



*"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*

# Sound the Trumpet!

## Persecution and Martyrdom



Christ came into the world as the divine, perfect, righteous Son of God. His life was a total contradiction to the lives of the men of this world; as a result they hated him and sought to kill Him. The followers of Christ, whose lives are also a contradiction to the lives of unregenerate men around them, are also the object of the same hatred. The church was born in the midst of this persecution and faced the same attempts on their lives that their Lord faced. "They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me, (John 16:2-3).

There were ten distinct periods of intense persecution for the early church. This intense persecution began under Nero in 67 AD. It came to a climax in 303 AD under Diocletian. This period of martyrdom was demonically inspired and driven; those who hated Christians so intensely devised all kinds of cruel and vicious means of torture and death.

The list is large and sadistic; racks, scourges, swords, daggers, flames, impalings, crosses, lions, drownings, poisoning and famine, to name a few. The O.T. list is added to in Hebrews 11:36-37, "And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented."

Down the long church age persecution and martyrdom have persisted. In these last days we are seeing the slaughter of believers multiplying at a rate such as never seen before in history. One man estimated that in recent years more believers have been

killed than in all the previous years of the church age.

The scripture indicates that this is but a prelude to the multiplied millions of tribulation saints who will be martyred in that dark time. The tribulation period will see the climax of the age long spiritual conflict between God and His adversary the devil.

It is not easy to determine the number of believers who are being martyred for their faith today. The estimates range from 100,000 to 170,000 each year. We do know that the numbers are on the rise.

The battle of the ages is an ongoing warfare. Satan seeks to destroy God's people, but God works in the midst of the conflict and saves men and women. The Lord allows Satan to have his day, but martyrdom only takes place by the permissive will of God.

In the midst of difficult circumstances people are coming to Christ in Iran.

Tertullian said, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." The sovereign Lord of the universe always turns Satan's vicious attacks on God and His people to His own glory. The scripture is a record of how God turns these attacks of Satan to His own glory. Iran is an example of how persecution causes the church to grow. The following quotes are from a news report concerning Iran.

"A major spike in the harassment and arrest of Iranian Christians in recent months is revealing just how nervous the Islamic Republic is about the prodigious success of house churches, say Iranian Christian leaders."

Apparently in the midst of difficult circumstances people are coming to Christ in Iran.

The report goes on, "Iran has been substantially more public in its oppression of Christianity," said Todd Nettleton, a spokesman for Voice of the Martyrs, "Announcing it on the news, having the mullahs talk about it in their Friday sermons—it's just become a lot more out in the open." "Persecution has escalated to an unprecedented level," said Abe Ghaffari, executive director of Iranian

## Exaltation of the Humble

From Adam we inherit the instinct to meet our enemies head on, to try to win by direct assault, and it is only after many shocking failures that we learn that victories are not so won in the realm of the spiritual. The carnal approach usually does little more than to alienate the enemy still further from us and, worse than all, it puts us in a position where God cannot help us. The enemy never quite knows how to deal with a humble man; he is so used to dealing with proud, stubborn people that a meek man upsets his timetable. And furthermore, the man of true humility has God fighting on his side—who can win against God?

Strange as it may seem, we often win over our enemies only after we have first been soundly defeated by the Lord Himself. God often conquers our enemies by conquering us. He defeated Esau by defeating Jacob the night before on the bank of the Jabbok. The conquest of Esau took place in his brother Jacob. It is often so. When God foresees that we must meet a deadly opponent, he assures our victory by bringing us down in humbleness at His own feet. After that, everything is easy. We have put ourselves in a position where God can fight for us, and in a situation like that, the outcome is decided from eternity.

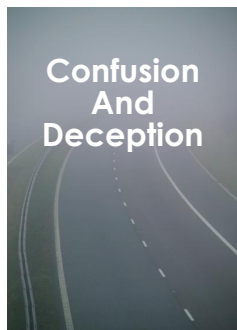
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Christians International. "While Iran's historic Armenian and Assyrian congregations usually enjoy freedom of worship, Farsi-speaking house churches hosting converts from Islam work under significant threat."

The report goes on, "The government is concerned, observers say, because more and more Iranian Muslims are converting to Christianity. The house church movement is booming, with converts estimated in the hundreds of thousands. Evangelists are distributing large numbers of New Testaments, and satellite television continually beams Christian programs into the country."

"Now analysts say Islam is losing credibility after 30 years of theocracy. Resentment against the reigning regime is spreading and deepening—especially since the disputed 2009 national elections."



## Confusion And Deception

Ten thousand members of the Church of Sweden took part in a survey. Fifteen percent said they were atheists, twenty-five percent said they were

agnostics and only fifteen percent said that they believed in Jesus.

On Sunday June 26, dozens of mainline churches across America read the Koran in their services with the intent of showing respect for Islam.

The readings, supporters say, will "counter the anti-Muslim bigotry and negative stereotypes that have erupted throughout the country in the past year and led to misconceptions, distrust and in some cases, violence."

Ken Silva responded, "I would think they need to have their spiritual heads examined. It's foolish to think that we're going to read something that originates with demons and read that in a Christian church," Silva said that the action amounts to "spiritual treason,".

Silva went on to say, "Second Corinthians 6:14-18 (the verse warning against partnering light with darkness) says we're forbidden to do that kind of thing. It's one thing to be friendly with someone in Islam, but it's a whole other thing in a Christian community to

"Before the 1979 revolution, the clerics were promising that once Iran becomes an Islamic state, it would be utopia, it would be brotherhood, and everything would be fine," Dibaj said. But since then, Iranians "have seen nothing but war and fighting and international isolation and hatred, and they are thirsting for change."

"If anything, government persecution has made Christianity much more attractive," said Yegh-nazar. He went on to say, "When government officials are on television; telling people not to read the Scriptures; that generates more interest in the Scriptures."

I suspect that in the tribulation period there will be a great number of Muslim people saved, even as God brings great judgment on the Muslim enemies of Israel. The tribulation period will result in the salvation and martyrdom of more saints than in all of history. "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude,

be reading something that is antithetical to Christianity and is hostile to Jesus Christ himself."

Worldview Weekend President Brannon Howse said, "I expect that of the mainline churches. Many of them have denied the essential Christian doctrines; they have denied the exclusivity of Jesus Christ. They have denied the inerrancy of Scripture; they've denied the inspiration of Scripture. So I'm not shocked that pagans would unite with pagans."

This is his critique as he sees the failure of the mainline churches grow more severe.

Howse went on to say, "I'm not shocked that apostates would unite with apostates. I'm not shocked that people who practice the occult of Christian yoga or practice the occultism of contemplative prayer, which is another name for Transcendental Meditation, should unite with apostates." He makes it clear that he believes Islam is also rooted in the occult.

"I am not shocked that an occultic religion of mainline liberal Christianity would lock arms with the occult of Islam. They're both steeped in the occult and paganism. So I'm not shocked by that at all," Howse said.

We are living in the days of apostasy which the scriptures foretell as the last days. The growing apostasy in the evangelical church is even more

which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands," (Revelation 7:9).

Their identity is given in verses 13-14, "And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? And whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Though at times Satan seems to have the upper hand, God will triumph over Satan's attempt to annihilate God's people. Art Sadlier



alarming. Apostasy is neither static nor stationary but is progressive. We have been watching it's progression in the evangelical church for some time.

Brannon Howse also had a word of caution for evangelical Christians. "If you're an evangelical, you better defend the exclusivity of Jesus Christ and the deity of Jesus Christ, the inspiration of Scripture and the inerrancy of Scripture. If you're not willing to defend that, then you really shouldn't be calling yourself a Christian,"

Silva believes the real reason for the Shared Faith event is spiritual emptiness in the country. "So many Christians talk to each other and they read other Christians rather than read the Scriptures themselves. There's a real move inside our country right now for an ecumenism and a syncretism trying to bring everyone together and it's rooted in contemplative spirituality," he observed.

"There's a deception that comes. They're under the impression that God is trying to bring all people together, and bring in God's dream for the world to make the world a better place," Silva continued.

"The Gospel has been changed from repentance and forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name to God wants to make the world a better place, get involved with where He's working and bring about His dream," Silva added.

Howse says his warning to Bible-believing Christians is simple. "Be aware of these people who have crept in secretly, unnoticed, with destructive heresies. I want to warn the church to be a 'Watchman on the Wall' for the 'Religious Trojan Horse' who is trying to draw people away from the faith." "Some of this deception is going to be so deceitful, so camouflaged, that we're going to be shocked at the Christian leaders who will follow it."

Apparently a dispute has arisen over the issue of advocating for "Chrislam" and other efforts that are designed to

find "common ground" between Christians and Muslims.

Joe Schimmel, senior pastor of Blessed Hope Chapel in Southern California and chief of the Good Fight Ministries, openly has questioned whether church leaders are affirming Allah.

Schimmel, who is best known for "They Sold Their Souls for Rock n Roll," which exposes satanic influences behind much of yesterday and today's popular music and how it negatively influences youth, suggested, "Could it be that we are witnessing the formation of the prophesied one-world religion under the Antichrist? (Revelation 13:1-18) "

He cited Brian McLaren of the emerging church movement, who planned for an Islamic Ramadan celebration. He also mentioned Warren's agreement to address the Islamic Society of North America, which "the Department of Justice categorized two years ago as a co-conspirator in financing a foreign terrorist group!"

Another church leader, Tony Campolo; "a proponent of the so-called 'evangelical left,' claimed that 'even if' Muslims 'don't convert, they are God's people." Art Sadlier

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## MESSIANIC SIGNS – PART 5

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2,500 – 4,000 years ago the Word of God tells us of events which will happen in relation to Israel just before Messiah comes to them. These events we call Messianic signs.

In previous articles we have looked at 16 messianic signs which have been fulfilled in these last days.

We have proposed that fulfilled prophecy proves the Bible is the Word of God and proves that God knows the end from the beginning. The scripture clearly makes this claim.

"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure," (Isaiah 46:9-10).

"I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass," (Isaiah 48:3).

"Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them," (Isaiah 42:9).

Jesus made the very same claims for the Word of God, "For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled," (Matthew 5:18).

My friend you are forced, by the Bible to either accept it as the Word of God, or to reject it as a compilation of lies. In the amazing fulfilled prophecies of the scriptures, we have proof beyond any

shadow of a doubt that God exists and that the Bible is God's word.

God does not ask anyone to believe His Word without first authenticating it. Christianity is not mysticism or superstition.

My friend if I can prove to you that the Bible is God's Word, that God exists, that God is the sovereign Lord of the universe who knows the end from the beginning. Will you respond to the claims of God on your life? – Christian do you recognize the claims of God on your life? – Unsaved person do you understand the claim of God on your life?

"Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die," (Ezekiel 18:4).

"I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm...." (Jeremiah 27:5).

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment," (Hebrews 9:27).

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### *Sign # 17 – The Restoration of Temple Worship*

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There are numerous prophecies which tell us during the tribulation period a third Temple will be rebuilt and stand in Jerusalem.

"And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and

the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months," (Revelation 11:1-2). This is the Temple that will be in Jerusalem during the tribulation period. It will be consecrated and in service by at least the mid-tribulation point.

Paul also describes the situation where the Antichrist desecrates that same Temple at the mid-tribulation period. "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God," (2 Thess. 2:3-4).

Antichrist will usurp the Temple and set himself up as God to be worshipped instead of God.

In Daniel 9:27 we see this same event forecast, "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate." Here we have the timing clearly established. Antichrist signs a covenant or peace treaty which begins the seven year tribulation period. At the midpoint he breaks the covenant and introduces himself as the god of this world who is to be worshipped instead of the God of heaven.

Today preparations for the third temple are in place. This indicates that the rapture is near at hand.

- ✧ The vessels have been made, at least 85 different vessels.
- ✧ The harps for the temple orchestra are being made in Israel. This is the first time in 2,000 years that harps have been made in Israel.
- ✧ Hundred of priests have been trained, all descendants of Levi.
- ✧ The priestly garments have been made, and the crown for the high priest has also been made. The high priests robe has been fashioned to exact biblical specifications. It is woven in blue with 72 golden bells with intricately designed pomegranates between each bell.
- ✧ The menorah or the golden candlestick has been made. It is 6 ½ feet high cast with 92 lbs. of pure gold at a cost of \$400,000.
- ✧ The Sanhedrin has been chosen after 1,600 years and they meet weekly in Jerusalem.
- ✧ The drawings for the temple have been done and the blueprints are now being completed. The order has been given to raise the funds needed. The sections are to be assembled in pieces and put in storage, just as David did.
- ✧ A flock of sheep has reportedly been purchased for the temple sacrifices.
- ✧ The red heifer is involved in an important purification ceremony. The ashes of the red heifer must be mixed with water to cleanse the temple and the temple instruments. Until now there could be no temple service because they have had no red heifer. Today in northern Israel they are raising a herd of red heifers.
- ✧ Another key ingredient is the oil of anointing. It is made of five ingredients one of which is calamus derived from the calamus tree. The only grove of calamus trees, which was at Engedi, was burned down by the Romans in 70 AD. For 2,000 years there have been no calamus trees. Consequently there could be no anointing oil. The anointing oil was necessary to anoint the temple, the high priest and the king. However in 1995 an ancient copper scroll was found which led to the finding

of a flask of oil. A group of Chinese scientists who specialize in chemical compounds analyzed it and confirmed that it was over 2,000 years old and of the same composition as the formula for the anointing oil.

Daniel 9:24, "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy."

In Daniel 9:24 we have a list of 6 things God will accomplish in His dealings with Israel before the 70 weeks are finished. Notice the final purpose of God concerning Israel is to "anoint the most Holy."

Who is the most Holy? That is an easy question to answer; Jesus is the "most Holy." Jesus is the Messiah and Messiah means "anointed one of God."

The last thing God will accomplish concerning Israel before the seventy weeks are finished is to have Israel anoint Christ as the king of Israel, and to have him sit upon the throne of David. Israel must accept Him and anoint Him. Until recently, Israel had no anointing oil, Messiah could not be anointed. Now all is in readiness for Messiah to come. The only thing hindering His return to Israel is the unbelieving Jewish heart. The hearts of Israeli's must be brought to the place of recognition of their Messiah.

We read about that soon coming day in Zechariah 12:10, "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn."

Incredibly the Jews now have the "Holy anointing oil" to purify the third temple and resume the worship and to anoint the Messiah as King of Kings.

All is in readiness for Antichrist to come and open the way for Israel to build the third temple. We read about that in John 5:43, "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."

Israel rejected Christ at His first coming; someday perhaps soon they

will receive Antichrist as their Messiah. Then the Temple will be rebuilt.

Do you see how close we are to the sound of the trumpet? Matthew 24:33 says, "So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors."

I suspect that from May 14, 1948 until the present hour Jesus has been standing at the door of heaven waiting for the Father to say, "My beloved Son it is time to bring home our beloved children."

May I ask you what are you living for? Are you living for the vain empty things of this world? Are you living for this world or the world to come?

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### *Sign # 18 – Jerusalem, a Cup of Trembling*

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Zechariah 12:2-3, "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it."

Today that prophecy has been fulfilled, though it still awaits a more complete fulfillment. Today the world is at its wit's end trying to resolve the Mid-east crisis. 200 million Arabs with armies that outnumber Israel 5 to 1 are afraid to go to war with little Israel. Despite their bold talk the Israeli's cause them to tremble.

The Arabs have hundreds of billions in oil money to buy all the weapons they need. They use proxies like Hamas, Hezbollah and they use suicide bombers and they send their children to throw stones at the Israeli army. Israel's enemies tremble before her.

We have a description of Israel's defeat of her enemies in her modern day wars. Zechariah 12:6, "In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem."

Israel, "Like a fire among the wood," has trounced her Arab enemies in three modern day wars.

Europe has tried to intimidate Israel with no effect. Today Israeli leaders dare not travel to Britain for fear of

arrest. Russia has plotted and schemed with the Arabs to destroy Israel. A succession of US presidents has not been able to solve the Mid-east crisis. The world is fearful that a billion Muslims will start a war that will engulf the entire world.

Zechariah said that Israel would be a cup of trembling to the nations. That prophecy has been fulfilled 2,600 years later. Do you see how God has chosen to prove Himself to men?

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### ***Sign # 19 – Edom Seeks to Take Land from Israel***

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Ezekiel 36 speaks about Israel's return to the land in the last days. The Edomites are the descendants of Esau. When Moses came out of Egypt on the way to the Promised Land, he asked the Edomites if they could pass through their land. Edom not only refused but came out to war against Israel.

When the Babylonians sacked and burned Jerusalem the Edomites helped them. When the Israeli's were carried captive to Babylon the Edomites attacked the remnant left behind. When the Romans subdued Israel they appointed Herod, an Edomite king, over Israel.

There has been a perpetual antagonism by Esau (Edom) against Israel.

The Word of God tells us that in the last days, as the Lord begins the process to restore Israel, the Edomites will attempt to take away Israel's land. It will be Esau's final assault on God's people.

According to a study done by Jimmy DeYoung, the Palestinians are the descendants of the Edomites. Ezekiel 36:5 describes this last day attempt by the Palestinians (Edom) to take away Israel's land. "Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the heathen, and against all Idumea, which have appointed my land into their possession with the joy of all their heart, with despiteful minds, to cast it out for a prey."

Notice the anger of the Lord against Edom, "Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the heathen, and against all Idumea...." Why is the Lord so angry with Edom? The answer is given, "Which have appointed my land into their possession." That is exactly what the Palestinians are doing today. This is

dealing with our own day, this situation has never occurred before in history.

The Palestinians are boldly saying, "The land of Palestine is ours, Israel has no place in Palestine." They say, "The temple is ours Israel has no right to it."

The great issue in the world today is who will possess the land of Palestine? The whole world has declared that the land of Palestine must be divided. The Palestinians are saying they will never rest until Israel has been removed from the land.

The Word of God described this exact scenario 2,600 years ago. God knows the end from the beginning.

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### ***Sign # 20 – Jewish Unbelief***

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Along the main highways in the US there are signs that tell motorists what motels and restaurants and gas stations are at the next exit. Sometimes there are 2, 3 or 4 signs in case the first sign is missed. What if there were 20 signs or more informing motorists that at the next exit there is a MacDonald's restaurant. No one would fail to understand that there is a MacDonald's restaurant at the next exit.

We have given you 20 signs proving that Messiah's coming is near at hand. (There are actually many more). Wouldn't you expect that every Jew in the land of Israel would be alert and joyfully looking for Messiah to appear at any moment? Such is not the case.

1 Corinthians 1:22, "For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom." God has given Israel signs, signs of the coming of Messiah. Why do they not recognize these signs? The answer is found in Acts 28:27-28, "For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it."

In Acts 15:14-16 Peter told of the prophecies of the temporary setting aside of Israel because of unbelief. "Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David,

which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up." That blindness has happened just as God said it would.

Paul gives the same message as Peter in Romans 11:25, "For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in."

Paul says in verse 26 that someday that blindness of unbelief will be lifted. "And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, there shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob."

Notice what will happen to terminate the blindness, "Until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in." Understand, not the "times of the gentiles" but the, "fullness of the gentiles." When the church is complete, the rapture will occur.

After the rapture the tribulation period will begin. God will return to working with Israel to bring an end to unbelief and to remove the blindness.

The final great chastening of Israel takes place in the last half of the tribulation period. Matthew 24:21, "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."

*There is a time, we know not when  
A point we know not where,  
That marks the destiny of man,  
For glory or despair.  
There is a line by us unseen,  
That crosses every path,  
The hidden boundary between  
God's patience and His Wrath.  
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Notice what happens to Israel at the close of the tribulation period. Zechariah 12:9, "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem." God rescues Israel from her enemies. Verse 10 we read, "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in

bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn." This time of trouble will bring Israel to the end of her own resources, "...they shall look upon me whom they have pierced..." The blindness shall be lifted and their eyes shall be opened to their saviour.

Verse 11, "In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem..." Israel will be smitten with grief over the sudden realization that they have been rejecting their saviour. In verse 12-14 we see Israel's repentance in that hour, "And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart; All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart." This will be an individual salvation experience. Jewish unbelief will come to an end.

Jewish unbelief was prophesied 2,800 years ago in Isaiah 6:9-10, "And he

said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed." For over 2,000 years that prophecy has been fulfilled, and it is still being fulfilled today.

That is why, even though Israel has the Messianic signs they are still blind to them. Isaiah 6:11-12, "Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, And the LORD have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land." "How long?" The answer is found in verse 12, that has all happened and now in Israel's re-gathering God is preparing to remove Israel's blindness and unbelief.

Why do men reject God and His Word? Men can study these prophecies and

see the proof for themselves. The problem is in the heart and not in the head.

We see that in Psalm 53:1, "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good." In the heart, not in the head! "Corrupt are they," sin is the problem. John 3:19, "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." Men turn away from the truth and from the gospel because they have sinful hearts.

The option is repentance. 2 Corinthians 6:2, "For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." My friend the hour is late on God's time clock for this age. If you are not saved, come to Christ now. Art Sadlier

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## SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

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**In Brussels**, the EU leaders are pursuing a grand strategy to realize a dream that has gone unfulfilled since the decline of the Roman Empire. The dream is for a true European Union under a central control, a revived Roman Empire. It took 60 years to finally realize that Individual states are unwilling to voluntarily surrender their sovereignty to a central authority. The founding fathers of the EU had sworn to bring a true revival of the old Roman Empire. Sixty years of struggle has failed to bring it about.

Whether by design or by circumstance, the present leaders now feel they are on the edge of accomplishing their goal.

The creation of the euro as a common, or sole currency, was not an end in itself, but it was designed to achieve a European government. It was about politics, not economics.

As one analyst stated, "Had it been about economics, the Germans would never have closed their eyes and held their noses as the Greek government met the requirement for admission to the currency union only with blatantly falsified statistics. There could never

have been any serious doubt that sooner or later there would be a crisis requiring a Greek bail out, default or exit from the euro zone. Nor can there be any doubt that there will continue to be bailout after bailout, with the sums at risk if Greece were to default and exit the zone. Such a default would inflict huge damage to the wider European and world economy. There are already whispers that it is our interest to do anything to avoid such a disaster, for if Greece went down Spain might be next.

Sooner or later the bail out money for Greece will dry up. So it will not be long before the would-be collective Emperor in Brussels announces that no currency can have two, let alone a couple of dozen chancellors and there must be One Euro, One Chancellor, One Finance Ministry, One Tax Rate and One Europe or the whole European economy will be brought down.

Sometimes the impression is given that Europe is a second rate player on the world economic scene. The fact is that Germany is tied with China as the world's largest exporter at 1.2 trillion dollars a year, with the US a distant third. It needs to be noted that

Germany has 87 million people while China has 1.2 billion.

The stage is being set for the Revival of the Roman Empire to come upon the scene as a ten nation confederacy. There is tension in Europe and a struggle is looming on the near horizon, a struggle which could quickly change the composition of the union.

The scripture indicates that the appearance of Antichrist will precipitate that struggle. We read about that situation in Daniel 7:8, "I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things."

Europe is not fading off the scene; the stage is just being set for the end time scenario to unfold.

**In Turkey – Syria – Iran**, the threat of war between Turkey and Syria is looming large at this moment. Iran is expecting Turkey to intervene in Syria to assist the Syrian protestors. Iran has flexed its military muscles with its Great Prophet War Games launched on June 27.

In the meantime the US has been positioning its aircraft carriers in the Mediterranean and in the Persian Gulf, along with a nuclear submarine, apparently in an agreement to protect Turkey from Iranian intervention on Syria's behalf.

Iran's big "Great Prophet War Games 6" was launched Monday, June 27, ahead of a Turkish operation against Syria's Assad regime which is anticipated by its military and Revolutionary Guards chiefs.

Debkafile reports - Tehran expected the Turkish army to have US air and naval support in case of Iranian reprisals against them both. On Day One of the exercise, Iran unveiled its first underground missile silo immune to air strikes. It held what looked like a Shahab-3 ballistic missile. Israel has responded to Iran's military exercise and the spiralling regional tension by positioning one of its new Iron Dome rocket interceptor batteries in the northern city of Haifa.

Debkafile further reports - Last week, Iranian warships and submarines deployed in the Red Sea tracked the movements of two big US aircraft carriers, the *USS Enterprise* and *USS George H. W. Bush*, which crossed each other in the Bab el-Mandeb Strait on June 21 heading in opposite directions through this strategic chokepoint between the Mediterranean Sea and Indian Ocean. The *USS Enterprise*, the world's largest aircraft carrier, was on its way from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean via the Red Sea and Suez Canal, while the *USS George H.W. Bush*, the US Navy's newest carrier with the greatest fire power of any of its warships, left the Mediterranean and headed in the opposite direction for the Persian Gulf with a crew of 9,000 and 70 fighter bombers.

On the same day, Iranian naval surveillance picked up the arrival of the Los Angeles-class *USS Bremerton*

nuclear-powered attack submarine off Bahrain opposite Iran.

Debkafile continues - Strategists in Tehran see danger in these crisscross movements by US war fleets. According to our military sources, the *Enterprise*, which is older, slower and has less fire power than the *Bush*, was moved to the Mediterranean because there it is supported by American air bases scattered across western and central Europe, whereas the *Bush* was consigned to waters opposite Iranian shores because it is virtually a single-vessel fighting machine capable of operating without support.

The Iranian exercise has two primary objectives:

1. To spread Iran's ballistic missiles to their maximum operational extent in support of Iran's signals to Washington and Ankara in the past two weeks warning that an attack on Syria by a US-backed Turkish or NATO force would spark Iranian missile reprisals against Turkish and US military targets on Turkish soil and other parts of the Middle East.

2. Iran has fanned its fighting forces out across the country, with the densest concentrations on its Persian Gulf and Arabian Sea coasts, ready to repel any American attack that might follow an Iranian missile assault on US, Turkish or allied targets.

Whether this is a serious threat or just an exercise in intimidation, time will tell. Nevertheless, we are witnessing a realignment of allegiances, with Turkey flexing its muscles and in the process clipping Iran's expansionist wings in the Mideast. Syria is the key to Iran's aspirations for expansion in the Mideast.

Saudi Arabia is no doubt watching with great interest as Iran is a huge threat to them.

Iran as a dominant super power in the Mideast does not seem to fit the Biblical end time scenario. For the first

time we see the possibility of Iran being greatly diminished in Power and influence.

It is beyond me to interpret all of these events in the light of Bible prophecy. The lesson is that, like the pieces on a chess board, the board can be quickly re-arranged to adhere to the biblical end time scenario.

What does seem probable is a major Mideast war that would set the stage for the appearance of Antichrist. He would bring about the false peace that will introduce the seven year tribulation period.

**In Israel**, the world is apparently poised to vote in favour of a UN resolution to recognize a Palestinian State on the 1967 borders. This would take away from Israel all of Judea and Samaria along with the Golan Heights and East Jerusalem. The negotiations that would follow would center on the right of return for millions of Palestinians, the right to return to the Jewish state and outvote the Jews in their own land.

The claim is that 115 nations have already recognized the Palestinian state with 20 more about to do the same. The vote would be in the General Assembly which would be non-binding on Israel. However an appeal would be made to the Security Council and no one knows how Obama would respond.

There are many who say that the UN vote to declare a Palestinian State will ultimately end in war. All indicators seem to point to a cataclysmic Mideast war on the near horizon.

Every change brought on by the so called Arab spring, brings to power radical Islamic governments that are more anti-Israel than the previous rulers. Israel is being positioned with her back to the wall, when she has come to the end of hope Israel's God will again intervene. Are you ready for the trumpet to sound, what are you living for? Art Sadlier

## Evolution By Faith

*"For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day:" Exodus 20:11*

Contrary to what the theory of evolution says, the history of life found in the fossil record does not show simpler kinds of living things gradually becoming more complex. Nor does the fossil record show a few kinds of life gradually becoming more kinds of life. The fossil record doesn't even show one example of either of these claims that are universally accepted by evolutionists.

Life appears suddenly in the fossil record. And the living things found in the earliest rocks are completely developed and well equipped for life. Trilobites had fully formed eyes that were apparently more sophisticated than many creatures today. They appear without ancestors.

According to evolution, one of the greatest steps forward by living things was the development of skeletons. The first evolutionary step toward skeletons started with the development of calcium shells by marine creatures. Yet, the fossil record shows that creatures with calcium shells simply appear fully formed, as do creatures with internal skeletons. One question that troubles evolutionists is why creatures suddenly decided they needed skeletons. Incidentally, the astonishing variety of creatures in the oldest rocks shows a greater variety than is alive today.

Of course, the sudden appearance of fully formed, well-equipped life agrees nicely with the Bible's claim that all life was created fully formed by God. When the evidence from science agrees so well with the Bible, those who insist on evolution do so only by faith - a faith that is against the Bible. From creationmoments.com

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

## Let the Headlines Speak

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### **UN Vote on Palestine will Lead to War**

Israel Today - Ryan Jones

The result of the Palestinian Authority's bid to win international recognition for a Palestinian state at the UN in September is likely to be war with Israel.

If the UN recognizes Palestine, 76 percent of Palestinian Arabs said their security forces must immediately exert control over all of Judea, Samaria and the eastern half of Jerusalem, even at the risk of open warfare with the Israeli army.

### **How the Demise of a Trusted Adviser Could Bring Down Mahmoud Ahmadinejad**

The Independent .uk.co

Iran's President has survived mass uprisings, but a corruption row engulfing his inner circle may soon be his undoing. Robert Fisk reports from Tehran Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Iran's irascible, unpredictable but devout president, may be forced to resign in the coming weeks as a political crisis far greater than the massive street violence which followed his re-election in 2009 threatens to overwhelm him and his court favourites in the government.

### **Netanyahu: Abbas, Just Say the Six Words**

Arutz Sheva - Gill Ronnen

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu called on Palestinian Authority chief Mahmoud Abbas to "just say six words - 'I will accept the Jewish state'"

### **Left-Leaning "Wild Goose" Festival Draws Ire of Evangelicals**

christianpost.com

The Wild Goose Festival, an ongoing four-day revival camp in North Carolina featuring music, yoga, liberal talk and embracing of gays and

lesbians, is facing heat from evangelicals who say it is aimed at selling Gnostic beliefs to the youth.

"Most Religious Left groups that advocated leftist policies in past generations are now in severe decline, and their activists are now targeting evangelical youth," said Mark Tooley, president of the Institute on Religion and Democracy, which works to reaffirm the church's biblical and historical teachings

### **Lebanese MP: Hezbollah Openly Transporting Arms from Syria**

NewsArutz Sheva - Aryeh Ben Hayim

Lebanese MP Antoine Saad, an ally of former Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri and an opponent of the current Hezbollah dominated government, said Tuesday that Hezbollah is publicly relocating its weapons from Syria to Lebanon due to the current crisis in Syria.

### **Israeli Government Allows 7,000 Bnei Menashe to Make Aliyah**

Arutz Sheva - Elad Benari

More than 7,000 members of the Bnei Menashe will soon arrive in Israel, CBN reported on Thursday.

The Bnei Menashe claim descent from one of the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel, which were exiled by the Assyrian Empire more than 27 centuries ago. They reside primarily in the two Indian states of Mizoram and Manipur, along the border with Burma and Bangladesh.

### **Shocker! Churches Promoting Islam**

WND - Michael Carl

Dozens of churches, from Park Hill Congregational in Denver to Hillview United Methodist in Boise, Idaho, and First United Lutheran in San Francisco to St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in

Honolulu, are planning to send "a message both here at home and to the Arab and Muslim world about our respect for Islam" with a time to read the Quran during worship this Sunday.

### **All Signs Say Iran is Racing Toward a Nuclear Bomb**

Haaretz.com

- Yossi Melman

Iran's leadership is undaunted by the sanctions imposed on the country, or by the damage the Stuxnet computer worm caused to the program that operates the centrifuges at the uranium enrichment facility in Natanz.

### **IMF Tells EU: Stop 'Unproductive Debate' and Integrate 'now'**

EUobserver - Leigh Phillips

EUOBSERVER / LUXEMBOURG - The International Monetary Fund has bluntly warned the European Union it must put an end to its "unproductive debate" over debt restructuring and, in an unprecedented outside intervention in the construction of the European Union, told the bloc it must integrate faster and more deeply in order to stop a global disaster.

### **Art's Commentary.....**

This is a stage setting event that is preparing the way for the emergence of the coming revived Roman Empire. We have learned in recent months how quickly scenarios can change. There has been talk in recent days of a six-pack of EU nations that would take the lead in the EU, that number could suddenly change ten. The troubles that have been creating havoc in the EU are also stage setting events that are preparing the way for the emergence of the Roman Prince to come and assert his authority over these troubled nations.