



*"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*

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## LEANING TOWARD HERESY

When large numbers of adherents in the Christian churches come to believe that God is different from what He actually is, that concept becomes heresy of the most insidious and deadly kind! When the Christian church surrenders her once lofty concept of God and substitutes for it ideas so low, so ignoble as to be utterly unworthy, her situation is tragic indeed. Into the life and the practices of the church comes a whole new philosophy; and the sense of the divine Presence and the majesty of God is no longer known. Although "morality" is no longer a popular word in our world, it is apparent that such low and unworthy concepts of God's Person actually constitute a moral calamity for professed believers in great segments of Christianity. The records of both sacred and secular history show that low views of God will surely destroy the appeal of the Christian for all who hold them! To all sinners, Jesus said, "You must be born again—from above!" He knew that the gods begotten in the shadowy thoughts of the fallen sons and daughters of Adam will quite naturally be no true likeness of the true and living God!

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# Sound the Trumpet

- Section 1 -

## Israel's Wars

The Bible opens with, "In the beginning God created." Before the beginning of time, in eternity past, God purposed some great works.

**The First Great Work** God planned was to call out of the world a bride for His Son, the church of Jesus Christ. He began this work at Pentecost and it is not yet completed. The completion is very near, it will occur when the trumpet sounds and the rapture takes place. When the last member of the church is saved, all of the saints of the church age who have died will arise from their graves and with the living believers be caught up to be with Christ forever. Then the church will be complete.

The church saints are "The called out ones." They are called out of the world, called out to be a heavenly people. Those who are a part of this world system are not a part of the bride of Christ. John confirms this in 1 John 2:15, "*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.*" Paul also said in 1 Corinthians 6:17, "*Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.*" According to these scriptures those who are of this world's system are not a part of the body of Christ regardless of what they profess.

**The Second Great Work** God planned was to call out of the world a wife for Jehovah, the nation of Israel. One of the great days in the history of the world will be the day God consummates this process.

We read about it in Zechariah 13:9, "*And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.*"

For 4000 years God has been working on that project. 2000 years ago, not

unforeseen by God, was the setting aside of Israel because of her sin and unbelief. During that time the Lord has worked to call out the Church. Nevertheless, all through the last 2000 years God has been quietly working on Israel through His chastening hand.

About one hundred years ago, Israel's God began to stir up His people. The dry bones came together and suddenly in 1948, Israel became a nation once again.

War has played an important role in God's dealing with His people. God used war to show Israel...

### First – His love and protection.

Through these wars God has been saying to Israel, I am your God and you are my people. He has said; if you will obey me and trust me I will bless you and protect you.

**Second - His Chastening Hand.** Through these wars God's chastening hand shows Israel that He is angry because of their sin and rebellion against Him.

Since 1948 Israel has had three major wars, wars in which foreign nations have invaded, crossing her borders with the intention of annihilating her. These are in contrast to the skirmishes with Hezbollah and Hamas.

In all three of these wars Israel has been given miraculous victories by divine intervention. Every Jew knew that God had divinely intervened on their behalf, but Israel did not respond to the Lord.

Every successive Israeli government has been willing to give up Judea and Samaria for a peace agreement. How will the God of Israel respond, we already know from the scriptures. The Lord will continue to seek the hearts of His people. According to scripture there are three major wars yet to come in which God will continue to seek to draw the hearts of His people to Himself.

In those wars the stakes will continue to grow higher and higher. The severity will

increase and the destruction of Israel's enemies will escalate. Israel's testing will intensify. The consequences of these wars will be extreme.

**First – We have the war of Psalm 83.** (Also found in Ezekiel 36 – Isaiah 17 – Obadiah 18). **Second – We have the war of Ezekiel 38-39.** **Third – We have battle of Armageddon** (Revelation 19 – Joel 3:2 – Zechariah 12:2-3).

Though we have dealt extensively with the war of Psalm 83, we will revisit it because of its importance and because we feel it is near at hand and we see preparations now underway for it.

There are some important questions about this war. When does it take place? Does it take place before the rapture? Does it take place after the rapture? Who are the combatants? What takes place after this war? How does Islam fit in? I believe we can find the answers to all of these questions in the scriptures.

#### **Who is involved in this war?**

Psalm 83:2, *“For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.”* That is exactly what is happening in Israel today. The Palestinians hate Israel and are determined at all costs to eliminate her.

Psalm 83:3, *“They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.”*

This present scenario fits no other time in all of history. We have a people, the Palestinians, dwelling in the land of Israel seeking to drive Israelis out of their own God given land.

Recently the Palestinians, Hamas, Hezbollah and Syria have signed a pact to destroy Israel. Recently the Palestinian TV broadcast a message to Israel saying, “Israelis return to Europe, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Poland and Russia so that Palestinians can return to the Israeli cities such as Akko – Haifa and Jerusalem.”

Some time ago the leaders of Hamas sent a message to the UN saying, “The land of Palestine belongs to the Arabs from sea to sea, and there is no place for Jews in it.”

The Imams of Islam have recently said, “The Jews have no claim to the Temple Mount. There has never been a Temple on it, it belongs to Islam.”

Verse 4, *“They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation;*

*that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.”* Repeatedly the Arabs have said, “We will wipe Israel off the map.” They teach this in their schools, perpetuating the hatred toward Israel.

These verses are a commentary on our own day. Never has there been a people dwelling in the land that has sought to drive Israel out of their own land. This situation has never existed in all of history. Israel has always been hated, but never the present scenario.

Verse 5, *“For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee:”*

Ezekiel deals with the same scenario, *“Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because the enemy hath said against you, Aha, even the ancient high places are ours in possession”* (Ezekiel 36:2). Today for the first time in history the Palestinians (Edomites) are claiming the Temple Mount. This is unique to our own day.

Verse 5, *“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.”* Idumea = Edom = the Palestinians. A recent study justifies this claim.

*“With despiteful minds”* The Palestinians blow themselves to bits to kill a Jew and families dance in the streets when a son or daughter blows themselves up. They name streets and squares after suicide bombers. What could be more despiteful?

This is not a factor in the other two wars of Ezekiel 38-39 or Armageddon.

The people in this war are named in verses 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. Selah.”*

Edom = Palestinians - The Ishmaelites = The Arabs among the Palestinians – Ammon = The Jordanians – The Philistines = Hamas in Gaza – Tyre = Hezbollah in Lebanon – Assur = Syria (a suburb of Damascus). These are the combatants in this war.

The three coming wars are clearly three separate events. Notice the contrasts of

these wars.

The war of Psalm 83 is prior to the tribulation period. It is a time of hostility toward Israel. The nations named are separate and distinct from the nations involved in the other wars. This war takes place within Israel's and around Israel's borders.

The war of Ezekiel 38-39 takes place early in the tribulation period. It takes place when Israel is at peace. A separate number of nations are named as combatants and takes place on the mountains of Israel.

The Battle of Armageddon takes place at the end of the tribulation period. It takes place in a climate of great turmoil, chaos and destruction. All the nations of the whole world are involved and it takes place in the Valley of Megiddo.

Notice the concentric circles of the enemies of Israel in these three wars. First within and on Israel's borders, then Second we have a wider circle of enemies, Iran, Russia, Ethiopia, Libya and Turkey. Third we have the whole world assembled against Israel.

So we have separate wars fought by three distinct sets of adversaries, fought at three separate times in three separate and distinct locations.

I believe that we are standing on the threshold of the war of Psalm 83. All of the countries and peoples named to oppose Israel are ready to go to war with Israel except Jordan (Amman). Jordan must be incorporated into this alliance that will come against Israel. The majority of Jordanians are Palestinians and would be ready to go against Israel if a chance were given to them.

Here I am going to enter the area of speculation, so be warned. We have seen the spectacular rise of ISIS in a relatively short period of time. They are seeking to establish an Islamic Caliphate by bringing Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and Jordan under the rule of an Islam. They are threatening the leaders of these Muslim countries who have appealed to the West to stop ISIS. It seems that the alliance formed against ISIS is destined to defeat her.

However, I have a sense that ISIS is destined to play an important role in the unfolding of end time scenario. It would seem that ISIS could very well fulfil the role of uniting the enemies of Israel to come against Israel in the war of Psalm

83. That is their stated purpose. It is just such a monstrous alliance that would fulfil the prophecies of Psalm 83, Ezekiel 36 and Isaiah 17. It is quite possible that ISIS will grow in numbers and power if they experience success in the coming days.

Could it be that the West will be distracted from their war against ISIS by some major catastrophic disasters or an economic collapse or a major war in Eastern Europe? In such a case ISIS would sweep over Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan. They would then be positioned to unite the above nations against Israel. The above is speculation; however it seems to be in line with what the scripture indicates will happen.

### **Does This War Take Place before or After the Rapture**

We have shown that this war takes place prior to the great Peace Treaty, which is the starting point of the tribulation period. We do not know whether the rapture will take place before, during or after this war. All we know about the rapture is that it will take place prior to the tribulation period. It could happen at any point prior to the tribulation period (Revelation 3:10). No man knows the day or the hour even though we know that it occurs prior to the tribulation period.

### **The Outcome of the War of Psalm 83**

Isaiah 17:13, *"The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but God shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind."* This is another war that the Israel should lose! But God will intervene again in a mighty way. *"But God shall rebuke them" – "And They shall flee afar off."*

Psalm 83:17, *"Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish."*

Obadiah comments on this war in verse 18, *"And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for the LORD hath spoken it."*

The God of Israel will pour out His wrath upon Israel's enemies and the Palestinians and their allies will be

wiped out in this soon coming war. These prophecies have never been fulfilled.

After 2800 years this whole prophecy is falling into place whether ISIS plays a part or not.

When you are praying for the peace of Jerusalem you are not praying that Israel will escape the chastening of God. You are praying for that day when Israel by faith and repentance receives the Prince of Peace when He returns at Armageddon.

### **The Purpose Behind all Six of Israel's Modern Wars**

Ezekiel 36:23, *"And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes."*

*"The heathen shall know that I am the LORD"* Today Islam and the gentile nations do not realize who is the Lord of Heaven. It is evidently God's purpose to show Himself to these pagan nations who are ignorant as to who He is. I believe that this war and the war of Ezekiel 38-39 which follows it by a few months will be a springboard for the salvation of multitudes in the tribulation period.

In Revelation 7:9 we see this multitude who are saved during the tribulation period, we see them appearing in heaven during the tribulation period, *"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, 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."*

*"After this"* - After what? After the tribulation period begins; after the seal judgements are opened and after the sealing of the 144,000 Jewish witnesses.

*"A great multitude, which no man could number"* we see a vast multitude appearing in heaven during the tribulation period. This vast multitude could represent hundreds of millions of people.

*"Of all nations and kindreds and people"* These are gentile pagans of the earth. They are not Jews nor are they a part of the church, they are a separate and distinct group. They are known to us as the tribulation saints and they have a

special place in God's presence for ever (Revelation 7:14-17).

There is another group of gentiles who are saved during the tribulation period and survive the tribulation period. They go into the Millennial Kingdom to re-establish the nations during the kingdom. These are possibly seen in eternity future in (Revelation 21:24-26 - 22:2).

*"And stood before the throne and before the Lamb"* We see them suddenly appearing in heaven during the tribulation period.

*"Clothed with white robes"* they have been saved in same way we have been and they sing, *"Salvation to our God"* they have been washed in the blood of the Lamb.

Go back with me in your mind's eye to the scene on earth as the battle of Psalm 83 and the battle of Ezekiel rage within a few months of each other.

Look at the judgment that falls on the heathen nations in the war of Psalm 83.

*"As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire; So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD. Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish."* (Psalm 83:14-17).

God is going to come down and pour out His anger upon the enemies of Israel. What a terrible and awesome moment that will be, as the whole world witnesses it.

Notice the purpose of God in verse 18, *"That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth."*

Jehovah will be speaking to Israel again, saying, Israel I am your God. If you will obey me and trust me, I will protect you and bless you.

Jehovah will be speaking to the heathen who do not know Him. Jehovah will be speaking to over a billion Muslims who do not know Him, people who think that Allah is the God. He will say to them, by His awesome judgment poured out upon these Islamic nations, Allah is not God, I Jehovah am the only and Almighty God of Israel.

The same thing will happen will happen a few short months later in the war of

Ezekiel 38-39.

*“And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD”* (Ezekiel 38:22-23).

This will be an awesome display of God’s judgment for the whole world to see. Notice God’s great purpose is that the whole world will know who the true and only God is.

In both these wars Islam will descend on Israel to annihilate her. In each case they will be on the verge of doing it. God will descend and the whole world will know that he is the living God, not Allah.

I believe that multiplied millions of Muslims will cry; Allah is not God, Israel’s Jehovah is the true and living God. The whole world will witness the mighty hand of Jehovah moving in mighty power to reveal Himself to the world.

I believe this will be a moment of truth for the world, a turning point for millions.

Multitudes of hearts will be moved and ultimately come to Israel’s God for

salvation as the gospel is declared by the 144,000.

Multitudes of hearts will be hardened against God and move to ultimate perdition.

We see God speaking in the very same way in the battle of Ezekiel 38-39. *“And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the LORD. So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel”* (Ezekiel 39:6-7).

It is suggested by some that more people will be saved during the tribulation period than during the entire church age.

We realize that the tribulation will be a time for Satan to be unleashed and to totally dominate the world with evil. While that is true and while Satan is working God will also be at work. He will be quietly and powerfully working in a world that is flooded with all the wickedness and vileness of hell.

In the darkest hour the world will ever know, when Satan seems to be triumphing, God will be moving in a wonderful and powerful way to bring the greatest glory to His name. Millions will

be saved who will glorify God’s name for all of eternity. We are reminded of the prayer of Habakkuk when he prayed, *“Oh Lord...In wrath remember mercy.”* That is the way our God is, in the midst of pouring out His wrath upon a sinful world He moves in mercy and compassion.

Today we wring our hands as we look around and see wickedness, evil and rebellion against God and His Word. We see the apostasy that is sweeping away that which professes to be the church of Jesus Christ. We see the dark clouds of evil descending on our world, are we to hide in despair? No, our great wants use us to bring salvation and blessing to some around us.

Remember, in the darkest hour God can and will glorify His name and we are His instruments to accomplish it. We must rejoice and move forward instead of retreating and hiding.

Listen up my brothers and sisters; God has a purpose in this hour. It is a wonderful purpose that will glorify His name.

I repeat; during the tribulation period the war between God and Satan comes to great climax. Satan appears to be winning, but in the darkest hour God does His most glorious work to glorify His name. **Art Sadlier**

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## The World’s Coming Messiah

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All of the world’s major religions are looking forward to the coming of a Messiah who will come to restore truth and eradicate the problems of the world. This appears to me to be a setup by the evil one who is designing his program to deceive the nations into accepting his coming world ruler, the Antichrist.

In contrast to the Lord’s true messiah, Jesus Christ, these counterfeits will deceive the world and cause men to receive Antichrist when he appears on the scene with a program to solve all of the world’s problems and establish Satan’s one world government.

The Muslims have their Mahdi, the Buddhists have Maitreya, the Hindus Kalki, the Zoroastrian Saoshyant, Ahmadiyya’s Mirza Ghulam Ahmad and He whom God shall make manifest in Babism (believed to be Bahá’u’lláh by

Bahais). The new agers are also looking for their cosmic Christ to come and transform the world.

The Bible states that Jesus of Nazareth is the one and true, coming Messiah who will return to establish his Kingdom on earth yet other religions also believe that their Messiah is the one and true Messiah to come.

- Who is the Imam Madhi whom Muslims believe is the prophesied redeemer of Islam and 12th Imam?
- Who is the Hindu Kalki whom Hindus believe will be the tenth and final Maha Avatara, the great incarnation of Vishnu who will come to end the present age of darkness, the annihilator of ignorance?
- Why do Buddhists believe in the coming of Bodhisattva during a period of global enlightenment?

- Why are Masonic lodges funding excavations of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem in their belief that the appearing of the coming Masonic Christos will be hastened by the rebuilding of Solomon’s Temple?

Why are the new agers anticipating the appearance of their cosmic Christ who will bring all of society into a unity as one god?

The state of the world is seen as hopelessly flawed beyond normal human powers of correction, and divine intervention through a specially selected and supported human is seen as necessary.

Is it coincidence, that all of the world’s major religions are looking forward to the coming of a messiah who will come to restore truth and eradicate the problems of the world? Why would all the major world religions teach the

same thing and all still be waiting in expectation of a future date when the prophesied messiah will be revealed. The whole world seems to be tuned to the same agenda.

This appears to me to be a setup by the evil one who is designing his program to deceive the nations into accepting his coming world ruler, the Antichrist.

Christendom and all the world's religions are looking for their messiah to come and set up a utopia on earth. Counterfeit Christianity will be deceived into receiving the false Christ, Antichrist, who will appear to them to be their long awaited messiah.

How will it be possible for so many to be deceived by the same agenda? We have the answer in 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12, "And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

Those who turn away from the truth are in danger of being deceived. This is a principal of God; there are consequences for rejecting God's truth. If you read these verses carefully you will notice that this coming deception is a three-fold deception. They will be deceived by Antichrist, by Satan and also by God. Such deception will be total and accounts for the astonishing fact that today's Laodicean/ Evangelicals will actually receive Antichrist as Christ after the rapture. Today evangelicals are turning a blind eye toward God's Word and they are setting themselves up for deception that will cause them to believe the lie, the lie that Antichrist is Christ.

Today there are two prospective kingdoms on collision course.

God has appointed a man to rule this world, 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 has also chosen a man to rule the world. Revelation 13:4-8, "And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. We have two rulers on a collision course, Jesus Christ and Antichrist. One of the most significant events of the last days is the rise of Antichrist. He will be the most rebellious, anti-God, human being who will ever appear on the face of the earth."

#### **The Person of Antichrist**

1 – **He is an intellectual genius** Dan. 7:8 "In this horn (antichrist) were eyes like the eyes of a man". Eyes refer to intelligence in scripture, the capacity to view a situation, to understand it, and to use the situation to advantage. He will be a man with incredible intellectual capacity.

2 – **He will be an outstanding orator**. He will sway the whole world. Leadership is based upon the ability to speak and sway men. Daniel 7:8 "A mouth speaking great things", Dan. 7:20 "A mouth that spoke very great things". Men and women everywhere will be attracted to him, will like him, will trust him and follow him. They will say, this is the kind of man the world has always needed, he is our kind of man.

3 – **He will be a master politician**. First he will captivate the Revived Roman Empire but after 3 ½ years he will rule the whole world. In Revelation 6:2 we see him with "a bow" and no arrows; he uses political means to conquer the whole world. In Daniel

11:21 we read "And he shall come in peaceably and obtain the kingdom by flatteries". The world will say, "He is our man", "he is a good guy", "he can get things done", "he thinks like I do".

4 – **He is a commercial wizard**. He will bring unprecedented prosperity to the whole world. Initially it will appear to be for all. Dan. 8:25 "And through his policy also he shall cause deceit to prosper in his hand". He will control such institutions as the World Bank, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations. He will use them to develop a prosperous world economy, men will love him because he initially puts money in their wallets. Revelation 18 describes prosperity for a few, such as the world has never known. Everything that is sold anywhere in the world will be under his control. "And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" (Revelation 3:17).

5 – **He will be a military genius**. The greatest military genius the world has ever known. Dan. 7:23 "... and he shall devour the whole earth and tread it down and break it in pieces". When civil wars and unrest arise, he will say, "Give me control of your police forces and your armies and I will take care of the problems". By the time the world wakes up it will be too late! Revelation 13:4 "Who is able to make war with the beast?".

6 – **He is a religious leader**. "All that dwell on the earth shall worship him" Rev 13:8. Also 2 Thessalonians 2:4, "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."

#### **The Transitions of Antichrist**

In the first half of the tribulation period he appears to be a benevolent, charismatic, popular leader. He has something to please everyone. He totally deceives Israel, the Church and the nations. Even when he kills and brutalizes people, they will think he has a good cause in what he does.

In the second half of the tribulation period he begins to enslave the entire world and he turns against the harlot church and utterly destroys it. Revelation 17:16, "And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall

make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire." He turns against those who come to Christ and refuse to worship him Revelation 13:15, "And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed."

Counterfeit Christianity will be slaughtered. The first reason is because God has put into his heart fulfil His will. His personal motive will be to cause the world to worship him instead of Christ. Satan's goal is a religious goal he is determined to have the world worship him.

He turns against Israel Zechariah 13:8, "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains. Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field

return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."

Finally he turns upon Christ Daniel 8:25, "And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand."

7 – **His fate** is found in 2 Thessalonians 2:8, "And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:"

#### Understand three things:

I. The church must be raptured before Antichrist appears on the scene. 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-3, "Now we

beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him. That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. 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."

2. There are no signs for the rapture; it is imminent event that could happen at any moment.

3. There are a multitude of signs in scripture that now indicate that Christ's second coming is drawing near. However we know the rapture must precede the second coming so the rapture must be near at hand.

The stage is set for the tribulation period to begin and Antichrist to appear on the scene.

There are many situations in our world today which indicate Antichrist is about to appear on the stage, but that is a topic for another day! **Art Sadlier**

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## The Beginning Signs

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In Matthew 24:3 the Disciples asked the Lord a question, "What shall be the sign of thy coming and the end of the age (The world as we now know it)."

Jesus listed signs which would precede His return to the earth. The signs were in two categories; the first category was called the beginning signs. Concerning the beginning signs we read, "And there shall be famines, and pestilence, and earthquakes in divers (various) places." The clear implication is, when you see these things multiplying and happening in an unusual way, wake up, the "Day of the Lord" is at hand.

We are seeing a multiplication of these things at the present time. Though we have visited this issue many times, we are today seeing an explosion of the beginning signs. It is time to be ready for the Sound of the Trumpet!

We are rapidly moving into uncharted waters: morally, financially, racially and spiritually. We need to avoid conspiracy theories and extremism. We need just to compare scripture with the facts of the hour. The facts indicate many troubling events which indicate our present order is about to collapse.

Because these situations are slow in developing, many have assumed the attitude that all is well.

**Impending Financial Collapse** is at hand according to many financial experts.

One commentator stated, "Another major financial collapse similar to what took place in September–October 2008, which led to a \$700 billion "Troubled Asset Relief Program" (TARP) federal government bailout of the financial system. The Federal Reserve threw \$4 trillion at the U.S. economy, which has led to artificial economic results and delayed the consequences. The U.S. stock markets are setting records because of the influx of this money."

We are told there is an unprecedented \$700 trillion in financial derivatives being traded by the U.S. and other major global banks. Famed investor Warren Buffet called derivatives "weapons of financial destruction."

The Federal Reserve has tried to use the influx of funds to create deflation which they are counting on to rescue the US economy. However, deflation is the present reality and the recent drop

in the price of oil will escalate deflation. The warnings of economic collapse are falling on deaf ears.

**An Electro Magnetic Pulse (EMP) attack**, according to "EMPact America" could cause a devastating power-grid collapse and take life in the United States back to the early 1900s — which very few Americans could survive.

**A Major Terror Event in Multiple Cities** could create panic similar to the panic created by the Boston Marathon bombing. The Islamic State is continuing to make threats against major U.S. cities. Terrorists have the horrible potential to use chemical, biological or even nuclear weapons to bring devastation to America.

**The Potential of a Major Ebola Pandemic** is now recognized and is sending shivers up and down the spines of thinking people around the world. At the same time there are many new strains of disease appearing causing concern among medical experts. Ebola may not become a pandemic which will bring catastrophe to the world but it is a warning of what may yet be to come. Scientists fear that Ebola could mutate

and return in a more disastrous form.

**The Russia and Ukraine conflict:** Will U.S. and EU sanctions on Russia, and Moscow's reciprocal sanctions, lead to more serious tensions? Will Russia cut natural gas shipments that go to Europe through Ukraine this winter? Because Europe receives approximately 30 percent of its natural gas from Russia, this would further affect Europe's already weak economy which could be a factor in a world-wide economic collapse.

**Middle Eastern Super Tankers** that carry Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) into major U.S. ports, such as Boston, could produce an enormous terror event.

**Nuclear-tipped Missiles Fired from Container Ships** off U.S. coasts could destroy a major population center.

**A major Cyber-attack** against financial entities, the Pentagon, or government computer networks that authorize food stamps and Social Security checks could have a domino effect on life in America.

**A Major Solar Flare Event** could put communication satellites and the U.S. power grid at risk.

There has been an undeniable increase in devastating storms, earthquakes, droughts and floods which cannot be ignored by thinking people.

**CBC Recently Presented a Frightening Scenario** in which a tidal wave from a collapse of Mount Cumre Vega in the Canary Islands would sweep over the Atlantic Coast America and destroy all the coastal cities, a disaster from which America would never recover. They indicated that a tidal wave up to 50 meters high and travelling over a hundred miles per hour which would come inland for up to 15 minutes.

**The Big West Coast Earthquake** has been a reoccurring threat and now we have the added threat of a cataclysmic

eruption at Yellowstone Park. Scientists warn that this eruption would cover the ground with ten feet of ash for a distance of 1000 miles.

**Then we have ISIS** which is an unprecedented situation that is a flashing red light signaling the probability of the soon coming of the war of Psalm 83. This is the most significant situation to occur in the Mid-east in recent times. The dream of a Muslim Caliphate stimulates the hearts of multitudes of Muslims. It also puts fear in the hearts of many of the Arab despots who are keeping their Muslim people in poverty and bondage. We could see an explosion of support for ISIS by the oppressed Muslim peoples of the world. Other disastrous end time situations could distract the western nations and allow ISIS to advance and ultimately form the alliance to attack Israel in the war of Psalm 83.

**In Europe**, contrary to the impression given by the media, the stage is being set for the arrival of the kingdom of Antichrist. The seeming collapse of the financial situation is but a smokescreen for the uniting of Europe under a powerful dictator. The nations are being setup to cast themselves on the leaders in Brussels to deliver them from the artificial crisis they created.

**In Russia** we see the pieces being put in place by Putin to prepare Magog for her attempt to plunder Israel in the war of Ezekiel 38-39. Russia now has more nuclear weapons in deployment than America. If America were to be neutralized, Russia would be emboldened to venture whatever she wishes to do in the Mideast. In Ukraine we see the Russian bear flexing her muscles in preparation for that which is perhaps soon to happen.

The sad thing is that as these signs increase, the hearts of men only become harder as they fail to recognize the warnings of Christ.

Watch for stunning events to happen in the near future, that is if we are not caught up to be with our Lord and Saviour first.

We could see national, regional or citywide emergencies leading to stores without food, with no electricity, with no fuel for cars, and disruption in all areas of life. We could see financial disruption, the closure of banks and ATM machines and the failure of our currency. We could well see chaos and food riots in the streets and we could see the medical care system collapse.

The most vital thing we must face now is to have our hearts right with the Lord; we need to prepare our hearts and our lives to stand in His presence at any moment. We need to trust Him to meet our needs in any situation He might call upon us to face. Remember, "Faith is the victory that overcomes the world."

We are racing to the climax of the present age, the time is short. You need to get ready to face Christ and the coming judgment seat of Christ. You need to do that and you need to do it now.

We are told in the Word of God that after the mid-point of the Tribulation period two thirds of the population of the earth will be dead as the judgment of God falls upon this rebellious world. The only hope of deliverance from this awful hour any person has is to be a part of the body of Jesus Christ.

*"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him"* (John 3:36).

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life"* (John 3:16).

My friend you can only be sure of this moment to come to Christ for salvation.

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## Summary of the News

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**The freedoms we have enjoyed** so long are coming under attack.

President Obama is now saying he views same-sex marriage as a constitutional right. This implies in some minds that opposition to it is illegal.

Two Christian ministers who own an Idaho wedding chapel were told they

had to either perform same-sex weddings or face jail time and up to \$1,000 in daily fines, according to a lawsuit filed Friday in federal court.

In Houston Texas the mayor ordered pastors to submit copies of their sermons to be examined to assure they are making no political comments. She later made a week retraction. The pressure is

being applied to remove the freedom of Christians. The moment will come when the dam breaks and all religious freedom for Christians will terminate.

**Israel**

A diplomatic storm is coming this January. The makeup of the UN Security Council has changed and Israel is no

longer assured of an American veto on Palestinian motions. Should the Palestinians petition for a full membership at the United Nations, it is now possible that they would be approved?

Israeli diplomats are saying that Abbas now has tailwind and that he will likely push him to go for broke and make good on his threats: Not only turn to the UN Security Council to set a deadline for Israeli withdrawal to the 1967 borders by November 2016, but also turn to the International Criminals Court at the Hague.

The resolution the Palestinians are presenting calls for "The full withdrawal of Israel ... from all of the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, as rapidly as possible and to be fully

completed within a specified timeframe, not to exceed November 2016."

In addition, these changes at the Security Council will not only play a part in the vote on accepting the Palestinians into the UN, but in other resolutions concerning Israel, like condemning settlement construction or military operations, calling for UN inquiry committees on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and more.

Israel may soon be under pressure from the entire world to surrender their land to the Palestinians and pressure upon everything they do.

I suspect that this pressure will become intolerable for Israel. It is my feeling that before these pressures bring the Jewish State down, the war of Psalm will nullify the Palestinians.

On another situation Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday said that world powers were about to sign a deal with Iran that would allow the Islamic Republic to retain "nuclear breakout" capability.

The prime minister said that this would be "a threat to the world as a whole and to Israel in particular, much more serious than the threat posed by ISIS."

### Trans-humanism

Quietly, almost without anyone really noticing, we have entered the age of the cyborg, or cybernetic organism: a living thing both natural and artificial. Artificial retinas and cochlear implants (which connect directly to the brain

through the auditory nerve system) restore sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf. Deep-brain implants, known as "brain pacemakers", alleviate the symptoms of 30,000 Parkinson's sufferers worldwide. "This is the frontline of the Human Enhancement Revolution," writes the technology author and philosopher Patrick Lin last year. "We now know enough about biology, neuroscience, computing, robotics, and materials to hack the human body."

The US military is pouring millions of dollars into projects such as Ekso Bionics' Human Universal Load Carrier (HULC), an 'Iron Man'-style wearable exoskeleton that gives soldiers super-human strength. Its Defense Advanced Research Projects Association (Darpa) is also working on thought-controlled killer robots, "thought helmets" to enable telepathic communication and brain-computer interfaces (BCIs) to give soldiers extra senses, such as night vision and the ability to "see" magnetic fields caused by landmines.

Bio-hackers are upgrading their bodies without waiting for anyone to say it's OK.

Cheerleaders for a cyborg future, like Prof Warwick, call themselves "trans-humanists". Trans-humanism aims to alter the human condition for the better by using technology (as well as genetic engineering, life extension science and synthetic biology) to make us more intelligent, healthier and live longer than has ever been possible – eventually transforming humanity so much it becomes "post-human".

The Cybernetic human

1. Brain implants augment memory and provide access to the internet
2. Wearable exoskeleton boosts strength and endurance
3. Inter-changeable limbs match capabilities to tasks
4. Access-control chips replace keys and passwords

The goal of trans-humanists is to replace human intelligence with artificial intelligence. He says I was born human but I believe it's something we have the power to change.

These things are surely a sign that man's day is coming to a close. We are reminded of man's first Appearance on

the earth in the Garden of Eden. We read in Genesis 3:22, "*And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever.*"

What goes around comes around and man continues to make the mistakes of his forefathers. The problem is a heart that is in rebellion against God.

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### America and Canada

Romans 13:12 says, "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.."

The Obama administration's pressure on Israel, its aggressive commitment to the LGBT agenda, its position on abortion and life in the womb are continuing to converge with many other very serious issues and events that will lead to more serious repercussions and consequences beyond what we have seen to date in America.

The only surprising thing has been the delay in the consequences — but when they do happen; they will be even more significant and earthshaking.

Evil is endorsed from the highest political office in the land. The signs are all about us morally, spiritually, fiscally and socially.

We are truly living in a time spoken of by Isaiah: "*Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*" (Isaiah 5:20)

In Canada we boast about our support of Israel but we say nothing about our legalization of abortion and our advocacy for the LGBT agenda. Our entertainment is violence and sensuality as we continue our downward plunge.

We in North America have sown the wind and are on the verge of reaping the whirlwind.





