



# The Trumpeter

Ezek 33:3 If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people;

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*"For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth".*

Matt 12:39-40

## Was Jesus Crucified on Friday?

Have you ever considered that the Bible states Jesus would be in the grave three days and three nights, (Matthew 12:38-40) yet, church tradition insists that Jesus was crucified and laid in the grave on Friday evening and arose on Sunday morning before dawn, which at best, is only two days and two nights later? This is a contradiction that the church has been willing to live with for centuries. Why? The answer to this question may surprise you!

The contradiction is easily answered, however, in noting the order of the first three feasts of Israel found in Leviticus 23, which Jesus was to prophetically fulfill. These feasts are Passover, Unleavened Bread, and First Fruits. Jesus, being the Passover Lamb of God, was crucified on Passover, laid in the grave as the unleavened (sinless) bread of God, and resurrected on First Fruits as the "Firstfruits from the dead" (I Cor. 15:20). The feast of First Fruits was always on the Sunday following Passover. Since it is easily proven that Jesus arose on Sunday, counting backward from Sunday should cause one to conclude that Jesus was crucified on Thursday. This is the best way to harmonize the call in Matthew 12:38-40 for Jesus to be in the grave three days and three nights.

Why is this important one might ask? First, the critics of the Bible love to point out these so-called contradictions so as to question the integrity of the Scriptures themselves. Second, should not the facts surrounding the most important and impacting event of human history be important? Lion of Judah Ministry has just published a booklet about this subject, dealing with these issues in detail. It is a fascinating forty-page booklet that you will find enlightening, challenging, and stimulating. It will make a most convincing case that Jesus was indeed crucified on Thursday. It is called ***Christ and the Passion Week*** by James Jones, Lion of Judah Board Chairman, with Gary Fisher. To receive a copy, call the Ministry, or see the enclosed response form.

## The Battle of Ezekiel 38 & 39 - Fulfilled Soon?

One great interesting feature in Bible prophecy is the battle that is described in Ezekiel 38 & 39! Bible prophecy students for centuries have examined this prophecy that talks of the future invasion of Israel by Russia and Iran along with a few other nations. Of particular interest is the fact that God will miraculously judge this invading army. Ezekiel 39:4 says that God will feed this invading army to the ravenous birds.

On a trip to Israel in December of 2005, I discovered something there that I had never had the luxury of observing before. Our tour guide had the bus driver stop at an out-of-the-way place up on the Golan Heights. At this particular site in the northern part of Israel, our tour guide asked us to join him for a walk from the bus. We walked until we reached an overlook where several high hilltops could be viewed. Soaring from one hilltop to another and sometimes above us were large eagles with about seven-foot wingspans. The guide told us that these eagles had taken up residence in Israel and had been there for years, but in the last few years, for some unexplained reason, they have started multiplying at a rapid rate. We opened and read Ezekiel 38 & 39 and shared with the tour group that God was preparing the birds mentioned there. **How awesome this moment was! There before us was evidence that God was already gathering the birds for this great battle.**

Inspired by this experience, I decided to do some research when I arrived back home. I reasoned that it was going to take a lot more birds of prey for the task described in Ezekiel 39 than what we observed on the Golan Heights that day and to consider that we might be so close to this great battle, then there would be evidence of many more birds presently in Israel. What I discovered was just as amazing as observing the eagles that day!

By visiting a couple of WEB Sites at my office computer, I found that Israel has become the major flyway for all kinds of birds that migrate between Africa, Asia, and Europe. This



**Assad may attack if pressure escalates** - Jerusalem Post - February 9, 2006 - If Syrian President Bashar Assad continues to feel threatened by the United States and the rest of the international community, he may be pushed into a corner and decide to fire missiles at Israel, senior IDF officers from Northern Command warned this week....But if Assad were to make such a "mistake," Shapir (former Israel Defense Force Intelligence Officer) said, "he knows Israel's capabilities, and if a Scud falls here, Israel will respond fiercely".

**Comment:** Isaiah 17:1 declares that Damascus, the present day capital of Syria, will be destroyed. As this has never happened in history, obviously it is to happen at some point in the future. With reports like this one, it makes it seem that we draw ever closer to this fulfillment?

**Hamas leaders to be invited to Russia** - Jerusalem Post - February 9, 2006 - Russian President Vladimir Putin, in a joint press conference with Spain's Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero on Thursday, stressed that Russia does not consider the Palestinian group Hamas a terrorist organization, and urged the global community to work with a Hamas-led Palestinian government.

**Comment:** Ezekiel 38 & 39 make it clear that Russia is a hostile nation to Israel in the last days. This latest development makes this prophecy even more interesting now that Hamas has taken up residence inside Israel winning seats in the Palestinian Authority. Russia is now a political ally to a sworn enemy to Israel not outside, but inside Israel.

**Tsunami Quake Shook Earth's Total Surface** - AP - May 19, 2005 - December's great Sumatra-Andaman earthquake (search)---the most powerful in more than 40 years and the trigger of a devastating tsunami---shook the ground everywhere on Earth's surface. Weeks later the planet was still trembling. The quake resulted from the longest fault rupture ever observed---720 miles to 780 miles, which spread for 10 minutes, also a record. A typical earthquake's duration would be 30 seconds.

**Evidence of Unusual Structural Disturbance Inside the Earth** - Indiadaily.com - Mar. 31, 2005 - A computer model monitoring the recent seismic disturbances - earthquakes and volcanoes show extreme disturbance in the outer and inner core of the earth....Between now and 2012, these disturbances will keep increasing making earth's crust and tectonic plates very disturbed causing severe volcanoes and earthquakes. In the last four months the earth experienced the largest three earthquakes in the last two hundred years. The under water volcanoes and earthquakes have gone up 88% over the last three years. The continental earthquakes have gone up by 62% during the same time frame. The rate of increase of these earthquakes and volcanoes when drawn against time is staggering.

**Comment:** Even though these last two news stories were posted during 1995, they are still very relevant today. Jesus said that as we get closer to His return, famines, pestilence (incurable disease), and **earthquakes** would increase logarithmically like birth pangs. (See Matthew 24:7-8). We are rapidly approaching the days He was describing!

**Adrian Rogers, longtime Bellevue pastor and leader in Conservative Resurgence, dies** - Baptist Press - Nov 15, 2005 Adrian Rogers, the longtime pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in suburban Memphis and one of the fathers of the grassroots movement that brought the Southern Baptist Convention back to its biblical, historical roots, died Nov. 15. He was 74.

**Comment:** Known as "the pastor's pastor", Adrian Rogers was a giant in the Kingdom! He was such an encourager to so many. I personally met him and talked with him on occasion. I even was able to discuss Lion of Judah Ministry with him at the last National Religious Broadcaster's Convention in Nashville in 2003. He told me he loved the focus and message of Lion of Judah Ministry. That was greatly encouraging coming from a man of such great stature! He was a great preacher, teacher, and a good man! He will be greatly missed!

**Hamas Victory Clouds Peace Outlook** - Associated Press - January 26, 2006 - Hamas won a huge majority in parliamentary elections as Palestinian voters rejected the longtime rule of the Fatah Party, throwing the future of Mideast peacemaking into question, officials from both major parties said Thursday.

**Comment:** The Bible gives no indication that there will be peace in Israel until the Prince of Peace comes to establish it. (See Ezekiel 35). With Hamas, a sworn enemy of Israel, now officially present in Israel, hostilities are more sure than ever.

**Russia Says It Will Be More Active in Middle East Affairs** - Israel National News - Feb 02, '06 - Russia will take on a greater role in the Middle East, said Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Thursday. Lavrov said his country will build closer ties with Islamic countries, which he said would help resolve major international problems.

**Comment:** This is definitely in keeping with what God says. Ezekiel 38:1-6 makes a list of allied countries that include Russia, many of which are Middle-Eastern. Russia being allied with these anti-Israel countries makes it more understandable why she would come against Israel in the last days and lead the charge as is called for in Ezekiel 38 & 39.

**Israeli Jewish Population Draws Level with US** - International Christian Embassy - January 17, 2006 - This year will mark the first time in history that there will be as many Jews living in Israel as in the United States, according to statistics presented at a Jewish Policy Planning Institute conference this week, with the greater Tel Aviv area replacing New York as the city with the most Jews.

**Comment:** Most estimates I have seen suggest that there are about 13-14 million Jews in the world. The vast majority of these Jews live in either the United States and Israel, each with approximately 5-6 million Jews. Recent trends of immigration from the U.S. will soon shift the majority to Israel. God said He would bring the Jewish people home to Israel from the West (Isaiah 43:5). He is doing exactly what He promised.

## 77% of Al-Bawaba Surfers Agree: Wipe Out Israel

- Nov 02, '05 - IsraelNN.com - In a reader poll on the Albawaba.com web site, which covers news from throughout the Middle East from an Arab perspective in both English and Arabic, nearly 78% of surfers who elected to vote agreed that "Arab governments should rally behind Iranian calls to wipe out Israel". ...In the negative were 22.2% of the respondents; 77.8% replied "Yes", with no one saying that he or she was "Unsure".

**Comment:** It is believed in most of the Arab world that Allah wants to wipe out Israel. The God of the Bible, Jehovah, states that He wants to restore the Jewish people back to Israel and send them their Messiah to rule and reign from there. Isn't it amazing to watch how the world tries to deal with this contradiction!

**Yasser Arafat's motto:** "We shall hold talks as though there is no terror and wage terror as though there are no talks."

**Comment:** Jesus prophesied that one of the dominant characteristics in society just before His return would be deception. (See Mathew 24:24 & II Thessalonians 2:10-12). Deception is everywhere in our world today! It's in our politics, courts, sports, workplaces, even our churches, especially in our churches! There is no greater example of how far along we have gotten in deception than to consider Yasser Arafat. Yasser Arafat was a terrorist but the world against all logic, awarded him the Nobel Peace Prize. Now that's deception! We are loosing our ability to judge between right and wrong, calling good "evil" and evil "good. We need to wake up!!!

## Marriage amendment set for Virginia ballot -

Washington Times - January 26, 2006 - The Virginia Senate yesterday gave overwhelming final approval to a constitutional amendment that would define marriage as the union of one man and one woman, clearing the way for the issue to be put to voters in November. The measure, which also would ban same-sex civil unions, passed 28-11 after a short debate.

**Comment:** That this debate is taking place at all is very telling about how close we are to the days Jesus described when He said that the days just before His return would be just like the "days of Lot" (Luke 17:28). A predominant sin in Lot's city was same-sex marriage (see Genesis chapter 19).

## 100 Million Israeli Flowers for Valentines Day -

Israel National News - February 13, 2006 - 27 cargo planes carrying 100 million flowers grown in Israel left for European and American destinations for Valentines day sales. Valentines day is observed tomorrow, 14 February. The sales of the flowers abraod amount to an estimated \$50 million.

**Comment:** This is yet another confirmation the prophecies in which God promised to restore the land of Israel when the Jews returned to it are being fulfilled. Amos 9:14-15 is one of the best. It says, *"Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, And they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them; They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, And make gardens and eat their fruit. "I will also plant them on their land, And they will not again be rooted out from their land Which I have given them, Says the LORD your God".*

FROM THE DESK OF THE MINISTRY



Gary Fisher -  
Founder/Director

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**\*New Booklet** - We have just published a new forty-page booklet dealing in detail with the controversy concerning on what day of the week Jesus was crucified. You will find this booklet challenging, informative, and inspiring. To order, call the Ministry or see the enclosed response form.

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