

The Time Of The End? Part 1

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Many people, followers of Jesus Christ and those who don't are asking the question, "are we at the end of time?" or "what is going on?" You and I, followers of Jesus Christ are the church! As the church, we need to have the answers to the questions that people are asking. Jesus is the answer and Jesus told us to watch and know when He would be returning.

There are several events taking place that God already told us from the beginning of time what would be happening as "tip off" at the end of time. He told us that in His Word so we would know when Jesus was getting ready to come to "gather together" all the imitators of Him, His followers, born again believers. So what are those signs and where and how close are we?

The events that are happening in Iraq and Syria are prophetic and I believe that this is the beginning of the building for the foundation of the future antichrist.

There have been many people who have taught different things about the antichrist and where he comes from and his background. I believe that the antichrist will be muslim and his headquarters will center in the Iraqi / Syrian area.

Over the next several weeks we are going to look at how the current events, specifically ISIS and how it is laying the foundation for the antichrist in the nation of Iraq.

So, where are we at prophetically? The bible speaks specifically, especially in the Old Testament of the nation of Israel, the city of Jerusalem and the Jewish people and the predictions of all three in the last days or End Times.

We know that Israel was reformed in 1948 and Jerusalem was reunited as the capital of Israel in 1967 because it was divided between 2 countries. Since the late 1980's the Jewish people from all over the world have been returning back to the nation of Israel which are all prophetic events.

I believe, that we are entering into the "Time Of The End", or "The End of The Age", or "The End Times". Jesus even used the phrase in Matthew 24 along with several other references from writers of the bible.

Matthew 24:14 King James Version (KJV)

*14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; **and then shall the end come.***

Matthew 24:14 Amplified Bible (AMP)

*14 And this good news of the kingdom (the Gospel) will be preached throughout the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, **and then will come the end.***

What is "The End" or "The Time Of The End"? "The Time of The End" is a phrase found in the book of Daniel. Remember, the book of Daniel is "Apocalyptic Literature" or revelation.

Daniel 8:17 King James Version (KJV)

17 So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision.

Daniel 8:17 Amplified Bible (AMP)

17 So he came near where I stood, and when he came, I was frightened and fell on my face. But he said to me, Understand, O son of man, for the [fulfillment of the] vision belongs to [events that shall occur in] the time of the end.

Daniel 11:35 King James Version (KJV)

35 And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.

Daniel 11:35 Amplified Bible (AMP)

35 And some of those who are wise, prudent, and understanding shall be weakened and fall, [thus, then, the insincere among the people will lose courage and become deserters. It will be a test] to refine, to purify, and to make those among [God's people] white, even to the time of the end, because it is yet for the time [God] appointed.

Daniel 11:40 King James Version (KJV)

40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

Daniel 11:40 Amplified Bible (AMP)

40 And at the time of the end the king of the South shall push at and attack him, and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots and horsemen and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries and shall overflow and pass through.

Daniel 12:4 King James Version (KJV)

4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Daniel 12:4 Amplified Bible (AMP)

4 But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the Book until the time of the end. [Then] many shall run to and fro and search anxiously [through the Book], and knowledge [of God's purposes as revealed by His prophets] shall be increased and become great.

Daniel 12:9 King James Version (KJV)

9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

Daniel 12:9 Amplified Bible (AMP)

9 And he [the angel] said, Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed till the time of the end.

This is the time frame, prophetically, that is set up prior to the return of the messiah, Jesus Christ, to set up His Kingdom.

I believe, along with many others, that there is about a 70 year time frame in which allot of the major prophecies connected with Israel, Jerusalem and the Jewish people are taking place and have taken place.

Let me give you five significant events which is not an exhaustive list, there are many more but I want to focus in on these tonight which have all taken place in the last 70 years.

1. The Valley Of The Dry Bones Vision

Ezekiel Chapter 37

When you look at this prophecy in detail in chapter 37 of Ezekiel, I believe it is a prediction of the Holocaust which occurred from 1939 to 1945 in which 6 million Jewish people lost their lives.

2. The Restoration Of Israel As A Nation

Isaiah 66:8 King James Version (KJV)

8 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? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

Isaiah 66:8 Amplified Bible (AMP)

8 Who has heard of such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? Or shall a nation be brought forth in a moment? For as soon as Zion was in labor, she brought forth her children.

Isaiah 66:8 predicted that this would happen in one day.

Never in the history of the world has such a thing happened before—but God keeps His word. Israel became a recognized nation, actually “born in one day.” After being away from their homeland for almost 2,000 years, the Jews were given a national homeland in Palestine by the Balfour Declaration in November, 1917. In 1922, the League of Nations gave Great Britain the mandate over Palestine. On May 14, 1948, Great Britain withdrew her mandate, and immediately Israel was declared a sovereign state, and her growth and importance among nations became astonishing.

3. The Six Day War

This took place in June of 1967 when Israel went to war with Egypt, Syria and Jordan was pulled into this as well. After the war ended (in 6 days) Israel had now gained the area in which is now called the “West Bank”. This area in the ancient days was called Judea and Samaria. Israel also gained the area of the “Golan Heights” which in ancient times was called the Bashan area which today borders the areas of Lebanon and Syria.

Note:

Israel conquered the Golan from the Amorites. The Bible also says that the area, known as Bashan, was inhabited by two Israelite tribes during the time of Joshua, the tribe of Dan and Manasseh. The city of Golan was a city of refuge. King Solomon appointed ministers in the region. After the split of the United Monarchy, the area was contested between the northern Kingdom of Israel and the Aramean kingdom from the 9th century BC. King Ahab of Israel (reigned 874–852 BC) defeated Ben-Hadad I in Afek of the southern Golan.



4. The Rise Of Israel's Enemies

Ezekiel Chapters 38 and 39

The bible predicts, especially in the book of Ezekiel the rise of certain enemies in the last days that are going to create a war called the war of Gog and Magog.

*Note: The Battle of Gog and Magog "End Times" Series
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This particular battle which begins in Ezekiel 38 and extends to chapter lists all of those nations involved and they are now Islamic nations that will one day form an Islamic coalition. This goes back to the Arab spring in 2012, where the world saw leadership change hands violently to put leadership in place to come up against Israel.

5. The Return Of The Jews

Jeremiah 16:14-16 King James Version (KJV)

14 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be said, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

15 But, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

16 Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

Jeremiah 16:14-16 Amplified Bible (AMP)

14 Therefore, behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when it shall no more be said, As the Lord lives, Who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt,

*15 But, As the Lord lives, Who brought up the children of Israel **from the land of the north and from all the countries to which He had driven them. And I will bring them again to their land which I gave to their fathers.***

16 Behold, I will send for many fishers, says the Lord, and they will fish them out; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they will hunt them from every mountain and from every hill and out of the clefts of the rocks.

Isaiah 43:5 King James Version (KJV)

5 Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;

Isaiah 43:5 Amplified Bible (AMP)

5 Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east [where they are dispersed] and gather you from the west.

These passages speak to how the Jews are going to return back to Israel and how they are going to repopulate the land and be apart of it thriving once again.

About 15% of the Israeli population happens to be Russian speaking jews that have returned from the north country, just as Jeremiah predicted would take place.

Note: We covered that during the “THE END TIMES” series on “Signs That We Are At The End” Part 2 on 12/10/14 Week #21

There are many more prophecies that point to “The Time of End”, the time that we are living in, but these 5 are very important and significant.

So, the next question is...

If we are at “The Time Of The End”, seeing prophecy fulfilled, how do we really know we are at “The Time Of The End”? Have there not been other pastors proclaiming it was the end? and that answer is, yes.

But, I’m going to give you some proof or positive examples to why we are now at the “Time of The End.” Why in the past many prophecies had not been fulfilled that God said must take place prior to Jesus “gathering us together”.

Positive Signs We Are In The Time Of The End:

- 1. First generation capable of reaching the entire world with the gospel.**

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14 And this good news of the kingdom (the Gospel) will be preached throughout the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then will come the end.

We are the first generation in history that absolutely has the capability through technology and missionaries to preach the gospel in every continent of the entire world.

Years ago we didn't know who lived on those continents, how many tribes there were, didn't know people were living all throughout the amazon etc. But now, because of missionaries and missionary organizations we know how many people there are (roughly), the amount of people groups, etc. We are the first generation to know and share the gospel everywhere.

Positive Signs We Are In The Time Of The End:

2. First generation where the Holy Spirit has been accepted across denominational lines.

This is so important to understand that in mainline christian denominations that the holy spirit is now being accepted. You go back just 40 years and if you were full gospel and believed in the baptism of the holy spirit or any of the nine gifts of the holy spirit, you were ridiculed and criticized.

Back in the 50's they burnt the tents down of the revivals and threw eggs at the preachers who believed in the holy spirit. But now, it is acceptable because of the knowledge of the Lord that has filled the earth for people to believe in and accept the baptism in the holy spirit.

So why is that important?

Acts 2:17-18 King James Version (KJV)

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

Acts 2:17-18 Amplified Bible (AMP)

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, God declares, that I will pour out of My Spirit upon all mankind, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy [telling forth the divine counsels] and your young men shall see visions (divinely granted appearances), and your old men shall dream [divinely suggested] dreams.

18 Yes, and on My menservants also and on My maidservants in those days I will pour out of My Spirit, and they shall prophesy [telling forth the divine counsels and predicting future events pertaining especially to God's kingdom].

Joel 2:28-29 King James Version (KJV)

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Joel 2:28-29 Amplified Bible (AMP)

28 And afterward I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.

29 Even upon the menservants and upon the maidservants in those days will I pour out My Spirit.

Both Old and New Testaments said, prophesied, that God would pour out His spirit on all flesh in the Last Days or End Times.

The preaching of the gospel everywhere and the outpouring and accepting of the holy spirit are two very significant signs or positive signs for the body of Christ that we are living in the time of the End.

Now there are also some negative signs...negative in the sense that they are not good or can cause fear and anxiousness in the natural but definite signs of Christ's return.

Negative Signs We Are In The Time Of The End:

- 1. First generation with weapons, if used, no flesh would be saved.**

Matthew 24:21-22 King James Version (KJV)

21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Matthew 24:22 Amplified Bible (AMP)

21 For then there will be great tribulation (affliction, distress, and oppression) such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now—no, and never will be [again].

22 And if those days had not been shortened, no human being would endure and survive, but for the sake of the elect (God's chosen ones) those days will be shortened.

We are the first generation that can actually say if we used the weapons that we have created that no flesh would be saved.

The bible says that there is going to be so much judgement, plagues, pestilences and wars, that if the days were not shortened of the tribulation no flesh would be saved.

We are in that time frame, and you can see it now, that first generation that could fulfill that prophecy, that prediction, that promise in Gods Word. The negative things: wars, pestilences, famines and weapons of mass destruction are being fulfilled right now and no flesh can be safe or will be safe.

Negative Signs We Are In The Time Of The End:

- 2. First generation witnessing weapons of mass destruction getting into the wrong hands.**

There was a day when America had nuclear weapons, then Russia, then China, then India, then Pakistan, etc. Now, there are terrorist organizations that are getting their hands on centrifuges, dirty nuclear material and they can literally create devastation in a moment.

Not just that, but, also chemical and biological weapons that have already been created in the earth by certain nations and getting into the hands of terrorist organizations.

We are literally a generation that has seen certain prophecies fulfilled that never made sense before and had to happen in order for Christ to return. These things needed to happen in order for Him to rapture up the church with Him in the clouds.

I want to take you to Zechariah...We have talked about this in the past, but I want to show you something in regards to what we are talking about tonight that was prophesied in the Old Testament about “The Time Of The End”.

Zechariah 14:12 King James Version (KJV)

12 And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

Zechariah 14:12 Amplified Bible (AMP)

12 And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the peoples that have warred against Jerusalem: their flesh shall rot away while they stand upon their feet and their eyes shall corrode away in their sockets and their tongue shall decay away in their mouth.

Well, this must be when the Lord returns? correct ?...it says the brightness of His coming will destroys armies?

Revelation 19:11-16 King James Version (KJV)

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King Of Kings, And Lord Of Lords.

Revelation 19:11-16 Amplified Bible (AMP)

11 After that I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse [appeared]! The One Who was riding it is called Faithful (Trustworthy, Loyal, Incorruptible, Steady) and True, and He passes judgment and wages war in righteousness (holiness, justice, and uprightness).

12 His eyes [blaze] like a flame of fire, and on His head are many kingly crowns (diadems); and He has a title (name) inscribed which He alone knows or can understand.

13 He is dressed in a robe dyed by dipping in blood, and the title by which He is called is The Word of God.

14 And the troops of heaven, clothed in fine linen, dazzling and clean, followed Him on white horses.

15 From His mouth goes forth a sharp sword with which He can smite (afflict, strike) the nations; and He will shepherd and control them with a staff (scepter, rod) of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath and indignation of God the All-Ruler (the Almighty, the Omnipotent).

16 And on His garment (robe) and on His thigh He has a name (title) inscribed, king of kings and lord of lords.

This is absolutely true based on the book of Revelation. Jesus takes the sword of His mouth when He returns to the Mount Of Olives and before He does that the armies of this world who are fighting against Jerusalem are all crushed and defeated.

But lets take a look at this other verses in Zechariah...maybe this is not all the prophet is talking about here, the return of the Messiah in Revelation 19.

Zechariah 14:15-16 King James Version (KJV)

15 And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.

16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Zechariah 14:15-16 Amplified Bible (AMP)

15 And as that plague on men, so shall be the plague on the horse, on the mule, on the camel, on the donkey, and on all the livestock and beasts that may be in those camps.

16 And everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles or Booths.

What makes these verses come to life or gives revelation is a Neutron Bomb. The Neutron Bomb has been tested, and tested on people. What a Neutron Bomb does is; it will leave a bus intact, a house intact, a building intact, but it melts people. It will literally melt the eyes in the sockets, the tongue in the mouth and the persons skin literally falls off of them. This is very much like what the prophet Zechariah describes here in chapter 14 verse 12.

The fact that it says it will happen (this plague or devastating act) to the camel, the mule, the donkey and the beasts of the field is significant. This indicates that this bomb if and when used in the future...(I'm not saying this is the only fulfillment here but we are looking at weapons of mass destruction that exist now). That even the animals will be effected in the same way humans will be.

It is wise and we are commanded by Jesus to look at the times and see how all these events that will happen can be a fulfillment of direct biblical prophecy.

Negative Signs We Are In The Time Of The End:

3. First generation to mirror the details of the days of Lot and Noah.

You know this verse because we have studied this.

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Luke 17:26-30 King James Version (KJV)

26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

Luke 17:26-30 Amplified Bible (AMP)

26 And [just] as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the time of the Son of Man.

27 [People] ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, right up to the day when Noah went into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

28 So also [it was the same] as it was in the days of Lot. [People] ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;

29 But on the [very] day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed [them] all.

30 That is the way it will be on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.

We know about the eating, drinking, getting married, building, planting and sewing and what that means through previous studies. But also in the story of Lot, there were men were having sexual relations with other men which we studied a few weeks ago in the prophetic patterns of what happens when a nation crosses the blood covenant line and in this case it was homosexuality.

Genesis 19:5 King James Version (KJV)

5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

Genesis 19:5 Amplified Bible (AMP)

5 And they called to Lot and said, Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know (be intimate with) them.

We discovered through the reading and studying of Gods Word that He considers and called this an abomination and sent judgement upon the city.

Leviticus 20:13 King James Version (KJV)

13 If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

Leviticus 20:13 Amplified Bible (AMP)

13 If a man lies with a male as if he were a woman, both men have committed an offense (something perverse, unnatural, abhorrent, and detestable); they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

Gods judgement came when these men who were homosexuals in the city of Sodom tried to attack the righteous, tried to have relations or relationship with the righteous. The homosexuals thought the angels were men that came to protect Lot - that's when the judgement came. (Genesis 19:5-25)

We are seeing the same parallels today that we see in the days of Noah and Lot.

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- 3. First generation to mirror the details of the days of Lot and Noah.**

These are just five of the many reasons we know we are living in “The Last Days”, “Time Of The End”, “End Times”...

The rabbis called these days, when the prophecies are beginning to be fulfilled, the footsteps of the messiah or the birth pains of the messiah. This is what is going to happen...according to the book of Hebrews.

Hebrews 12:26 King James Version (KJV)

26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

Hebrews 12:26 Amplified Bible (AMP)

26 Then [at Mount Sinai] His voice shook the earth, but now He has given a promise: Yet once more I will shake and make tremble not only the earth but also the [starry] heavens.

Matthew 24:6 King James Version (KJV)

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

Matthew 24:6 Amplified Bible (AMP)

6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened or troubled, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.

There is going to be wars and rumors of wars that are going to begin the shaking of the nations. The nations are going to be shaking to the point that border are going to collapse.

For example, ISIS which is an acronym for this Islamic army or Islamic state that has formed in the middle east, they have taken away the border of Syria and the border of Iraq. Next, they want to go into Lebanon and do the same thing there. In other words, they want to control the entire territory.

We will pick this up next week with the “Time Of The End” signs that show and prove we are living at that time.