

*"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

The Great Apostacy

The church of the first half of the twentieth century was a strong church, not a perfect church, but a strong church. It was a church that was separated from the world and separated from error. It was a church that was deeply committed to Jesus Christ and to His Word. I am old enough to remember those great days. The number of such strong churches today has great diminished.

Paul warned us that in the last days there would be a departure from the faith, a falling away from the truth once professed. We call this departure from the faith "apostasy." We know that all through the church age there have been those who have fallen away from the faith; however this departure from the truth is to be accelerated in the end of the age.

Over the last few years we have seen this apostasy virtually explode. The whole process began in the late 1940's with the birth of New Evangelicalism under the leadership of Dr. Harold Ockenga.

Dr. Ockenga stated that:

"Neo-evangelicalism was born in 1948 in connection with a convocation address which I gave in the Civic Auditorium in Pasadena. While reaffirming the theological view of fundamentalism, this address repudiated its ecclesiology and its social theory. The ringing call for a repudiation of separatism and the summons to social involvement

(compromise) received a hearty response from many evangelicals... It differed from fundamentalism in its repudiation of separatism and its a

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determination to engage itself in the theological dialogue of the day. It had new emphasis upon the application of the gospel to the sociological, political, and economic areas of life (a corruption of the gospel)."

New Evangelicalism began with a departure from God's Word; it began with compromise, though it continued to preach much truth from God's Word. The seed of destruction was sown in the departure from **separation**, the departure from separation from the world and separation from Liberalism and its' errors. The fact is that separation is the very essence of Christianity. The church is made up of the "called out ones." Believers are called out of the world, called to be separate from the world, called to be separated unto Christ.

When a person rejects separation, that person rejects Christianity as delineated in the Word of God, even though they may continue to hold to much truth from God's Word. Their lives will ultimately come undone.

"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).

John 15:18-19, *"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."* That is the essence of what it means to be a Christian.

"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" (1 John 2:15).

New Evangelicalism was born as a reaction against separation from the world and separation from apostate liberalism. It was born in compromise and from that moment onward New Evangelicalism has trod the slippery downhill road of apostasy.

We have watched as the apostasy of the Evangelical Church began slowly

with seemingly small compromises. The Church Growth movement extended compromise in the 1960's with the philosophy of pragmatism; anything that will fill the church is good. From that beginning the user friendly movement blossomed and brought the world into the church. Along with that came easy-believism which added multitudes of pseudo Christians to the church.

The music of the world, the methods of the world, the philosophy of the world and the entertainment of the world began to permeate the church. The tragic thing is that these evangelicals can't recognize what they have done. They are Laodiceans, and they are blind to what Christ demands the church is to be. To the Laodiceans Jesus said, *"Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked"*(Revelation 3:17). In their blindness they go right on playing church, waiting to be spewed out of the Lord's mouth and be caught up in the coming world church.

In the last few years the next stage of the apostasy has begun. Today many churches have been affected with some degree of eastern mysticism involving contemplative meditation. This involves blanking the mind to allow God to speak to you. The problem is that such meditation is unbiblical and opens the soul to the entrance of demon spirits.

The following is a definition of contemplative meditation:

[**Contemplative Spirituality** is a belief system that uses ancient mystical practices to induce altered states of consciousness (the silence) and is rooted in mysticism and the occult but often wrapped in Christian terminology. The premise of contemplative spirituality is pantheistic (God is all) and panentheistic (God is in all).

Common terms used for this

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movement are “spiritual formation,” “the silence,” “the stillness,” “ancient-wisdom,” “spiritual disciplines,” and many others.]

This apostasy is flooding into the evangelical church.

There are two accreditation organizations for Seminaries and Bible Colleges, the Association of Theological Seminaries, and the Association for Biblical Higher Education. Both associations require schools that wish to be accredited to include Spiritual Formation within the school's infrastructure. What does that mean for these 350 some seminaries and Bible colleges? It means that if they want to receive and maintain their accreditation, they are going to have to incorporate Spiritual Formation (i.e., contemplative spirituality) into the lives of their students.

These seminaries and accredited Bible Colleges are the most dangerous places for Christians to be, from a biblical point of view. The enemy has come into the camp. These schools can only produce apostate pastors. The only source left to produce godly pastors is to be found among schools that have not sought accreditation and in church based bible schools that have not apostatized.

Our world is involved in a tremendous spiritual warfare today. The most intense aspect of that warfare is focused on the Church of Jesus Christ. One of the most effective ways of destroying the Church is to cut off the supply of godly pastors.

Today there are a great number of Christians who have no church in their town attend because of the penetration of new evangelicalism. Pragmatic Christianity, the purpose driven movement, and contemplative meditation have destroyed many churches.

I have come to hate New Evangelicalism with a passion because I have watched it destroy the Church of Jesus Christ. For sixty years I have

watched this process unfold. The essence of New Evangelicalism is compromise, the abandonment of separation. That compromise has been a slow process, an inch at a time. Very few have contended those compromises and as a result the church is now miles from where it ought to be. The only way to stop New Evangelicalism is to separate from it. Separation is God's remedy for apostasy.

I would respectfully exhort those churches that are still holding to the truth of God's Word and to the plan and purpose of Christ for the church. Do not lose your zeal for Christ; do not lose your commitment to God's Word; do not lose your passion for the lost; do not lose your commitment to propagate the gospel, do not lose your commitment to separation.

There is a principle that seems to play out in the affairs of God's people. “God's blessing on your ministry is not an indication that God is pleased with all that is transpiring in your ministry.” You may have God's blessing as you build a great church for His glory, or as you establish a great ministry, or as you establish a great missionary program. The fact is that if you do not teach and practice and inculcate the principle of separation into that ministry, it will sooner or later come undone. God's blessing is not His approval on all that

we are doing. The life of Solomon is a classic example.

God's blessing was upon Solomon's rule though Solomon did not practice separation. Solomon married wives who were worshippers of false gods. Ultimately, Solomon's rule brought the curse of God upon the nation of Israel and left it divided. What began well finished badly because the principle of separation was abandoned.

“...whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” God's payday is not on Friday! Loss of separation will ultimately bring great loss of blessing.

God's blessing on your life is not His approval on all that is going on in your life. The Lord may allow us to learn some very hard lessons at a very high price, perhaps even to the point of the loss of eternal rewards. He has given us His Word and His Spirit to reveal it and interpret it to us. Our responsibility is, with great desire, to discover the truth in His Word and to respond to that truth.

Remember our ministries and our lives greatly affect those around us, and even beyond that by extension, the lives of their families and associates.

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Today, we have apostate Laodicea on the one hand and spiritually dead Ephesus on the other, neither is acceptable to the head of the church. The Lord said He would spew apostate Laodicea out of His mouth and that He would remove the candlestick of spiritually dead Ephesus. Art Sadlier



What Lies Ahead for Israel and the World?

The peace process is now over.

The following news release last week by the Israeli Prime Minister indicates that the peace process is now dead.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu on Thursday reiterated that the vast

changes sweeping the region obligate Israel to be “very careful, responsible and vigilant” and not do anything to jeopardize its security.

During a joint press conference with visiting Romanian Prime Minister Emil

Bloc, Netanyahu echoed a theme he discussed a day earlier in the Knesset. With uncertainty rampant in the region, the prime minister said that this was no time for Israel to rush headlong into a

deal with the Palestinians that would entail the withdrawal from territory.

Another indication that the peace process is dead is the apparent coming unification of Hamas and the Palestinians. Hamas have repeatedly made it clear that they will never negotiate peace with Israel. Though the unification of Hamas and the PA is fraught with difficulties, it seems ultimately inevitable.

That leaves war on the horizon, which is what the real agenda of Israel's enemies has always been. The issues between Israel and her Arab enemies can unfortunately only be settled on the battle field.

The prospects in that coming war do not seem to be good for Israel, at least from a strictly human perspective.

It has now been made clear that the Lebanese Armed Forces will fight against Israel alongside Hezbollah in the next war.

Iranian Defence Minister Brigadier General Ahmad Vahidi said that Iran has up to 150,000 missiles pointed at Israel, according to the semi-official Iranian FARS news agency. Hezbollah has an estimated 75,000 missiles ready to be fired on Israel, while the number of missiles held by Hamas is also growing.

Another dimension is the aspect of biological warfare. A report last week stated that the defence and health ministry's will stage an exercise dubbed 'Orange Flame 6' in the north next week and simulate an "unconventional terrorist" attack. The two-day drill next Wednesday and Thursday (November 30 - December 1) will simulate a

biological outbreak of a contagious disease, attacking and infecting the cities of the north, primarily Afula, Tiberius, and the Nazareth area in the Galilee.

Add to those scenarios the prospect of Iran obtaining nuclear weapons and the pressure on Israel to pre-empt that possibility. A report states that, "According to the briefing given to a closed meeting of Jewish leaders in New York Sunday, Nov. 13, the window of opportunity for stopping Iran attaining a nuclear weapon is closing fast, debkafle's sources report. It will shut down altogether after late March 2012. The intelligence reaching US President Barak Obama is that by April, Iran will already have five nuclear bombs or warheads and military action then would generate a dangerous level of radioactive contamination across the Gulf region, the main source of the world's energy."

Frank Gaffney, Ronald Reagan's assistant defence secretary recently stated, "War is on its way in the Middle East as Muslim countries are determined to force a showdown over the future of Israel.

"I'm afraid there's a war coming, a very serious, perhaps cataclysmic regional war," he said. "It will be presumably over, at least in part, the future existence of the state of Israel. It may involve all of its neighbours, as they have in the past, attacking Israel to try, as they say, to drive the Jews into the sea. "It may involve the use of nuclear weapons," Gaffney predicted.

We believe that this coming war is the war described in Psalm 83, Isaiah 17 and Ezekiel 35-36 (See August Edition).

The combatants in this war are clearly named in Psalm 83:6-8, "The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot."

A careful reading of these verses indicates an alliance of nations that will come against Israel. Those nations or groups are the Palestinians (Edom), Jordan, Hamas, Hezbollah and the Lebanese army and Syria. These groups have now formed an alliance to destroy Israel.

However there is one exception, Jordan. Jordan is not now a member of this alliance against Israel. It is interesting that Jordan is now under the threat of being subdued by radical Islam. The Muslim Brotherhood is evidently working within Jordan to overthrow king Abdullah. We can look for Jordan to become a part of this group.

It would seem from scripture that this war will trigger the unfolding of events leading up to the tribulation period. The trumpet is soon to sound calling the Bride of Christ to the Father's house. We do not know the timing, but we know that the Day of the Lord is near at hand.

Remember that there are no signs for the rapture, it is a sign less event, and it can happen at any time. We do know that there are many signs now being fulfilled that indicate the second coming of Christ and that the rapture precedes the second coming by at least seven years. Art Sadlier

The Hour is Late



Israel's disobedience brought the Old Testament "Day of the Lord" judgment as the Babylonians came and brought great destruction in 587 BC. That Old Testament "Day of the Lord" was a foreshadowing of the final great "Day of the Lord" judgment in whose shadow we now stand.

God's mercy and longsuffering finally ran out and He sent Jeremiah to pronounce that His forbearance had come to an end. We see that pronouncement in Jeremiah 5:23, "But

this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone."

They had passed the point of no return. There is a sign on the banks of the Niagara River which says, "Past Redemption Point." You can hear the thundering waters of the mighty falls.

You can see at that point that the river turns into a raging, wild, swirling of white water.

For any soul that passes that point in the river all hope is gone, their fate is sealed. They will be crushed by the waters on the rocks below the falls.

That was Israel's position when Jeremiah brought God's final message to rebellious Israel. Jeremiah 7:16, "Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee." The hour was late, "The harvest is past, the summer is

ended, and we are not saved" (Jeremiah 8:20).

As we approach the final great "Day of the Lord" our world has hardened their hearts against God. The world has trampled on God's Word at every turn. Our world has become like Sodom. Our world has defied God concerning His people Israel. Only God knows when our world will pass the point of no return if it has not already passed that point.

All of the signs around us seem to indicate the judgment of God is about to fall. Only the Lord knows the timing of that catastrophic hour, next week, next month or next year, it can't be far away!

I feel like casting caution to the winds as I observe what is happening in our world at this very hour. Ezekiel said,

"Blow the trumpet and warn the people."

In Europe the final stages of preparation for the coming of Antichrist are falling into place. The turmoil in Europe is the exact scenario Daniel forecast for the appearing of Antichrist.

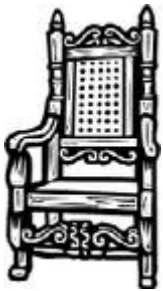
In America the signs of disintegration and turmoil are everywhere, only blinded eyes cannot see what is coming. Warnings of destruction by EMP attacks are shrugged off. Economic, political and social collapse is looming on the near horizon. America does not fit into the end time scenario and is actually in the way of that scenario's unfolding. The stage is set for America's demise.

In the Mideast the preparations for the war of Psalm 83 are racing into place. The only situation that needs changing is the movement of Jordan into the

anti-Israel camp. News reports indicate that the Arab spring is about to overtake Jordan, watch for a radical Islamic government in Jordan.

My friends the hour is late! Before that great "Day of the Lord" begins the trumpet will sound and Bride of Christ will go to the Father's house. The rapture is a sign less event that does not depend on fulfillment of prophecy, we only know that it occur prior to the "Day of the Lord."

I have never felt such a sense of urgency to warn those who are unsaved. Now is the time to come to Christ in repentance and faith. Choose now before it is forever too late! Choose now between eternity in heaven with all of the blessings of God upon you and eternity in the lake of fire. Art Sadlier



Satan's Great Desire

In Ezekiel 28:16 Lucifer is called the "covering cherub." Evidently he was created to hover over the throne of God and guard the holiness of God. From

his vantage point he observed the glory of God and the worship that He received and the way He ruled over heaven and earth. Lucifer determined that he would take the place of God and be worshipped and rule as God ruled and was worshipped.

We read about that great desire in Isaiah 14:13-14, "For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High."

Satan has been driven by that desire ever since that time. By the permissive will of God Satan was able to tempt Eve and through Adam bring the human race under his control. He was also able to lead a large contingent of angels in a rebellion against God.

This contest between God and Satan has continued as Satan has struggled to consolidate his kingdom and remove God from His throne altogether.

Satan's first attempt took place at the tower of Babel. Satan works to accomplish his purposes through men. We read about this attempt in Genesis

11:4, "And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth."

This first attempt was an attempt to establish a "One World Government," and a "One World Religion." That first attempt failed as God came down and confounded their language.

Satan is planning one more attempt to establish his kingdom and actually replace God altogether.

Satan has three goals to achieve his desire, a world government, a world church, and the destruction of Israel. That sums up his program, and it will unfold in the tribulation period. It is now beginning to unfold even prior to the tribulation period. We see these scenarios now well under way.

A. **A World Government.** There is, and has been for some time now, much maneuvering to set the stage for world government. That coming world government will be based in Europe where the antichrist will suddenly appear and take control of ten European nations as a base for his government. The World Government will not materialize until the mid tribulation point. The turmoil in Europe at the present time is setting the stage for antichrist to appear and take control of Europe. This present

situation is unfolding in Europe just as foretold by Daniel.

B. **A World Church.** We have watched for some years this coming world church forming through the ecumenical movement. The present apostasy of evangelicalism is a major step in this direction. When the Bride of Christ is raptured this counterfeit harlot church will rise to fill the earth and rule for 3 1/2 years with Antichrist. Satan will use this harlot church to bring the world to worship his man, the antichrist, whom he will indwell.

C. **The Destruction of Israel.** It is hard to comprehend the level of hatred in the world against Israel. Men are satanically inspired by Satan to hate Israel. This hatred of Satan for Israel is the focal point of the age long war between God and Satan.

The reason that Satan wants to destroy Israel is found in Luke 1:31-33, "And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

Satan knows that God has promised to restore Israel to her land and to send

Christ (Messiah) to rule over Israel from the throne of David in Jerusalem. That would mean an end to Satan's hope of ruling over this world in place of God. Satan rightly knows that if he can destroy Israel God will not be able to fulfill his promise and he would defeat God.

There will always be an Israel, God has proclaimed it and Israel's enemies will be destroyed instead of Israel. Today we are watching the unfolding of the cataclysmic war of the ages. This war is between God and His adversary, Satan. It is a spiritual war and it being fought

by the hands of men, by demons and by angels.

We are now standing on the threshold of the exploding of a great conflict that will dramatically unfold and climax with the coming of Christ from heaven seven years after its beginning. Art Sadlier

God Made a Covenant with Abraham

God promised Abraham three things; a **land, a seed, a blessing**.

I. The Blessing - *"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."* Genesis 12: 2,3

First Blessing - Salvation made available to all mankind through Abraham's seed. *"For unto you is born this day in the city David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."* Luke 2:11

Second Blessing - A glorious, earthly kingdom of righteousness and peace that will stand forever. *"And, behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and bring forth a Son, and shalt call His name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the highest; and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His Father David: and He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever and of His kingdom there shall be no end."* Luke 1: 31-33

II. The Seed - *"And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth; so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered".* Genesis 13:16 *"And I will establish my covenant between Me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and thy seed after thee."* Gen 17:7 Later God confirmed that the seed would come through Isaac and Jacob.

III. The Land - *"And the Lord said unto Abram after that Lot was separated from him, lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward and southward, and eastward and westward: for all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever."*

Notice - **"to thee", "to thy seed", "forever"**. The writer to the Hebrews says that *"it is impossible for God to lie."*

If God can lie to Abraham about the promise land to Israel then He can lie to us about the promise of eternal salvation, **but God cannot lie!**

God's purposes for Israel and His future World Government are bound up in the land. God made two major covenants with Israel.

- **The first** was a works covenant. Two parties were involved, God and man. Both had to keep their promise, man failed, making the covenant of no effect.
- **The second** was a grace covenant and involved only one party, God. Man was not involved in it, he made no promise. This covenant will always stand because it depends on God and God alone. In Genesis 15:8 Abram said, *"Lord God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?"* (The land) Lord how do I know that it will ever happen? How do I know you won't change your mind? How do I know that when my seed displeases you that you won't cancel the promise? Lord give me assurance that you will do what you say. Lord prove it to me.

In the verses that follow (9-18) God did just that, study them and you will see that God made an unconditional, one-sided, eternal, promise (covenant) to Abram that his seed would inherit the Promised Land forever. Study Hosea 3:4, 5 and Jeremiah 31: 8-10, 35-37.

M.R. DeHaan stated *"to take the promises God made to the nation of Israel in regard to Palestine and their future glory and restoration; and to spiritualize them to the Church is one of the greatest of all evils which has ever beset the Church"*.

Pity those who claim to be Christians and make God a liar by denying his promises to Israel. Pity those blind unbelievers who are fighting against God in trying to take the promised land from Israel.

It blinds our eyes to grace and closes our vision to the program of God for the closing days of this age. God's Grace is greater than all of Israel's sin; the dividing line for individual Jews is faith or unbelief. For the nation of Israel their hope rests in the promises of God (Romans 11:26). Today the whole world is saying Israel must give up the land God promised to them and restored to them.

The UN General Assembly voted 157 to 7 that Israel must give up her land. The EU, the US, Russia, China and the world are demanding a Palestinian state on Israel's divinely Promised Land. Even Israel is acting in disobedience and unbelief in volunteering to give up God's land.

The whole world is on a collision course with the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. That is the issue in our world today! God's response will be the Day of the Lord Judgment.

"I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead (judge) with them there for my people and for my inheritance Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted My land."

Joel 3:2 *"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 If only the world would understand that in a few short years 2/3 of the world's people will be killed in the awful Day of the Lord Judgment.

Blow the Trumpet! Sound the Alarm! Pity those who claim to be Christians and make God a liar by denying his promises to Israel. Pity those blind unbelievers who are fighting against God in trying to take the promised land from Israel. Art Sadlier

HEAVEN IS A WONDERFUL PLACE

The disciples looked for heaven, Jesus had told them *"I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also."* John 14:2,3 As a result of that promise, those first disciples lived and laboured and died in anticipation of going to be with Jesus in Heaven.

What will Heaven be like?

The truth is we do not fully know what heaven will be like. *"... eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."*

First we need to understand that God has deliberately chosen not to give man a full description of Heaven. You can't expect a child to eat their meat and potatoes if you also put a piece of chocolate in front of them. If we had a full vision of Heaven, we would be too dissatisfied with this earthly home to live here.

Second it is implied that finite beings could never grasp the glory and beauty of heaven and all its wonders. Heaven is so marvelous, so wonderful, that we do not have the capacity to even imagine what it is really like.

And yet, although the Lord has not given us a full description of Heaven, a full view, He has pulled back the curtain just a little to allow us to peak into Heaven. He gives us a few phrases, just a few words to whet our appetite about the wonders of Heaven. The word Heaven is recorded 550 times in Scripture. Let's take a peak into Heaven.

The Foundations of the walls are made of precious gems; **the Walls** are made of pure jasper (diamonds). **The Gates** of the city are each composed of a single large pearl. **The Buildings and Streets**

are made of pure gold, like glass. **Heaven is a beautiful place!**

There is no need of the sun or moon, the Lord Himself lights the city with His glory and that glory radiates through the clear gold of the buildings and streets.

In Heaven there are no dirty streets, no litter, no bad odours and no pollution. There is nothing which is not pleasing to the senses. **Heaven is a pleasing place!**

More wonderful than all of its physical beauty, God the Father will be there.

We will be with Him *"...behold the tabernacle (dwelling place) of God is with men, and He shall dwell with them and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God."* Rev. 21:3

We will see Him Exodus 33:20 says *"... thou canst not see My face; for there shall no man see Me and live."* 1 John 4:12 says *"No man hath seen God at any time ..."* However, when we are glorified and our sin nature is removed and we become absolutely Holy, that will change our situation. Jesus said, *"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God"* Matt 5:8 Someday in Heaven, wonder of wonders, we will stand before God and see Him. In Rev. 6:6 we see a great multitude of saints before the throne of God, worshipping and saying, "Hallelujah, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth."

Jesus will be there. We cannot imagine the thrill of standing in His presence, the thrill of looking on His glorified face, the thrill of being with the One who died for us.

What an indescribable joy to be with our Saviour and Lord, to gather around His throne and sing His praises with all the saints of the ages.

As we come to Revelation 12:12, we read, *"Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them"*. We can hardly imagine the joy of the inhabitants of heaven when Satan is cast out of heaven. We can almost hear the praises and hallelujahs as the courts of heaven ring. Not only is Satan cast out of their presence forever but the signal is given that the final overthrow of Satan is now underway. I suspect those who are in heaven have a clearer perspective of the awfullness of sin and Satan. The blackness of Satan is contrasted by the holiness of God which they can behold as we cannot. The hundreds of millions of men and women deceived and cast into hell by the deceptions of Satan and the affront he pours out upon a Holy God. The pain and anguish and sufferings upon the people of God, all purposed and brought about by this evil dragon. What joy fills all of heaven as he is reckoned with.

The Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in all three heavens, again cause for more rejoicing!

The trumpet could sound at any moment and that unbelievable thrill will be our instant experience!

"And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign forever and ever" (Revelation 22:1-5).



Beyond, the sunset ...

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

Israel - Israeli Minister of Defence Barack has stated that Israel cannot wait for Iran to announce that it has nuclear weapons, as American policy suggests. That would make it too late to carry out an attack. He later stated that Israel has the means to carry out a successful pre-emptive strike against Iran's nuclear facilities.

For Israel the issue is one of survival. The choice is a major war now or nuclear annihilation later.

Reports are indicting that Israel is repositioning its medium-long range missiles. Reports also indicate that Israel has carried out exercises that would help prepare for biological attacks. It is also reported that Israel is preparing for an attack from Hezbollah and the Lebanese Army.

Iran, Syria and Hezbollah have stated that an attack by Israel on Iran would bring about a major Mideast war.

Egypt - In Egypt the Muslim Brotherhood have won 45% of the vote in the first balloting. The ultra fundamentalist Salafi Muslims have won 20%. This would guarantee a radical Islamic government in Egypt. This will be more pressure on Israel. At a rally in Cairo last week the crowd chanted, "We will kill all Israeli's."

Syria - It is virtually certain that Assad will be overthrown. It is

reported by Debkafile that Western-Arab military intervention has already begun. Small Western special forces units have begun filtering into Syria to prepare the ground for a major military operation by the US, several more NATO members and Gulf emirates, to capture northern Syria and use it as a beachhead to eventually dominate the rest of the country.

Just as in Libya and Egypt, it seems inevitable that an Islamic fundamentalist government will take over Syria. It is entirely possible that rather than allow Assad to fall and lose control; Iran, Hezbollah, Hamas and Syria will go to war with Israel. The one thing that will unite the Arab world is war with Israel.

The Mideast is teetering on the brink of war, which we believe will be the war of Psalm 83. These are crucial days in the Mideast.

Iran - Iran is in a crisis mode. A covert war has been raging in Iran for some time now. It seems Israel, the US and possibly some Arab states are waging a covert war with Iran in a desperate attempt to prevent Iran's procurement of nuclear weapons. Last year a major explosion occurred in an Iranian missile storage site. It was evidently a part of this covert war. Some of Iran's top scientists have been assassinated by

hit squads. The stuxnet computer virus has played havoc with Iran's nuclear program. Two weeks ago a major explosion levelled a 45 square kilometre area and destroyed many missiles and killed the head of the Iranian missile program. Last week an explosion at a nuclear plant caused major damage.

Iran is fearful of an attack on her nuclear facilities. They are apparently preparing the most effective retaliation they can muster. They claim to have 150,000 missiles aimed at Israel. Just about everyone believes a major Mideast war will ensue. In fact it seems the Iranian leaders would welcome a catastrophic war, believing that it would bring about the return of the Islamic saviour, the Mahdi.

The whole Mideast is like a giant pressure cooker, it must blow at some point. When that happens I believe it will trigger the countdown to the Day of the Lord.

What are you living for? Is your life pure and productive? Will you be ashamed when you are caught up to be with Him? Are you sure you are saved? Now is the day of salvation. We are living close to the trumpet call!

Art Sadlier

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

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"Western- Arab Military Intervention in Syria Has Begun"

Debkafile Dec 3rd, 2011

Small units of Western Special Forces began filtering into Syria this week, DEBKA-Net-Weekly's military and intelligence sources report. Their task was to mark out targets for aerial sorties and naval bombardments of President Bashar Assad's armed forces and government sites across the country, to be executed by the US and other NATO countries, including

Turkey, Britain, France, Holland and Italy.

"Soros: World Financial System on Brink of Collapse"

Moneynew.com Dec 3rd, 2011

The world financial system is on the brink of collapse, with developed markets running full speed ahead toward disintegration, says billionaire financier George Soros.

"Palestinians Trying to 'Wipe Out Jewish History'"

cbn Dec 3rd, 2011

An Israeli official says that the admission of Palestinians as a member state of UNESCO has emboldened them to claim Judeo-Christian biblical sites as their own. One of those sites is the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron. Four thousand years ago, the Bible says Abraham bought the cave in Hebron to bury his

wife Sarah. Isaac, Jacob and their wives are also buried there.

But Palestinians want UNESCO to recognize the Cave of the Patriarchs and other sites as Muslim holy places in "Palestine."

"Iran Moves on from "destroy Israel!" to "destroy All the Jews!"" debkafile Dec 3rd, 2011

Amid international and Israeli controversy over whether or not to attack Iran's nuclear program, the rulers of the Islamic Republic have just "upgraded" their strategic objective of wiping Israel off the map and extended it for the first time to the more ambitious one of annihilating the Jews worldwide. They are using the age-old weapon of anti-Semitism to promote their new goal.

"Germany's Merkel Fights for Euro, Cameron for Uk"

Reuters Dec 3rd, 2011

PARIS/BERLIN-British Prime Minister David Cameron threatened on Friday to obstruct a Franco-German drive for swift change to the European Union's treaty, a sign of the difficulty leaders will face transforming Europe to save the euro.

France and Germany are reaching a consensus that euro zone economies need to be bound more closely together if the single currency is to survive, which could mean changing the EU treaty to give Brussels powers to punish spendthrift euro states.

Editors Note.....Here comes the Revived Roman Empire.

"Australia's Governing Labor Party Backs Gay Marriage"

BBC News Dec 3rd, 2011

Australia's ruling Labor party has backed gay marriage, although Prime Minister Julia Gillard is against it.

"Senate Approves Bill That Legalizes Sodomy and Bestiality in U.S. Military" cnsnews.com - Pete Winn Dec 2nd, 2011

Senate on Thursday evening voted 93-7 to approve a defense authorization bill that includes a provision which not only repeals the military law on sodomy, it also repeals the military ban on sex with animals--or bestiality.

On Nov. 15, the Senate Armed Services Committee had unanimously approved S. 1867, the National Defense Authorization Act, which

includes a provision to repeal Article 125 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

Article 125 of the UCMJ makes it illegal to engage in both sodomy with humans and sex with animals.

"Israel Can Strike Iran "if Necessary"" Virtual Jerusalem Dec 2nd, 2011

Israel said it could strike Iran's ballistic missile batteries pre-emptively, if necessary.

"We have our ability, which is essentially the ability in terms of airpower and early intelligence-collection, to hit launch sites everywhere --from a range of a few kilometers in Gaza and Lebanon to a range of hundreds of kilometers deep in Lebanon and Syria," Civil Defense Minister Matan Vilnai said Wednesday.

"And beyond that, at far greater ranges, including if we find ourselves involved in the matter of Iran," he told the annual Israel Aerospace International Conference and Exhibition in Jerusalem.

"This strike capability is a core element in defending the State of Israel's home front."

Forgiveness for the Past and Provision for the Present

. . . To offer a sinner the gift of salvation based upon the work of Christ, while at the same time allowing him to retain the idea that the gift carries with it no moral implications, is to do him untold injury where it hurts him worst. Many evangelical teachers insist so strongly upon free, unconditional grace as to create the impression that sin is not a serious matter and that God cares very little about it. He is concerned only with our escaping the consequences. The gospel then in practical application means little more than a way to escape the fruits of our past. The heart that has felt the weight of its own sin and along with this has seen the dread whiteness of the Most High God will never believe that a message of forgiveness without transformation is a message of good news. To remit a man's past without transforming his present is to violate the moral sincerity of his own heart. To that kind of thing God will be no party. We must have courage to preach the whole message. By so doing we shall undoubtedly lose a few friends and make a number of enemies. But the true Christian will not grieve too much about that. He has enough to do to please his Lord and Saviour and to be true to the souls of all men. That may well occupy him too completely to leave much time for regrets over the displeasure of misguided men.

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