



# 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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## The Fate of the United States The U.S. in Bible Prophecy

The United States has played a major role in shaping the world politically. This was especially true during World War II and the years since. If the United States had not intervened in WWII, the Japanese would have taken over the Pacific part of the world and Adolph Hitler and the Nazis would have taken over Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. Had that happened, the world would be very different than it is today! One great consequence, if the Nazis had been left in power, is almost all European Jews would have been annihilated. The United States entered the war and stopped the advance of the Japanese and the Germans.

Just three years after the surrender of Germany, as the world resisted, it was the United States that first endorsed the new State of Israel on May 14, 1948. The Lord responded with an old promise He had made to Abraham (Genesis 12:3), to "bless those who bless you". Accordingly, the influence and economy of the United States really accelerated. In fact, the rise and fall of nations can be traced to this promise and how the nations in history have treated the Jewish people. This is why there are those in the evangelical world who believe we must support Israel to maintain God's favor. Not only does Scripture describe Israel as the "apple of God's eye" (Zech. 2:7), but we have entered a point in history in which God is restoring the nation of Israel and the "time to show compassion and graciousness to Israel has come" (Psalm 102:13). To partner with Him is to be on the winning side.

Unfortunately, since those days of strong support for Israel, our support has been constantly weakening. Accordingly, we have gone from being a nation with the most powerful economy and military on earth, an honorable nation leading the world in righteous causes, to leading the world in debt, scandal, and corruption. By way of television and video, we are entertained with and export more moral filth than any nation in the history of the world. **Since the United States is not mentioned specifically in Bible prophecy, her fate is unclear both politically and financially. She will likely continue to lose her reputation as leader of the world in anything, except debt, scandal, corruption, and immorality. It is likely that the United States will reach the point at which she**

**will merge with a worldwide government (Daniel 2, Daniel 7, Revelation 13 &17) headed by an individual that God calls "Antichrist" (I John 2:18).**

When considering our decline as a country, Jesus said that the Church is salt and light in the communities where she lives (Matthew 5:13). This means that the communities get their ideas about morality and goodness from the Church. Our churches and pulpits have become too quiet on the great moral issues of our day! Do we hear the churches speaking out about debt, scandal, and immorality? Do we hear the pulpits talking about sin and calling for repentance? No for the most part. Instead, we hear most pulpits calling for feeling good about one's self in spite of the life-style. There are even fewer that speak about the importance of Israel today and call for her support even though God has said that the "time to favor her, yes, the set time has come". (Psalm 102:13). Simply, a weak Church equals a weak nation.

As the world continues to decline morally and spiritually, perhaps the Lord has given us a short window to concentrate on that which matters most. In this regard, the Donald Trump Administration has provided a change of course. He has offered strong support for the nation of Israel. To Israel's delight, President Trump recently has recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, something no other President has been willing to do. Jerusalem is now recognized by the United States as the capital of Israel and Trump has ordered our embassy moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. It is probable that the only thing holding back God's removing His hedge of protection from us completely is our support for Israel. God is still honoring that old promise He made to Abraham, then Isaac, then Jacob. That promise was "I will bless those who bless you..." (Genesis 12:3).

Recognizing where we are on God's timeline and giving last call to those who have yet committed their lives to Jesus is of utmost importance! Jesus said the generation that witnessed the reestablishment of Israel (May 14, 1948), would be the generation that would witness everything fulfilled (Matthew 24:32-34). This would include His return to earth to be King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Zechariah 14:9). Those of us who know that time is short, should be using every opportunity to persuade others to prepare for the return of Jesus by surrendering the control of their lives to Jesus.

Considering how late we are on God's timeline, now would be a good time to be right with the Lord! This can start by inviting the Lord to become your Saviour. Romans 10:9-10 invites you to "confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart.."

Do it today!

# Israel

Why Israel will rule the new Middle East - January 31, 2013 - foxnews.com ...A few months ago it looked like the Jewish state might not survive until 2013...Now, however, Israel's future may be brighter than ever. Iran remains the neighborhood's unpredictable mad dog, although its nuclear bark is still far worse than its bite. But Israel itself is set to dominate the region like never before. Thanks to the industrial technological miracle known as fracking, Israel is about to become the new energy Mecca of the Middle East, and there's very little its Arab neighbors can do to stop it. Indeed, instead of plotting Israel's destruction, its Arab neighbors could find themselves courting Tel Aviv's favor the way the United States and Europe courted OPEC in the 1970's and 1980's...

Hydraulic fracking, of course, is the technology that uses a high-pressure mixture of water, sand, and chemicals to crack open deep deposits of shale oil and natural gas. It's single-handedly revived our domestic energy industry—to the point where by 2020 we'll be the world's biggest oil producer. What many people don't know is that the land of Israel holds almost 250 billion barrels of oil shale reserves (that's according to the World Petroleum Council). That's almost equal to Saudi Arabia's 260 billion barrels--and as conventional oil sources there and in the Persian Gulf gets harder to extract (it already's happening) and the cost goes up, Israel will be the new energy frontier of the region.

**Comment:** Huge News! With this oil news along with the recent natural gas find in Israel of nearly 16 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, Israel is on the road to becoming a very rich country! God said they would be. He said that He would restore the fortunes of Judah (Joel 3:1), and multiply the produce of the land (Ezekiel 36:30). He said that eventually a group of nations led by Russia would come to Israel to "capture spoil and seize plunder" (Ezekiel 38:12). As Israel's wealth continues to grow, she will be become more of this economic powerhouse and target. The nations that attempt to seize Israel's wealth including Russia and Iran (Ezekiel 38:5), will meet their doom according to Ezekiel 38 and 39.

**A sober warning: Russia and Iran,** DO NOT come against Israel! YOU CANNOT fight the God of Israel!

## So, who's land is it anyway?

As a two-state solution is considered, one has already been attempted and failed. It is called Gaza. The world is in absolute La La land about taking land from Israel and giving it to the Palestinians to achieve peace.

During World War II, The Turks lost control of land that did not belong to them in the first place (modern Israel). The formation of Israel under the Balfour Agreement of 1917 was an acknowledgment of who the Land (Israel today) belonged to start with.

How unwilling our generation is to accept this truth! This issue puts on full display the point of the Scripture, "**because they receive not the love of the truth, God will send them strong delusion"** (II Thess. 2:10-12). Because they cannot accept the truth that the Land of Israel belongs to the Jewish people, God will bring all nations against Israel to battle (Zech 14:2) and they will meet their doom. God will settle the question of who owns the Land once and for all. Jesus, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah (Revelation 5:5), will become King over Israel and all the earth (Zech. 14:9) and rule it from that piece of real estate, Israel. The nations would do well to get out of God's way!

**Israel Tourism at all-time high in 2017**- israelnationalnews.com - 3.6 million tourists visited Israel in 2017, an all-time record, according to the Tourism Ministry. **Comment:** Ezekiel 36:34 says that God will bring the "passers-by" to witness how God is blessing the Land and the people. They are coming in record numbers.

# Israel versus Iran

## Iran building permanent military base in Syria

- www.bbc.com - November 10, 2017 - Iran is establishing a permanent military base inside Syria, a Western intelligence source has told the BBC. The Iranian military is said to have established a compound at a site used by the Syrian army outside El-Kiswah, 14 km (8 miles) south of Damascus. The report comes amid growing tensions over Iranian influence in Syria and across the region. Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu recently warned that Iran wanted to establish itself militarily in Syria. "Israel will not let that happen," he said. Satellite images commissioned by the BBC seem to show construction activity at the site referenced by the intelligence source between January and October this year... An official from another Western country told the BBC that ambitions for such a long-term presence in Syria would not be illogical for Iran.

## Israel admits bombing suspected Syrian nuclear reactor in 2007, warns Iran

- Reuters - Mar 22,2018 - Israel for the first time admitted that it bombed a suspected Syrian nuclear reactor in 2007 and said on Wednesday the strike should be a warning to Iran that it would not be allowed to develop nuclear weapons..."The Israeli government, the Israel Defence Forces and the Mossad prevented Syria from developing nuclear capability. They are worthy of full praise for this. Israel's policy was and remains consistent—to prevent our enemies from arming themselves with nuclear weapons," Netanyahu wrote on Twitter.

## 'Great strategic clash between Israel and Iran on horizon'

- israelnationalnews.com - Feb. 11, 2018 - Institute for National Security Studies head Maj. Gen. (res.) Amos Yadlin today reacted Sunday on 103FM to the escalation this weekend between Israel and Iranian forces stationed in Syria, which he argued constituted a major change the change in the Islamic republic's behavior toward Israel. "Iran has acted in the past through proxies like Hezbollah, but has never fired directly into Israeli territory. Israel now responded by attacking Iranian targets directly, while it has so far attacked only arms shipments. **This is a major escalation, and a great strategic clash is on the horizon."**

**Comment:** Ezekiel 38:5 lists Iran as one of the nations that join Russia to come against Israel. Iran is determined to establish itself militarily in Syria and Lebanon. This places them right where God said they would be to come against Israel. The day draws ever closer when they join Russia and challenge Israel..

## Israel and Saudi Arabia cooperate against Iran

- israelnationalnews.com - January 8, 2018 - The Swiss newspaper Basler Zeitung reported Monday that Israel and Saudi Arabia are working closely to combat the growing Iranian presence in the Middle East. According to the report, the two countries maintain significant military and security cooperation for strategic purposes, despite the fact that they do not maintain open diplomatic relations.

**Comment:** Saudi Arabia and Israel cooperating is in perfect harmony with end-time Bible prophecy. When Russia and her allies come against Israel (Ezekiel 38-39), Sheba (Saudi Arabia) is one who questions Russia saying "have you come to take a spoil?" (Ezekiel 38:12).

# The Church

## Evangelist Billy Graham dies at 99 - abcnews.go.com

- Billy Graham, one of the world's most famous Christian evangelists, has died, a family spokesman said today. He was 99. Graham died at his North Carolina home this morning, the spokesman said. Known as "America's pastor," Graham was a key figure in reviving the U.S. evangelical Christian movement. The preacher began holding revival meetings in the 1940s and went on to become an adviser to U.S. presidents...Graham brought evangelical Christianity into the mainstream. As a spiritual adviser to many U.S. presidents, he had great access to the White House...He was close to Dwight D. Eisenhower, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan and both Bushes...The evangelist brought his "Billy Graham Crusades" around the world, preaching to more than 210 million people in 185 countries and territories.

**Comment:** There is an eerie feeling about the passing of Billy Graham! It feels as if the Church era is coming to a close and a horrific one about to dawn, the Tribulation, detailed in Revelation 6-19.

## Pennsylvania pastor says he was 'counseling naked man tied up in his car' - www.usatoday.com - Feb. 14, 2018

A Pittsburgh pastor has been charged with lewdness and indecent exposure after police say he was found in a car with a young man who was naked and bound with a rope. According to a criminal complaint seen by local TV station KDKA, George Gregory, leader of the Waterfront Christian Community Church in West Homestead, Pa., told officers they "were just playing" and he and the other man "meet up from time to time to play with each other."

## Virginia youth pastor held in Thanksgiving slaying of family members - www.foxnews.com - November 11, 2017

A Virginia youth pastor has been arrested in the shooting deaths of his wife, stepdaughter and the stepdaughter's boyfriend in their home on Thanksgiving Day, police said. Christopher Gattis, 58, was charged with three counts of first-degree murder and three counts of using a firearm in the commission of a felony, the Richmond Times-Dispatch reported...Gattis was a youth pastor at Grace Lutheran Church, where he was a ministries coordinator for middle school and high school students.

**Comment:** This is a sad development in our society! People in ministry should be among the most trusted, not breaking laws, under suspicion, and fostering unsafe venues for our children!

## Biblical prophecy claims the world will end on Sept. 23, Christian numerologists claim - September 15, 2017

- www.foxnews.com - A Christian numerologist claims that the world will end next Saturday when a planet will, supposedly, collide with Earth. According to Christian numerologist David Meade, verses in Luke 21:25 to 26 are the sign that recent events, such as the recent solar eclipse and Hurricane Harvey, are signs of the apocalypse...Sept. 23 is a date that was pinpointed using codes from the Bible, as well as a "date marker" in the pyramids of Giza in Egypt.

**Comment:** The sad part of this story is there were those who believed it. End-time prognosticators that are given to sensationalism are coming out of the woodwork, so to speak. The need has never been greater to adhere to the truths of Scripture! In this case, the issue should have been dismissed by all in that "*of that day and hour, no one knows*"... (Matthew 24:36).

**Abortionist will go unchallenged on 'Christian' views** - www.onenewsnetwork.com - February 27, 2018 - A controversial abortion doctor is set to speak at a Mississippi university and two pro-life organizations are asking for an opposing view. The gender studies department at Mississippi State University has invited Dr. Willie Parker to speak March 1 as part of Women's History Month. A self-professed Christian, Parker is known not just for his advocacy for abortion but for defending abortion based on his faith. Hence the title of Parker's speech is "Abortion and the Christian Case for Choice."

**Comment:** One of the great disappointments of our day is those who belong to the Church and claim to adhere to the Lord's principles are soft on this issue. They will walk into a voting booth and vote for a candidate who is for taking the life of the unborn and then are willing to pay taxes to support it!! God says He is against those who shed innocent blood (Proverbs 6:17). There will be a great day of reckoning on this issue. God will hold accountable those who have been responsible.

## 100 US Anglican Parishes Convert to Roman Catholic Church - www.telegraph.co.uk - January 15, 2018

About 100 traditionalist Anglican parishes across the United States have decided to convert en masse to the Roman Catholic Church, it emerged yesterday... The Anglican Church in America (ACA) will now enter the Catholic Church as a block, bringing in thousands of converts along with their own bishops, buildings and even a cathedral. They will worship according to Anglican rubrics, and use the Book of Common Prayer, but they will be in communion with the Pope, recognising him as their leader.

**Comment:** It is no surprise to some that there seems to be a return of Protestants back to the Roman Catholic Church. Scripture seems to indicate this in Revelation 17 in which the coming worldwide religious headquarters is in the city of "seven hills":(Rome)

## Passover Versus Easter

Passover began on the night before the Jews were allowed to leave Egypt. They were instructed to paint their door posts with the blood of an unblemished lamb in order for the Lord to 'pass over' them when taking the life of all the firstborn in Egypt (see Exodus 12:1-14). This was a type of the blood Jesus would shed on Passover many years later as God's final, unblemished Lamb.

Confusion abounds today that Easter and Passover are the same, fueled by a very unfortunate translation of the word "Pascha" (Passover) as "Easter" in Acts 12:4 of the King James Bible. The Oxford Dictionary of English Etymology says, "Easter is derived from the name of a goddess whose feast was celebrated at the vernal equinox", Ishtar. Easter' is merely the English rendering of this ancient Babylonian goddess of **fertility**, thus the rabbits and eggs.

Jesus, on the very eve of His death, celebrated Passover, not Easter, with His disciples. Passover, symbolizing the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, is the event we are to remember at this time of year (I Corinthians 5:7-8)! Celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ is a great honor the Lord has left in our care, but why should we do it using the name of a Babylonian fertility goddess? As we continue to celebrate this great event, why don't we call it what it should have been called all along and what it will be called after Jesus returns (Eze. 45:21), Passover?

# Natural Disasters

## Hurricane Harvey causes 'widespread devastation' as it hammers southern Texas -

www.foxnews.com - August 26, 2017 - Texas officials have begun to survey the damage Hurricane Harvey has spawned on the region with one mayor stating the massive storm has left "widespread devastation" in his community...The storm, which was downgraded to a Category 1 hurricane early Saturday morning, dumped between 10 inches and 30 inches of rain in some areas and spawned tornadoes, fires and widespread power outages across southern Texas.

**Comment:** Jared Kushner, senior White House Advisor, was meeting with the Palestinian Authority in Ramallah to revive the talks about forming a Palestinian State alongside Israel, known as the "Two-State Solution" on August 24, 2017. The same day, a tropical depression rapidly intensified and became Hurricane Harvey.. God has warned over and over, DO NOT DIVIDE MY LAND (Joel 3:2).

## The 5 most expensive storms in history -

www.foxbusiness.com - January 5, 2018...Excluding the hurricanes of 2017, here are the 5 most expensive storms in U.S. history:

1. Hurricane Katrina, August 2005: \$161.3 billion
2. Hurricane Sandy, October 2012: \$70.2 billion
3. Hurricane Andrew, August 1992: \$48.1 billion
4. U.S. Drought, 1988: \$42.4 billion
5. U.S. drought and heatwave, 2012: \$32.4 billion

**Comment:** Increase of natural disasters is what Jesus called "birth pangs" in Matthew 24. The increase is often reported as the most expensive, the worst, the most destructive, etc.

## Magnitude 7.2 earthquake slams Mexico's

**Oaxaca state** - latimes.com - Feb 16, 2018 - A powerful, magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck south and central Mexico on Friday afternoon, damaging buildings and sending panicked residents fleeing into the streets.

## Earthquakes Increasing!

List of Earthquakes below for the last five years quoted from Wikipedia quoting U.S. Geological Survey's website.

Magnitude	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
8.0–9.9	2	2	1	1	0	1
7.0–7.9	15	17	11	18	16	6
6.0–6.9	129	125	140	124	128	106
5.0–5.9	1412	1402	1475	1413	1506	1451
4.0–4.9	10990	9795	13494	13239	12771	11,296
Totals	12548	11341	15121	14795	14421	12,860

**Comment:** Jesus said earthquakes would increase like birth pangs in the last days. They are! For the last 100 years see: <http://www.metatech.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/earthquakes-usgs-graph08.jpg>

### Famous Quotes

"There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn't true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true". ~Soren Kierkegaard 1813-1855

"There are none so blind as those who will not see" - John Haywood 1546 AD.

"The more I know Jesus, the less I like 'Christians'. The more I know 'Christians', the more I like pets"-. Michael Del Giorno, talk show host, Nashville, TN.



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## We Need Your Support!

Your support ensures that the message that Jesus is coming soon continues to go out in several ways. The Trumpeter newsletter goes out by mail and email all over. I also conduct speaking engagements seminars, radio and television interviews that promote the message. Other ways we are reaching out are described below.

**International Outreach:** Skype, Facebook, our website, YouTube, and sermonaudio.com have allowed us to literally reach around the world. One of my most recent contacts in this regard is a pastor from Togo, an African country. His congregation is small but they want to learn. Another recent contact is a seminary in Myanmar (formerly Malaysia). Facebook has been a good point of contact. I can share outlines and teachings with these pastors that they in turn share with their congregations. There are others. Help us pray for more of these opportunities.

**Internet Messages:** We have started posting audio messages on a web site called sermonaudio.com . My latest post there is called "America in Prophecy". It has been listened to and downloaded hundreds of times at no charge. The link as follows - [www.sermonaudio.com/playpopup.asp?SID=715141827375](http://www.sermonaudio.com/playpopup.asp?SID=715141827375) Another about the timing of the Rapture -<http://www.sermonaudio.com/saplayer/playpopup.asp?SID=51516175070>

**Next Israel Trip** - February 24-Mar.7, 2019 - Approximately \$4,200.00 from New York. This price will include all taxes and tips but does not include domestic air to New York. If you're considering a trip to Israel, this is your trip! Details are on our website or call or write for a brochure. 615-591-8036

**Israel Booklet:** My booklet called "*Israel In Bible Prophecy*", *God's Greatest Sign To This Generation*" has been posted on Sar El Tours website and is making its way around the world. This is a 19 page 5" X 7" booklet about the past, present, and future of Israel. It would be a great guide for Sunday School classes. It would also be a good witnessing gift to explain the main reason to believe we are living in the season of the Lord's return. Suggested donation is \$5.00 each.

**Speaking Engagements:** Please see our Website for upcoming speaking engagement announcements, upcoming Israel tours, and teaching materials that are available. If interested in scheduling an update on current events or general teaching on end-time Bible prophecy, call us at 615-591-8036.

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