tolerant or even supportive of Islam.

For several key reasons, which I will not go into in this issue of *Prophecy in Perspective*, the Emerging Church, through promotion of Replacement Theology, is helping to "forward the affliction" (Zechariah 1:15) of both Leftism and Islam. Therefore, many Emergent leaders tend to be pro-Palestinian and anti-Israel! Suffice it to say, however, that the influence of the Emerging Church can be seen where ever the Bible's teachings of doctrine of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ are ignored.

Some wonder how both Leftism and Islam can continue to operate successfully because they have seemingly opposite ideologies. We recall how Jesus said that no kingdom can be divided against itself or it will be ruined (Matthew 20:24). If what Jesus said is true, then how can both of these apparently opposite ideologies thrive as they do today? In reality, Leftism and Islam have a "common core," which reveals them as two poles rotating around the same essential principle: disdain for the God of the Bible and for His Son, Jesus Christ! Therefore, the common and methodical efforts to remove crosses, prohibit gospel preaching in the military, law-enforcement, prisons, and schools on the part of both Leftist and Islamic leadership arise from their common goals of global anti-Christ, anti-Israel government and a new world order. While most see their ideologies as different, their outward distinctions only hide how they are both energized by the same essential and unified spirit: that of Satan himself! This is the identical unholy spirit that will soon manifest in the coming Antichrist. This is the future Fuhrer, Imam or messiah, who will seek to establish his world rule. This is the future anti-Semitic, anti-Christ world leader who is, in all likelihood, alive today and preparing to be revealed (2 Thessalonians 2:8).

Of course, neither Leftists nor Islamists believe in the coming rapture, so they are developing their own ways to rid themselves of Christians and their influence. Islam is raising no protest over the Supreme Court's new ruling which legalizes same-sex marriage as they are jubilant over any prospect of the weakening of America's Christian influence in the world. The trends through the Obama administration and his helpers to insist on allowing men to use girls bathrooms, locker rooms, showers and dressing rooms will serve nicely to root out the strong Christians and conservative Jews who stand against these things on biblical and moral grounds. Their method involves strategic silence by America's Muslims. There are other tactical diversions such as the fraudulent "Black Lives Matter," and other baseless movements occurring simultaneously. These, and other high profile stunts serve as distractions while gay organizations, in cooperation with leftist politicians, religious leaders and judges, move to neutralize honest Christian protests through fines, prison time, or public humiliation.

Neither Leftists nor Islamists understand the supernatural power of the God of the Bible that indwells Christians. The Lord Jesus Christ cannot be defeated nor can the prophetic Word of God be broken! Both liberal humanism and pretentious Islam are heavily invested in denying and literally removing any evidence of Jewish or biblical history. Islamists are committed historical revisionists in order to remove any evidence of the existence of David's kingdom and the ancient Temple so they may insert, twist and thus legitimize their own religion. Like Muslims, Leftists are also committed to historical revisionism and do so by removal,

insertion, and twisting of Christian history through secular humanistic education. Elwood McQuaid of Friends of Israel Ministries writes:

"Thus Muslims can have only one goal: converting all humanity to Islam and 'effacing the final traces of all other religions, creeds and ideologies'...To achieve this caliphate (global rule), its (ISIS) devotees use lethal brutality and destroy churches, shrines, and significant religious artifacts or evidences of competing faiths...Perhaps ISIS' atrocity is its systematic destruction of libraries and its massive book burnings. All totalitarian systems, like Nazism, feel constrained to deprive people of access to information that might expose their fallacies and barbarism...In the end, as with all who have gone before, the merchants of terror eventually will fail. Knocking down walls, destroying ancient temples, and jack hammering artifacts from sanctuaries in an attempt to destroy a faith are futile. Faith does not depend on stone and mortar to survive. Scripture makes that fact clear:

***"The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things. (Acts 17:24-25)(Israel My Glory, Elwood McQuaid, "The Stones Cry Out," May/June 2016)***

In a similar way, many in the Evangelical church promote the liberal idea either that the Jewish Temple will never be rebuilt or that it will not be built on the existing Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Yet, as our opening passage from Isaiah shows: ***"Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it" (Isaiah 2:2).***

## **6. Prophetic and Current Events Give Evidence For The Coming Rebuilding of the Temple**

According to clear Bible prophecy, the Jewish temple will again be rebuilt in Jerusalem on its former ancient site. Now, we have to remember that the temple will be rebuilt after the rapture of the church, or perhaps, just before that event. During the great tribulation, the Antichrist will pass himself off as the Messiah of Israel. He will desecrate the temple that will be built for that time and blaspheme God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit by claiming himself to be God (Matthew 24:15, 2 Thessalonians 2:4). He will place himself in the temple as God and persecute the Jews in order to destroy them. But he will fail!

After the Lord returns to the earth, the Millennial Temple will be rebuilt on the same ancient site as it was when originally built by Solomon. The mountain of the house (temple) will be elevated higher than any other place on earth (Isaiah 2:3). The Scripture says that every mountain will be made low; every valley will be brought up! (Isaiah 4:4; Micah 4:1-3; Zechariah 14:10). On the temple's being built on its ancient site, biblical archaeologist, Randal Price states:

The true site of the Temple possesses a sanctity no other place has ever had because it was where the Ark of the covenant had been set, where the Shekinah (Divine Presence) descended and rested (1Kings 8:6-11), and from where it later departed (Ezekiel 8:4; 11:23).

When Ezekiel's prophecy of the Messianic Temple is fulfilled, the topography of the Temple Mount will radically change in elevation and proportion to the ancient site (40:2; 42:15-20; 48:8-35; cf. Isaiah 2:2; Zechariah 14:10).

For the prophecies of the Temple's future restoration to be fulfilled, the structure must be built on the exact site it occupied in the past because God promises that the Shekinah will return to the rebuilt Temple in the same way it departed and to the same location from which it departed (Ezekiel 43:1-7).

Upon this fulfillment depend the full range of promises connected to end-times Jerusalem and its role in the Messiah's coming Kingdom. ("Why the True Site of the Temple Is Important," Randall Price, *Israel My Glory*, May/June, 2016)

## **7. The Dome of the Rock Will Not Hinder the Rebuilding of The Temple**

Presently, the Muslim Dome of the Rock is located on top of the Temple Mount but it will not be there forever, for the Lord's own Temple will be rebuilt there. The Lord Jesus Himself will return to Jerusalem at the end of the Great Tribulation to establish His rule upon the earth. He will be the true Lord and King over and in His holy temple as the Antichrist before would have tried to imitate. All of Israel's enemies will be destroyed and there will be no more wars in the Middle East, nor in any part of the world. The church, the Bride of Christ, will have been raptured off the earth before the start of the tribulation and will have returned with Jesus at His coming to the earth during the battle of Armageddon (Revelation 19). The church will reign with Christ on the earth during the 1000 years of His global Kingdom.

Jesus' rule and authority will be absolute! There will be no more cults to distort biblical truth. There will be no more false religions of false prophets threatening the existence of Israel or persecuting God's servants. Israel will dwell securely in their land with their temple as the world's central place of worship and the Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah, residing there upon the earth again. No longer will the hateful and oppressive political systems, kings, or political charlatans compromise truth and plot to overthrow the rule of God over the nations (Isaiah 11:9; Zechariah 14:16-21; Ezekiel 43-48). This is why believers today can live in victory in these dark times, while making the light of the coming Lord visible to the lost through our faithful testimony and consistent walk.

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