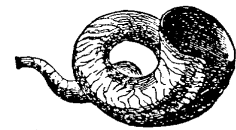


# Sound the Trumpet!

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## THE PEACE TREATY

Someday, the trumpet will sound and the church will be caught up to be with Christ forever. Then, according to Daniel 9:26-27 and Revelation 17; Antichrist will appear on the world stage. He will be a European leader and will sign a great peace treaty; "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week", or seven years. This peace covenant will involve Israel, Israel's enemies and the whole world.

**THE COMING CRISIS:** It is easy to see that the world is facing the greatest crisis in all of human history. North Korea now has nuclear weapons and they are evidently willing to share them with countries like Syria. Pakistan has nuclear weapons and could also share them with other countries and terror groups. They have been reported to be secretly aiding the Taliban and al Qaeda. Turkey is also considering acquiring nuclear weapons as their hostility to Israel continues to grow.

Syria, Hamas and Hezbollah are arming to the teeth in preparation for a war with Israel. These three groups have an estimated 80,000 to 90,000 rockets and missiles between them. Some of these missiles have heavy payloads and probably chemical and biological warheads and possibly nuclear warheads. Many of these missiles have the range to reach all of Israel. These are not the nuisance rockets of the past.

Iran will soon have nuclear weapons and the means to deliver them. Iran's leaders have stated that Israel must be wiped off the map. Iran is a ticking time bomb and the world stands on the precipice of a nuclear nightmare. The world evidently fears that Iran, unlike other nations, will not hesitate to use whatever weapons are available to them. Iran's leaders have stated that if anyone tries to bomb their nuclear facilities they will release 40,000 suicide bombers around the world. Iran has laid plans for Hezbollah, Hamas and Syria to attack Israel in the event of an attack on her nuclear facilities. They have also vowed to shut off 50% of the world's oil supplies which passes through the Strait of Hormuz. This could cause the world's economy to collapse;

the IMF has stated that the economy of the West is vulnerable to change right now. The whole Mideast could suddenly be engulfed in flames while the economies of the world could come crashing down, leaving the nations on their knees. There also would be the most profound and unimaginable change in the world situation if America were to collapse economically and her mighty military machine were to dissolve. These things are all looming on our horizon.

**THE SETTING FOR THE PEACE TREATY:** A war involving Syria, Hezbollah, Lebanon and Hamas against Israel would leave tremendous devastation. If nuclear weapons were used, the world would be left in a state of utter panic. The world would be ready to receive a man who would promise to bring peace and the safety of total disarmament to the world, a world in which nuclear weapons are multiplying. Paul said, "Peace and Safety," only total disarmament would bring a feeling of safety to the world. The whole world would be desperate to solve the problem of terrorism and a potential nuclear holocaust.

The stage would be set for Antichrist to appear. We are left with several questions concerning the appearance of Antichrist. Why would the world follow his leadership? Why would the nations accept disarmament? Why would Islam agree to peace? I believe the answer is suggested in Paul's letter to the Thessalonians: "even him (Antichrist) whose coming is after the working of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders." 2 Thess. 2:9.

Paul is telling us that Antichrist will come with tremendous power, power derived from Satan himself. He will perform amazing signs and wonders, "lying wonders", deception and counterfeit miracles.

Paul says, "After the working of Satan," remember Satan's power in the book of Job. He called down fire from heaven and he controlled the wind. God allows Satan to exercise great power at times, remember how Satan duplicated many of the miracles of Moses in front of Pharaoh. Antichrist will, through the power of Satan, demonstrate great power to the world. The signs or apparitions Antichrist will give to the world will be so great that the world will be deceived by them. I will not,

Are you ready to face the future?  
Are you prepared to meet the Lord?

*"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;"*  
Joel 2:1

## Compromise is Costly

Christianity today is so entangled with this present world that millions never guess how radically they have missed the New Testament pattern.

Compromise is everywhere - but actually no real union between the world and the Church is possible. When the Church joins up with the world it is the true Church no longer but only a pitiful hybrid thing, an object of smiling contempt to the world, and an abomination to the Lord!

Nothing could be clearer than the pronouncements of the Scriptures on the Christian's relation to the world. The confusion which gathers around this matter results from the unwillingness of professing Christians to take the Word of the Lord seriously. This whole thing is spiritual in its essence.

A Christian is what he is not by ecclesiastical manipulation but by the new birth. He is a Christian because of a Spirit which dwells in him. Only "that which is born by the Spirit is spirit", no matter how many church dignitaries work on it!

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of course, say what these things will be. However I can suggest some possibilities. Flying saucers are apparently some kind of apparition that causes the world to wonder. An apparition is an unexpected appearance of something that is ghostly or unreal.

We have an example of this in the "apparitions of Mary." In 1997 Newsweek ran a cover story on Mary. They stated that there have been 400 apparitions of Mary in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. They stated that each year 100's of millions visit the shrines set up on those sites. Mary's message is always the same, she comes to, "bring peace to a united world," and that, "someday she will bring peace to the world." I believe this is a set up for the day that Antichrist comes to sign the Peace Treaty. She may well announce to the world, through apparitions, that "Antichrist is her son who comes to bring peace to the whole world."

**THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN:** here is a possible scenario which *may* happen. *I am not saying that this will happen.* October 13, 1917 at Fatima Portugal; Mary had, in an apparition, given advance warning, as a result 70,000 people gathered. As the crowd that day watched the sun it began to dance in the sky. Suddenly it began to dive at the crowd; they all fell to the ground in a wet field. The sun then returned to its usual place in the sky. When the crowd got up their clothes were clean and dry. Many of the sick and weak were cured.

The miracle of the sun is common. It happened before 100,000 in Puerto Rico, April 13, 1991. It happened before 300,000 in the Philippines March 5 1993. It happened in El Cajas Ecuador before 120,000 in the late 1980's. Similar events are recorded as having taken place at Medjugorje - Denver - Lubbock Texas and Conyers Georgia. Could it be, that someday Antichrist will announce to the world to watch the sun at noon tomorrow in their time zone? Could it be that all around the world, at noon the miracle of the sun will occur? The world would be spell bound by Antichrist!

Beyond what Satan will do, we are told that God will cause the world to be deceived. "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:" 2 Thessalonians 2:11. The 'lie', is that Antichrist is the Christ, the Messiah or His representative. The counterfeit church of the tribulation period will be a church

that professes to be the Church of Christ, (see Matthew 24:24). Christians would not be deceived by a church that did not profess to be the Church of Christ. History tells us that Rome has always been able to accommodate and incorporate pagan religions; we may assume that this will come to full flower in that day.

Israel will be deceived, "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive." John 5:43. Israel will believe that Antichrist is their Messiah.

Islam will be deceived, "But in his estate shall he (Antichrist) honour the God of forces: and a god whom his father's knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things." Daniel 11:38. Who is the god that was unknown in the days of the Roman Empire? The answer is Allah, who was not identified until the 6<sup>th</sup> century AD. Islam will be deceived into believing Antichrist is the Mahdi, the saviour of Islam. Islam believes that the Mahdi, when he comes, will destroy Israel, that he will convert the whole world to Islam and establish a world-wide Islamic Caliphate.

The whole world will be deceived. Today the whole world cries out for peace, peace to go on practicing their sin.

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2 Thess. 2:11**

**THE AFTERMATH OF THE PEACE TREATY:** The whole world will have disarmed, which will allow Antichrist to begin to usurp control over much of the world, (Revelation 6:2). Shortly after the peace treaty is signed Islam realizes that they have been deceived. They realize that he is not their Mahdi, that he is not going to destroy Israel, and that he is not going to convert the world to Islam and set up a world-wide Islamic Caliphate.

At this point, early in the tribulation period, the great war of Ezekiel 38-39 will take place. Russia, Iran Ethiopia, Libya, Turkey and perhaps other Islamic nations that surround Israel, will come against Israel to annihilate her. The outcome of this war will be the destruction, by God, of 5 of every 6 of Israel's enemies. We are also told that this destruction will extend to the homelands of these peoples.

Islam and Russia will be neutralized. The Antichrist will be left standing with the only army and control of all of the Mideast oil.

What is next for the world? I suggest the following scenario will unfold.

1. World tensions will continue to build.
2. Christ will suddenly come and without warning take His Bride to Heaven.
3. The U.S.A. will suddenly become insignificant in world affairs.
4. Out of the chaos and confusion, Antichrist will arise in Europe and sign a great peace treaty with the promise of world peace. World-wide disarmament will ensue. Euphoria will sweep the world and a brief period of world-wide peace will follow. (1 Thessalonians 5:3).
5. The peace will be suddenly shattered as Russia and her Muslim allies attack Israel. God will send fire from heaven and Russia and Islam will be eliminated as a factor in the tribulation scenario.
6. With Russia, Islam and America neutralized Antichrist will fill the vacuum through his ten nation Revived Roman Empire. This empire will be in union with the world-wide harlot church.
7. The tribulation period will unfold with great darkness, despair and catastrophic judgments.
8. At the midpoint of the tribulation period several things will happen. A- The transition from the Revived Roman Empire to the world-wide kingdom of Antichrist will take place. B- The beast (Antichrist) will destroy the harlot church and prepare the world to worship him. C- Satan will be cast out of heaven and into the earth, and the great tribulation will begin. The whole world will be enslaved by the beast and Israel will go through the great holocaust.
9. Christ will return to the earth, defeat the enemies of Israel and sit upon the throne of David. The long promised millennial kingdom will begin, Luke 1:32-33.

What's next for you personally? Are you ready to face the future? Are you saved? Are you prepared to meet the Lord?

What about you Christian? Have you been obedient to the Lord's command to be baptized? Have you put away known sin in your life? Have you surrendered your life to the control of the Holy Spirit? Are you supporting a Bible believing church? Are you serving the Lord the best you can? Are you looking and longing for His coming?

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# The Great Last Days Apostasy is Upon Us

Our Lord warned us that the greatest sign of the nearness of His return would be a great apostasy, a great turning away from the faith. Those days are upon us now. All around us are "Purpose Driven" Churches. Churches who have bowed down to the world and who exist to draw the world into the church by being like the world.

In the 1980's Rick Warren went to California, to an area where there was a large population of unchurched people. He mailed out thousands of questionnaires, asking the question, "What kind of church would you attend". Then he established a church designed by the desires of the unsaved. He asked the congregation to write down the call letters of the radio station they listened to the most. The majority listened to a light rock radio station. The music style of the church was established by the unsaved congregation who designed the church. He brought the unsaved into the church on their own terms.

At the close of the service cards were handed out asking everyone to check one of the boxes on the card. Two of the several options were, "I am a Christian" and "I am beginning my spiritual journey", presto a check mark and you are in! Hundreds were added to the church each service, who wouldn't be happy to get in on such a deal? The entertainment and music brought them back. The church grew rapidly, by dozens, then hundreds and finally thousands. There were programs for each group: singles, families, teens, children, sports, games and movies, you name they had it.

The problem is that the Church is a group of saved people who are called out of the world. They are called out of the world to be separate from the world, the world's practices, and the world's life style. They are called to be different in their manner of life.

Separation from the world is the very essence of true Christianity:

- ◆ "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:17-18.
- ◆ "For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp. Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto

him without the camp, bearing his reproach." Hebrews 13:11-13.

- ◆ "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." 1 John 2:15-17.
- ◆ "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." James 4:4.
- ◆ "I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." John 17:15-17.
- ◆ "And ye shall know that I am the LORD: for ye have not walked in my statutes, neither executed my judgments, but have done after the manners of the heathen that are round about you." Ezekiel 11:12.

This departure from God's plan and purpose for the church is apostasy and that apostasy grew as time passed. Rick Warren went on to say that the, "Five Fundamentals of the Christian Faith" are a narrow and legalistic document. These are the same five fundamentals which are the irreducible core of Christianity.

**THE FIVE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE FAITH** to which Dr. Warren objected are:

1. The inerrancy and full authority of the Bible;
2. The virgin birth and full deity of Jesus Christ;
3. The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead;
4. Jesus Christ's atoning, vicarious death for the sins of the world;
5. The literal second coming of Jesus Christ.

Rick Warren, in rejecting these five fundamentals is rejecting the very core of Christianity.

On May 23, 2005, Rick Warren, was quoted in the Philadelphia Enquirer as saying, "Fundamentalists are the worst enemies we have in the 21<sup>st</sup> century."

In 2009 the nation of Uganda passed a law to protect children from being raped resulting in a death sentence

from AIDS. Rick Warren wrote a protest letter to the Pastoral Alliance of Uganda in which he said; "The freedom to make moral choices and to free expression are gifts endowed by God....I urge you, the pastors of Uganda, to speak out against this proposed law."

The following is a statement by the Discernment Group; "Rick Warren represents the emerging 'new breed' of evangelical leaders who are working to create a Communitarian paradise on Earth, building a 'kingdom' for a nebulous 'god' utilizing state-of-the-art psycho-social manipulations and marketing techniques."

The evidence of Warren's apostasy continues to pile up. A news item stated, "Rick Warren has joined a group of 100 church leaders calling for interfaith dialogue and the building of 'common ground' with Muslims." We ask, what common ground do believers have with Muslims?

The following is a comment by Joseph Farah of WND in 2009, "While millions of other Americans will be celebrating Independence Day weekend, Rick Warren, often called 'America's Pastor,' will be serving as the keynote speaker for a Saudi-backed Muslim group that promotes a radical strain of Wahhabi Islam in about 80 percent of US mosques."

Recently Rick Warren told the Islamic Society of North America that he is "not interested in interfaith dialogue; he is only interested in interfaith projects". He is saying let's forget about truth and just come together to make the world a better place. This is exactly the program of the Harlot Church of the last days. Rick Warren is coming to Evangelicals in particular, and enticing them to forget about truth and just join the world and the religions of the world to make a better world. This pleases the devil because the truth of the gospel will be put aside. Instead of men and women being translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son, the kingdom of light, they will remain in the kingdom of darkness. Three times in Matthew 24, Jesus warned of religious deception in the last days. Rick Warren is doing the very thing Jesus warned about.

In his "Peace Plan" Rick Warren has outlined five areas in which we should come together with Liberals, Catholics, Muslims, Hindu's, Atheists and others to change the world.

Joseph Farah made the following statement. "Rick Warren thinks we should work with Muslims to address certain issues. This is what his so-

called PEACE plan is about. The issues on which we are supposed to work together are the following:"

**SPIRITUAL EMPTINESS:** How can Christians work with Muslims on spiritual emptiness without bringing them to understand repentance and grace? This is the only way spiritual emptiness can be addressed Biblically - with evangelism.

**CORRUPT LEADERSHIP:** The Biblical definition of corrupt leadership is leadership which does not adhere to God's Word. How can believers form a new definition which is acceptable to non-believers and still be true to the Bible?

**EXTREME POVERTY:** Jesus does tell believers to minister to the poor, but I fail to see where He suggests that we should do this in conjunction with government programs, non-believers or in the name of other gods.

**PANDEMIC DISEASE:** Is the God we serve great enough to address all of our problems? Do we need the help of other gods? Is this a Biblical principle?

**ILLITERACY AND EDUCATION:** For hundreds of years Missionaries of the Gospel of Jesus Christ were the first to teach and open schools for forgotten people groups. What are we to teach people? Should we help Muslim nations and Muslim groups teach their children the Quran? Do we expect Muslim nations and Muslim groups to permit us to teach their people to read the Bible?

◆ "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?" 2 Cor. 6:14.

Rick Warren's Peace Plan has nothing to do with the teachings of Jesus Christ or the Scriptures. It has everything to do with bringing the religions of the

world and the people of the world together in a great world religious union. He is preparing the woman to ride the beast.

Rick boasts that he has trained over 600,000 ministers. These men are clones of Warren. There are 600,000 churches out there being pastored by apostates, wolves in sheep's clothing. There are probably several in your town. If you attend one of these churches, I suggest that you get out of it before you are blinded by deception!

Our Lord exhorts His people to come out from counterfeit Christianity:

◆ "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Revelation 18:4

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"...Blow the trumpet and warn the people" Ezekiel 33:3

## Let the Headlines Speak

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### Egyptian Journalist Describes 'Absolute Prosperity' in Gaza

Arutz Sheva - by Maayana Miskin

With Hamas telling tales of deprivation and suffering in Gaza, Egyptian journalist Ashraf Abu al-Houl has added his report to others who were surprised to discover a "prosperous" Gaza in which prices are low and luxury businesses are booming. Al-Houl's story of his trip to Gaza and his realization that "in actual terms, Gaza is not under siege" was written up in the Egyptian daily *Al-Ahram* and translated by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI).

### House Republicans Giving Green Light for Israeli Strike on Iran

INNews - Gil Ronen

Nearly one third of the Republican congressmen in the U.S. House of Representatives have introduced a resolution that would support Israel's right to use "all means necessary to confront and eliminate nuclear threats posed by Iran", including military force.

### Iran Sets Major Exercise; Ahmadinejad Sees War By November

World Tribune.com

Iran, warning of an imminent war, has been preparing for another major

military exercise The Iranian Air Force has scheduled a week-long exercise in the western part of the country near Iraq and the Gulf. Officials said the exercise would seek to enhance interoperability as well as night missions."The maneuvers will also include mid-air refueling of aircraft," Iranian Air Force deputy chief Gen. Mohammed Alavi said.

### Christian Students Beware - Court Upholds Expulsion of Student Who Opposes Homosexuality

foxnews.com

A federal judge has ruled in favor of a public university that removed a Christian student from its graduate program in school counseling over her belief that homosexuality is morally wrong. Monday's ruling, according to Julea Ward's attorneys, could result in Christian students across the country being expelled from public university for similar views.

### Evangelical Lutheran Pulpits Welcome Non - Celibate Gay Pastors

Sudhin Thanawala - Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO - Seven pastors who work in the San Francisco Bay area and were barred from serving in the nation's largest Lutheran group because of a policy that required gay

clergy to be celibate are being welcomed into the denomination.

### Philistine Temple Ruins Uncovered in Goliath's Hometown

Arutz Sheva - Hana Levi Julian

Bar Ilan University archaeologists have uncovered the ruins of a Philistine temple in the ancient city of Gath, home of the Biblical Goliath, buried in one of the largest tells (ancient ruin mounds) in Israel.

The temple and a number of ritual items dating back to the 10th century BCE were discovered at Tel Tsafit (Tell es-Safit/Gath) by Professor Aren Maeir of BIU's Martin (Szusz) Department of Land of Israel Studies and Archaeology and his international team. The tel is located about halfway between Ashkelon and Jerusalem, near Kiryat Gat along the southern coastal plain.

"Interestingly, the architectural design of this temple, with its two central pillars, is reminiscent of the architectural image that is described in the well-known Biblical story of Samson and the Philistines," Maeir said. He added that the discovery could indicate that the story of Samson reflects a type of temple that was in use in Philistia at the time.