

REVELATION

Are we living in the End Times?

Part III

- 1. We live in the days of multiplied sin**
- 2. We live in the days of a great falling away**
- 3. We can know from the concept of time that God has established**
- 4. We can know from the signs concerning Israel**

We think of Israel as just part of the Old Testament, but they are part of end time prophecy as well

Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 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: 3 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.

God did bless us through the Jews

- God gave us Jesus Christ!
 - Jesus was a Jew
- God gave us His Word through the Jews
 - The authors of the Bible were Jewish authors
- God birthed the church through the Jews

God made promises to the Jews:

Genesis 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. 6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. 7 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 to thy seed after thee. 8 **And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.**

- 1. Israel is a land**
- 2. Israel is a people**

This is a promise and prophecy:

Deuteronomy 28:63 And it shall come to pass, that as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it.

Deuteronomy 28:64 And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone.

- They would be scattered

- This is exactly what has happened to Israel

Deuteronomy 28:65 And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind:

Deuteronomy 28:66 And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life:

- We see this in History with the Jewish oppression and the holocaust
- 6 Million European Jews were murdered 1941 to 1945

Because of Israel's sin, they faced a lot of opposition

Luke 21:24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

Jesus told them that this would happen:

Mark 13:2 And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

- It was destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD
- About 37 years after Jesus

Israel was completely changed!



The prayer wall is what remains of the temple



The Dome of the Rock is a Muslim Shrine

- Built in 691 AD

It covers the Rock where it is said that Muhammad the prophet ascended into heaven

For the next 1900 years, Israel would no longer be in control of their land

- Some of them remained in the land
 - Most were scattered

God promised He would regather His people from the Nations

- God prophesied that He would also return them to their land

WHY? God is faithful!

Prophecies:

Joel 2:31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood,

- These are solar eclipses
- This has happened several times in the last number of years
- In 2014 and 2015, there were four blood moons falling during Jewish feasts.

Joel 2:31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

Joel 2:32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

- Speaking of Israel in the End Times
- Talking about the salvation that God offers them

Joel 3:1 For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, 2 I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, (Jehovah will Judge – Armageddon – valey in Israel) and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

God promises to bring judgement on them in the last days – the Battle of Armageddon

- Because of how His people have been treated
- Because of how their land has been divided

Leading up to the end, God promised to return His people to their land:

Deuteronomy 30:3 That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.

- There were MILLIONS of Jews in other countries – including the US

Ezekiel 34:11 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. 13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

Ezekiel 36:24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

Isaiah 11:11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Path-ros, and from Cush, and from E-

lam, and from Shin-ar, and from Hay-math, and from the islands of the sea. 12 And he shall set up an en-sign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Prophecy before our eyes:

In order for this to happen, Israel had to reclaim their land:

May 14, 1948 – Israel becomes a state again for the first time in 2,000 years!

- US president Harry Truman was the one determining the deciding vote when it was voted on by the UN



Isaiah 66:8a Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once?

On this day, a 2500-year-old prophecy was fulfilled

- Leaving more than 650,000 Jews to govern themselves in their own land

In 2006 history was made again

- For the first time in nineteen hundred years, Israel became home to the largest Jewish community in the world, surpassing the Jewish population in the United States.
 - They started with 650,000 Jews in 1948
 - Today, the Jewish population in Israel is around 6 million.

To big question is why?

Amos 9:14 And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. 15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

- God promised!!!

This continues – in 2017 when the United States helped Jerusalem to become the official capital of Israel



Why does this matter

- 1948 declared Israel as a state or nation again

They have to go back because the world ends with the Battle of Armageddon

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

What's next? We Watch Israel!

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5. We can know from the technology pieces being put into place

Revelation 11:8-10 And their dead bodies *shall lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. ⁹ And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. ¹⁰ And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

They kill the two witness that preach before the people

Who is seeing this?

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HOW? Satellites, Youtube, Smart phones, internet , Social Media

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Cashless society:

Revelation 13:16-17 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:¹⁷ 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.

We in a virtual cashless society now:

- Direct deposit
- Debit cards
 - Paypal
 - Credit cards that you just tap
 - Online banking
 - Apple Pay
 - Samsung Pay
 - Cash apps



WHY? Fix for identity theft

Every year, approximately 10 million Americans become identity theft victims

Problem has grown by over 800% in the past 10 years

- This is a puzzle piece
 - We see that it is part of the big picture to come
 - That, when it is time, it will fit right in

WHY? The crash of our money system

- Crash of the dollar
- We have seen how Bit-coin has already become popular

Matthew 24:44 **Therefore be ye also ready:** for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

6. We can know from wars and division

Amazon expands palm-scanning payment tech to 65 more Whole Foods locations

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Amazon's "One" palm scanner payment technology will be launching at over 65 Whole Foods stores in California. This is the biggest rollout to date, with stores in Malibu, Montana Avenue, Santa Monica, Los Angeles, Orange County, Sacramento, the San Francisco Bay Area, and Santa Cruz receiving the tech that aims to modernize retail shopping.



Matthew 24:7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Nations = a race (as of the same habit), i.e. a tribe; specially, a foreign (non-Jewish) one (usually, by implication, pagan):-- Gentile, heathen, nation, people.



Not just nations, but division – riots,

7. We can know because our world is falling apart

Signs in nature:

Luke 21:11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

Luke 21:25 & 27 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁷ And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Quote from NASA:

Since the 1980s, the hurricane record has shown a more active period in the North Atlantic Ocean. On average, there have been more storms, stronger hurricanes, and an increase in hurricanes that rapidly intensify. Thus far, most of these increases are from natural climate variations. June 1, 2022

Article from Environmental Defense Fund:

Hurricanes are stronger, intensify faster



Credit: Commonwealth Secretariat

Slow-moving Hurricane Dorian devastated the Bahamas in 2019.

Stronger hurricanes are becoming more common in a warmer climate. Researchers suggest that the most damaging U.S. hurricanes are three times more frequent than 100 years ago, and that the proportion of major hurricanes (Category 3 or above) in the Atlantic Ocean has doubled since 1980.

“and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity;”

- Save the planet
- Save the trees
- Save the animals
- Ozone layer
- Going green
- Global Warming

We can know because our world is falling apart

Romans 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

- The world is broken
- Our fleshly bodies are broken

Drug use & disease keeps multiplying

Revelation 9:21 Neither repented they of their murders, **nor of their sorceries**, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Sorceries = pharmakeia - medication ("pharmacy"), i.e. (by extension) magic (literally or figuratively):--sorcery, witchcraft.