

What's Next for Humanity and Are You Ready?

Despite reports of soaring Bible sales among young American men in the aftermath of Charlie Kirk's murder, we remain the most biblically illiterate culture in America's two hundred and fifty years of existence. Early in our history a person's intelligence was partially based upon their knowledge of the Bible. Yet today, with the multitude of translations and helps readily available, we know less than ever before! Not because we can't know, but because we have no interest in knowing. Our culture has a *que sera sera, what will be will be* attitude that robs us of essential information which would equip us to make informed choices for our lives and those of our families.

Is this an accident or a sinister plot to blind our generation to the amazing contents of God's Word? It's no accident! Our enemy is the master deceiver, a liar who knows that if "we the people" read the Word of God, we'll discover what our future and that of this world holds.

In Matthew 24:4-24 the disciples asked Jesus about what was going to transpire in the future. In response, He told them (and us) the perils to watch for as the end approaches: deception, wars and rumors of wars, nation (ethnicities) against nation, kingdom against kingdom, famines, earthquakes, false prophets, lawlessness, and more will occur *more frequently in every generation*. The key to understanding this end times truth is the words, *the beginning of birth pains*. The closer we get to Christ's return these signs, like birth pains, will increase in *frequency and intensity!*

We are witnessing these *signs of the times* in our day and yet most people do not recognize them or care. My message is - WAKE UP! All around us God is screaming that His return is near!

If you are reading this article, I will assume you want to know what your future holds. I'm excited to tell you there is one reliable source for this information, the Bible, the Word of God! God wants us to know what lies ahead. In fact, Jesus said so in Matthew 24:25:

"See, I have told you beforehand."

In verse 42 He says,

"Therefore stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming." The NIV says, "Therefore keep watch!"

In 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4 the Apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Thessaloniki:

“Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, ‘There is peace and security,’ then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness.”

Every day we hear of conflicts around the world and according to various sources there are currently 50 to 130 or more active armed conflicts worldwide, the highest number since WORLD WAR II. But the one we must watch for is the Russian led Islamic attack coming against Israel. Make no mistake, *the eyes of the Lord are upon the land of Israel from the former rains to the latter rains* (Deuteronomy 11:12). The center of God’s universe is not America, Europe, or Asia, it is Israel!

Over 2600 years ago the prophet Ezekiel recorded what God had shown him concerning a war in the last days and it is NOT the one most frequently thought of, that being Armageddon. Let me summarize the 52 verses in Ezekiel 38-39 by asking five questions: What, Where, Who, Why and When?

What: Ezekiel 38:1-4 speaks of war - armies marching fully armed under the leadership of a man called Gog of the land of Magog. Gog is the Hebrew word Rosh (head of), so Gog refers to the leader of a country named Magog. Ancient Magog was the home of the Scythians who lived around the Black and Caspian Seas, in the area of the Caucasus. Today it is Russia!

Where: Ezekiel 38:8-11 speaks of an army attacking a people gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel who are dwelling in relative safety.

Who: In Ezekiel 38:5-6, God, in an amazing revelation, identifies the attackers forming the coalition: Persia, Cush, Put, Gomer, Beth Togarmah and many other nations. The names of these ancient nations have changed over time to names we are familiar with today:

Ancient Name	Modern Name
Magog	Russia
Persia	Iran
Cush	Southern Africa
Put	Northern Africa
Gomer	Afghanistan/Uzbekistan/Kazakhstan
Beth Togarmah	Turkey

The common denominator in all these countries is that they are Islamic in religion except for Russia, who has a very large Islamic presence in their military due to the breakup of the USSR involving the “STAN” countries of Afghanistan, Kazakhstan etc..

Why: Ezekiel 38:12-13 reveals why these nations are attacking Israel - to take spoil or plunder. No doubt Israel has amazing resources in the minerals of the Dead Sea, the oil of the Mediterranean and food in abundance! In addition, they have become the Tech Center of the Middle East!

When: This is the most important question of all. There are several views, but it is clear from the text that the events in these verses were NEVER fulfilled at any point in history. Ezekiel 38:8 states, *After many days...in future years*. In addition, Ezekiel 39 describes what is clearly a nuclear type of event that levels the mountains, crumbles every wall and pours down rain, hailstones and burning sulfur on the enemies of Israel resulting in massive carnage. Verse 9 reveals that after this event Israel will burn weapons of warfare for fuel for seven years. We now know a spent nuclear device will emit energy for seven years. Verses 12-16 says it will take seven months to bury the dead and those doing the work will place a marker by the bones they find until they are buried. This is the exact procedure outlined in the United States Department of Defense Procedures for Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Warfare to be followed in the aftermath of a nuclear event!

God has set the stage for these soon-coming events! It begins with Jesus coming for those who have trusted Christ as their savior in the Rapture, followed closely by the war of Ezekiel that opens the door for the Antichrist to appear with a peace plan embraced by the nations of the world, leading to the 7-year Tribulation period that results in the death of 50% of the world's population, concluding with the Battle of Armageddon and the Second Coming of Jesus to Earth!

Are you ready? What about your family and friends? It's much later than most think and in fact, it may be TODAY! Remember this, I'd rather offend my loved ones into Heaven than love them into Hell. It's time to stand up and speak out!

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