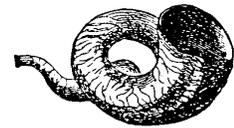


Sound the Trumpet!

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*"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



FIVE AREAS OF PREPARATION FOR THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

The Coming of the Beast

The prophets foretell of a latter day revival of the old Roman Empire. They prophesied that on the territory of the old Roman Empire a latter day Roman Empire would arise, called in scripture the 'Beast'. The term 'beast' refers to both the kingdom and the leader of the kingdom. The term, 'ten horns' refers to the Revived Roman Empire. The horns arise out of the head of the beast, identifying it with the Old Roman Empire.

What is happening in Europe today is in line with Daniel's prophecy. There is turmoil and disunity in Europe; however, that chaotic situation is perfectly in line with what Daniel foretold in Daniel 7:24. "And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings." Antichrist will come on the scene in Europe in the midst of turmoil and chaos and seize control of three nations. His rise to power in Europe will be in the midst of division and strife, as recorded 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." The turmoil in the EU today is in line with what we might expect for the arrival of Antichrist. "Three horns plucked up by the roots," implies again an environment of strife and conflict. He will usurp power over three nations, taking control by force, and weld ten nations into the Revived Roman Empire. It will be through his bold and brutal initiative that the Revived Roman Empire will come together. The ten nations will not be identified until that time.

Understand that the EU is not the Revived Roman Empire; it is only the

infrastructure for the coming Revived Empire. The Revived Roman Empire will not appear until after the peace treaty is signed at the beginning of the tribulation period. There has been a growing recognition for sometime in Europe that they need a strong, dynamic, forceful leader to take control the E.U., actually, that desire is coming to a crisis point as economic problems and loss of confidence grows in the present leadership. The stage is now set for the beast to appear, but the rapture must occur first!

The War of Psalm 83

The war of Psalm 83 occurs against a backdrop of persecution by the Edomites as they seek to strip Israel of her land. (See Ezekiel 36:2, 5 - Psalm 83:2-5) A study by Jimmy De Young shows the Palestinians to be the descendants of the Edomites. Today the Palestinians are boldly asserting that they will remove Israel from the land. They have stated that there is no room in the Mideast for the Jews.

In Psalm 83:6-8, the protagonists of this war are given, Assur = Syria, Edom = the Palestinians, Ammon = Jordan, the Philistines = Gaza & Hamas, Lebanon = Tyre, Lebanon and Hezbollah. That is the very group of nations now preparing to attack Israel. This involves a tight circle of the enemies of Israel, those within or on her borders. The war of Ezekiel 38-39 involves a wider circle of Israel's enemies in areas around Israel and beyond her borders. These nations are named in Ezekiel 38, they are a separate group altogether. The war of Armageddon will involve the nations of the entire world. I believe these are three separate wars.

Today we stand on the threshold of a regional war in the Mideast, a war with multi fronts. One US general, not a believer, said that he believes this coming war will change the world forever.

Deliverance from "ME"

What are the terms of discipleship? Only one with a perfect knowledge of mankind could have dared to make them. Only the Lord of men could have risked the effect of such rigorous demands: Let him deny himself.

We hear these words and shake our heads in astonishment. Can we have heard aright? Can the Lord lay down such severe rules at the door of the Kingdom? He can and He does. If He is to save the man, He must save him from himself. It is the himself which has enslaved and corrupted the man.

Deliverance comes only by denial of that self. No man in his own strength can shed the chains with which self has bound him, but in the next breath the Lord reveals the source of the power which is to set the soul free: Let him take up his cross.

The cross has gathered in the course of the years much of beauty and symbolism, but the cross of which Jesus spoke had nothing of beauty in it. It was an instrument of death. Slaying men was its only function. Men did not wear that cross; but that cross wore men. It stood naked until a man was pinned on it, a living man fastened like some grotesque stickpin on its breast to writhe and groan till death stilled and silenced him.

That is the cross. Nothing less. And when it is robbed of its tears and blood and pain it is the cross no longer. Let him take . . . his cross, said Jesus, and in death he will know deliverance from himself.

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At this moment it seems that Israel is in danger of being destroyed in this war. These enemies of Israel have assembled a tremendous arsenal of missiles that can reach all of Israel with tremendous explosive power. However; we know that God will intervene in a miraculous way as he did in Israel's previous modern wars. God is repeatedly allowing Israel's back to go to the wall during these days; He is doing that in order to arrest Israel with His mercy and provision for them. God is working with Israel again and He will yet win their hearts. We see, that yet to come moment, in Zechariah 13:8-9, "And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. 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." That moment will come at the close of the tribulation period, also referred to as the 'Time of Jacob's trouble'.

One news analyst believes that as a result of this war Israel will reoccupy the Gaza and South Lebanon. It is also quite possible that chemical and biological weapons will be used and possibly nuclear weapons? There is some indication of this in Isaiah 17. I suggest that this war, when it starts, will begin the final countdown toward the peace treaty and the tribulation period. I am not a prophet; but when I read in the news reports things that are foretold in God's Word I expect those events to unfold according to the scripture. If I am wrong, then I have erred in my interpretation and not the infallible scriptures. My reason for being somewhat bold is found in Luke 21:28, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." I believe this verse is referring to the rapture and not the second coming, but that is a topic for another day.

The Peace Treaty

The nations of the world have struggled mightily to obtain peace between Israel and the Palestinians, but to no avail. The present negotiations are doomed to failure, because the prophet tells us that someday a leader from Rome will lead in the signing of this false peace treaty, (Daniel 9:26-27), not an American president. Though the peace

treaty seems imminent, we also know that the rapture must occur first or simultaneously with it. It would seem to me that the war of Psalm 83, with its cataclysmic effect on the Mideast and the whole world, would be a stage setting event for the peace treaty. Islam will be greatly humbled as a consequence of the great victory of Israel over them.(Psalm 83 - Isaiah 17 - Ezekiel 36) The nations would be also be desperate as the threat of an all out nuclear war loomed over the world.

The Demise of America

Today, America with her mighty military and economic power is controlling and influencing events in the Mideast. It is obvious that America stands in the way of the Biblical end time scenario's unfolding. It is also a fact that America has no place in end time Biblical prophecy. It seems obvious that America must be neutralized before the final countdown begins.

Warnings of the imminent collapse of the American economy are reaching crescendo proportions. There are dire warnings that the world's number one economy is on the brink of collapse, amid high rates of unemployment and a spiralling public deficit. According to a poll by the Strategy One Institute published Friday, some 65 percent of Americans believe there will be a new recession. Such a recession could trigger hyper-inflation as the Fed moves to print more money. Hyper inflation could make the dollar worthless as happened in Germany after the war. Germans carried worthless money in wheelbarrows to the bank.

Another warning is the growing threat to replace the U.S. dollar as the world's reserve currency. This event would free the nations from lending money to America, safer investments would be available. This would bring the U.S. economy crashing down.

Financial analysts are forecasting, a 'Hyperinflation nightmare is dead ahead'. They are telling us that the world's confidence in the dollar is evaporating, while International investors watch mountains of toxic debt pile up faster than at any point in history!

There are other scenarios which could bring about the demise of America. The explosion of one nuclear bomb high over the central U.S would create an Electro Magnetic Pulse which could turn America into a third world state

overnight. Electrical systems and electronic devices would be rendered useless, turning the clock back a hundred and fifty years, bringing chaos, economic turmoil and civil unrest and the collapse of society.

There are many potential ways America could be brought crashing down.

The real problem is not physical but spiritual. America has already collapsed morally and spiritually. God has been officially ruled out of existence, all of the instructions of His Word have been trampled on. America has turned from the worship of God to the worship of idols. The idols of America are pleasure and the idols of materialism; the idols of sensuality and the idols of pride. The idols of Israel, just before the Lord judged her, were idols that they had set up in their hearts. "Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumbling block of their iniquity before their face: should I be enquired of at all by them?" Ezekiel 14:3

Today in the U.S. and Canada we have bowed down to worship our idols of pleasure, sensuality, things, booze, drugs and gluttony. These are the idols we have set up in our hearts. Our society, which has had the light of God's Truth, has turned away from God and His truth altogether. For these things the judgment of God fell on Israel until there was not a living Jew left in the land. America and Canada will not escape the judgment of God. It seems that this judgment must come prior to the peace treaty in order to facilitate the peace treaty that America is now preventing by her very presence. That judgement may be near at hand!

The War of Ezekiel 38 - 39

I believe the war of Ezekiel 38-39 is a separate and distinct war as opposed to the wars of Psalm 83 and Armageddon. Ezekiel names the specific nations involved in his war. Armageddon involves all the nations of the world. In Ezekiel 39 the destruction is on the mountains of Israel, while at Armageddon the destruction is in the Valley of Megiddo. In Ezekiel the armies are destroyed by convulsions of nature. At Armageddon the destruction is by Christ Himself. At the end of the tribulation prior to Armageddon, Israel will not be dwelling safely as they are said to be prior to the war of Ezekiel.

I believe the war of Ezekiel will take place very early in the tribulation period. Three times in Ezekiel 38 Israel

is said to be dwelling safely and at rest just prior to this war. The only period that this happens is immediately after the peace treaty is signed. Paul describes this as a short period of time, "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." 1 Thessalonians 5:3. The context of this verse is found in the preceding verse and it is the context of the tribulation period. We know that the peace treaty will begin the seven year tribulation period and it will be followed quickly by 'sudden destruction'.

This brief period of false peace is the only time of peace spoken of until the Prince of Peace comes to set up the kingdom. I believe therefore that this is the time frame of Ezekiel's war, very early in the tribulation period.

As I see, it four great events will take place in rapid succession:

1. The war of Psalm 83.
2. The great false peace treaty. I believe that the war of Psalm 83 will be the stage setting event for the peace treaty.
3. The war of Ezekiel will take place.

4. The greatest event of all will be the catching up of the Bride of Christ to be forever with her Lord. We do not know when this will take place, except to know that it will happen prior to the beginning of the tribulation period. "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." Revelation 3:10. Notice; the Lord said, 'Keep thee from the hour,' He did not say 'in the hour.' Those who deny this promise are whistling in the wind.

The war of Ezekiel will involve the destruction of Russia and Islam; this destruction will change the whole scenario of the tribulation period. During that war five of every six Russians and those of Islam will die, both on the battle field and in their homelands. "And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel: And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand. Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy

bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD. 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." Ezekiel 39:2-6.

Russia may recover in time to be involved in Armageddon; however neither Russia, nor Islam, will play a major role in the rest of the tribulation period. If by this time America has fallen as a power in the world, Antichrist will be the only one left standing. He would also control all of the Mideast oil. His Revived Roman Empire will be poised to dominate the world.

I have dealt with this topic before and deal with it again because I believe we are on the threshold of these things. I close with a reminder that my interpretation may be wrong. We are certain however that the stage is being set for the final countdown. No matter how it all unfolds we need to be ready for the Lord to come and take us home to be with Him. Art Sadlier



The Apostate Church Of The Last Days

The scriptures reveal that there would be growing apostasy in the church, an apostasy which would take place over the long church age. We are also told that this apostasy will climax in a worldwide counterfeit church that will totally turn away from the truth in the last days. In Revelation 17 this apostate church is called the 'Mother of Harlots'.

We are also told that Antichrist will enter into union with the harlot church. He will use the harlot to ride to power in the first half of the tribulation period. At the midpoint of the tribulation period he will destroy the harlot and cause the world to worship him.

I believe that Antichrist is conducting a program of preparation to bring the present apostate groups and churches to the point that he can use them for his purposes. This program is well

underway with the present apostasy that is in full swing right now.

In an August 30, 2010 article entitled, 'Religions should unite against radicalism,' Imam Faisal Abdul Rauf, who is leading the project to build a mosque and Muslim/interfaith centre near the site of the September 11, 2001 attacks, provides a clue: "we are all in this together ... there is a common threat: Radicalism, which exists in all religions." He further states, "The real battlefront is not between Muslims and non-Muslims - *the real battlefront is between moderates and extremists.*" In a Daily Times article entitled, "Interfaith harmony for world peace," the author Mohammed Jamil concludes that the 'fundamental reason for the turmoil and tension in the world is the absence of a just economic order.' In his reasoning, interfaith harmony is a means to solve this problem. In 2008, King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia called for interfaith dialogue between Islam,

Christianity and Judaism and said at that time, "If God wills it, we will then meet with our brothers from other religions, including those of the Torah and the Gospel to come up with ways to safeguard humanity." The king, who is the guardian of the holy sites of Mecca and Medina, reasoned that the major faiths "shared a desire to combat the disintegration of the family and the rise of atheism in the world."

Today the word that is bringing all religions together is the word 'tolerance'. The religions of the world will tolerate anything and everything except the notion that Christ is the only way to God. The absolutes of true Christianity are intolerable and cannot be accepted. Any other and every other compromise is acceptable. Bring everything to the lowest common denominator and unity realized.

Today the coming together of religious groups and their unification in the

cause of peace to the abandonment of truth, is leading these groups into the arms of the harlot church.

The most disturbing thing is the way that in recent years those who call themselves evangelicals have apostatized. Those who seemed to preach the truth, those who seemed to believe the truth, have now turned away from the truth. That is really not surprising when you consider that this is the very essence of apostasy. Apostasy is to know the truth and to turn away from it. The pulpits of our

land are filled with apostates who say peace and safety and fail to warn our people and our nation of their sin and rebellion against God. They fail to warn them that the Day of the Lord is about to sweep them away! Today those men tell their people that everything is fine, just relax, don't worry! They preach ditties for dummies. Instead of feeding the sheep they put them to sleep. They tickle ears with trivialities and entertain the unsaved on their way to hell right from their churches.

In a similar hour Jeremiah said, "Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness." Jeremiah 12:10. In some towns and cities it is hard to find a church that is not pastured by an apostate.

Hear the Word of the Lord, "...Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Revelation 18:4
Art Sadlier

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

Let the Headlines Speak

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Stunning, Dramatic Change in the Capacity of Iran to Threaten Israel with Nuclear Destruction

A news report issued by debkafile entitled "The First Full-Scale Cyber Attack on a State," declares; "the debate over a missile, warplane or Special Forces strike against Iran's nuclear facilities is made redundant by an outside power proving able to partly cripple Iran's nuclear facilities by activating at will a malworm latent inside their control systems."

This is a stunning change of events with regard to Iran's nuclear threat on Israel. Apparently this powerful virus has crippled much if not all of Iran's nuclear industrial complex. It is reported that as many as 30,000 centrifuges have been shut down, crippling Iran's capacity to produce a nuclear bomb.

In a late new flash it has been reported that the activation of the Bushehr nuclear generation plant is delayed at least until 2011. This delay is a result of the computer virus that has infected the plant.

In another news report from debkafile; we read; "An alarmed Iran Asks for help to stop Rampaging Stuxnet Malworm" - Tehran this week secretly appealed to a number of computer security experts in West and East Europe with offers of handsome fees for consultations on ways to exorcize the Stuxnet worm spreading havoc through the computer networks and administrative software of its most important industrial complexes and military command centers. Debkafile's intelligence and Iranian sources report Iran turned for outside help after local computer experts failed to remove the destructive virus.

One expert said: "The Iranians have been forced to realize that they would be better off not 'irritating' the invader because it hits back with a bigger punch."

Debkafile further reports; "As it is; the Iranian officials who turned outside for help were described by another of the experts they approached, as alarmed and frustrated. It has dawned on them that the trouble cannot be waved away overnight but is around for the long haul. Finding a credible specialist with the magic code for ridding them of the cyber enemy could take several months. After their own attempts

to defeat Stuxnet backfired, all the Iranians can do now is to sit back and hope for the best, helpless to predict the worm's next target and which other of their strategic industries will go down or be robbed of its secrets next."

While Tehran has given out several conflicting figures on the systems and networks struck by the malworm - 30,000 to 45,000 industrial units. Debkafile's sources cite security experts as putting the figure much higher, in the region of millions. If this is true, then this cyber weapon attack on Iran would be the greatest ever.

We need to read the world situations in the light of what Scripture says, and not read the Scriptures in the light of world news. Scripture teaches that Israel will not be annihilated by nuclear weapons. The world has totally ignored Israel's plight via the threat of Iran's nuclear attack. The God of Israel has a program for Israel and no power on earth can frustrate that purpose.

God's purpose for Israel is to bring her to repentance and faith in Him and then restore her to all the land He long ago promised her. To be sure, the Scriptures tell us that Israel will go through the "Time of Jacob's Trouble." The nations who interfere with God's people will suffer God's wrath.

Joel 3:2, "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 heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land." Joel is referring to the battle of Armageddon that awaits the nations in defiance of God.

The President of Iran has threatened to utterly destroy Israel off the face of the earth. He has been feverishly working to obtain nuclear weapons to accomplish this. It is Iran who will be destroyed in the war of Ezekiel 38-39, early in the tribulation period. The war of Ezekiel will not involve nuclear weapons, according to the Scripture; trust God to see to that.

Let men rage and think they can defy God but God will have the last word. We have read His Word and we know what the last chapter says.

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