



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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2017 AD Anniversary of Four Major Historical Developments

We celebrate four major developments in world history this year. They all have major spiritual importance and all have huge prophetic significance!

One: Protestant Reformation in 1517 - The Reformation is 500 years old now and is ongoing. The historic ramifications of the Reformation are huge! The Reformation was responsible for the correction of many Church corruptions. In addition, the birth of many different denominational expressions of Christianity were birthed. Millions have been saved from these resulting denominations and missionaries sent all over the world.

Two: Balfour Declaration of 1917 - Perhaps more sobering and prophetically impacting was the Balfour Declaration. This was the document in which the British Government recognized the need to establish a Jewish homeland.

The Jewish people had been scattered all over the world since 70 AD by the Romans who renamed their homeland "Palestine". Subsequently, the empires of the Old World absorbed the area into their boundaries. The latest, the Ottoman Empire (Turkey), controlled "Palestine" for 400 years, but had just been defeated in World War I. This left the British Government to decide the fate of the Middle East and the territory now known as Israel. As a result of Balfour, Britain declared "Palestine", later named Israel in 1948, as a homeland for the Jewish people.

There was no Israel for Jewish people to return to until the twentieth century Balfour Declaration. Those who were students of Bible prophecy were greatly enthused by this development! Why? Scripture calls for a restoring of Israel from all over the world in the last days (Jer. 23:8, Eze. 36:24). The Messiah, Jesus, promised to return to a restored Israel (Zech. 14). We are the first generation in almost 2,000 years that has seen one emerge. Now that one is developing, it is a logical conclusion that the Messiah is about to return. Today would be good! Are you ready?

Three: Reclamation of Jerusalem - Entry of General Allenby into Jerusalem 1917 - Jerusalem and Judea were taken into captivity twice, first in the Babylonian captivity of 587 BC, and then by the Romans (70 AD). The Turkish Ottoman Empire was the last of many to control the area including Jerusalem from 1517 to 1917.

The Turks sided with Germany in WW1 and found themselves fighting the British in the battles for the Middle East. On December 11, 1917, General Edmond Allenby and his forces marched into Jerusalem. The day before the battle, Allenby had fliers delivered instructing inhabitants of Jerusalem that the allied forces were coming into Jerusalem the next day. The flier was signed by General Allenby. Allenby bore resemblance to Allah Bey (Arabic for son of Allah). The Turks, thinking they had received a message from Allah, surrendered. Allenby marched into Jerusalem the following day without firing a shot and Jerusalem passed from Muslim control for the first time in many centuries. The Jewish people had been absent from Israel and Jerusalem for 19 centuries. The British were now opening a more friendly door for the return of the Jewish people. Was this a coincidence or did God orchestrate it for His regathering of the Jewish people?

Four: Return of Jerusalem to Jewish Control

This is the 50th anniversary of the reclamation of Jerusalem by the Jewish army. In June of 1967, during the famous Six-Day War, the Jewish army took control of the old city of Jerusalem and prayed at the Western Wall for the first time in 1897 years. This raised considerable interest among prophecy students because Jesus said Jerusalem would be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled (Luke 21:24).

Something very interesting about this is to consider the old Jewish tradition of Jubilee. Jubilee in Jewish history occurred every fiftieth year. Debts were forgiven, servants were set free, property was returned to original owner, etc. Basically, the reset button was pushed every fiftieth year. 2017 AD is the fiftieth year since General Allenby liberated Jerusalem from Arab control, in 1967. What will happen?

Ultimately, the end of Gentile power over Jerusalem will end when Jesus returns to establish his throne in Jerusalem (Micah 4:1-2). The reclamation of Jerusalem by the Jewish army suggests that His day of ruling as King of Kings and Lord of Lords is very soon. Until then, He desires to rule in our hearts. Welcome Him to do so today (Romans 10:9-10).

"The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

All indicators Revelation 5:5

"Truth Has Fallen In The Streets"

These were words written by Isaiah around 700 BC about the Southern Kingdom of Judah. Judah was home to Jerusalem and the Temple. It was known for its majestic and glorious worship of Jehovah. The people of Israel basked in the presence of the Lord. By Isaiah's time, a new generation came that had little appreciation for God and His values. They had become complacent, corrupt, immoral, and arrogant. Sound familiar?

About those times, we find these words in the New Testament: *"These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come"* (I Corinthians 10:11). History has taught us that man will not learn from his mistakes. Therefore, these words apply to our generation today just as then. It is amazing to note the same problems being dealt with 2700 years ago are still being dealt with today!

Accordingly, it is sobering to note how unwilling this present generation is to accept truth! It is perhaps not so surprising. Man has always had trouble accepting the truth about himself. In keeping with this point, John Haywood wrote in 1546 AD, "There are none so blind as those who will not see". Likewise, the New Testament writer, Paul, saw forward into our times, the twenty-first century, and saw a **unique** time when man is not so much unable to see the truth, but **unwilling**. He wrote, "Because they receive not the love of the truth...God will send them strong delusion" (II Thess. 2:10-12).

We see this spirit emerging in which people are unwilling to face truth. As we progress further into this phase of history, we draw closer to the time when a man God calls Antichrist, a worldwide political figure, will deceive the world that he has all the answers. He will deceive the people into believing that he wants the best for the world, but will actually be a godless tyrant who will attempt to kill all who disagree with him. He will plunge the world into world war.

Many details of his reign are revealed in Revelation chapters 6 through 19. Under his reign, the world will enter a seven year period known as the Tribulation. Jesus called the last 3 & 1/2 years of this period the Great Tribulation (Matthew 24:15). It will be concluded by the physical return of Jesus (Revelation 19 and Zechariah 14).

Like all other conditions for the end-times, this unwillingness to acknowledge truth is accelerating. The numbers of those unwilling to see truth is growing. For those watching current events through the lens of Bible prophecy, this is anticipated because of the statement in II Thessalonians 2:10-12, that they would not receive the love of the truth. This accurately describes the conditions we are facing today in our news, our schools, our government, and most disappointing, in our churches. The time of this Antichrist is soon.

Unfortunately, most will never accept the truth that Jesus is the ultimate Truth. He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Therefore, the only way to God is through Jesus. He is coming soon. Those of us who love God should be engaged in presenting this truth in everything we do until we see Him face-to-face.

The Bible & Current Events

Israel News:

Rare "Supermoon", First of Century, Marks Closest Approach to Earth in 68 Years - www.breakingisraelnews.com

- November 14, 2016 - In a rare phenomenon known as a supermoon, on Monday night the moon will appear 14 percent bigger and 30 percent brighter than usual...The last time a supermoon appeared in the sky so close to the earth, it was accompanied by a miraculous event: the creation of the State of Israel. Its once-in-a-lifetime reappearance tonight has many speculating whether it brings with it another prophetic event...The last time a supermoon appeared this close to the earth was 68 years ago, on May 14, 1948, and the next time a supermoon will occur is not until November 25, 2034.

Comment: Even though this story is a bit dated, it is still extremely relevant. God said that the moon would be a sign associated with Israel. "Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for light by day, And the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar; The LORD of hosts is His name: If this fixed order departs from before Me, declares the LORD, Then the offspring of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before Me forever." (Jeremiah 31: 35-36 NAS).

Egypt's Coptic Christians making pilgrimages to Jerusalem in record numbers - Associated Press -

March 27, 2017 - After decades of pressure to not make pilgrimages to Jerusalem, Egypt's Coptic Christian population is now making such trips to Jerusalem at a record pace. The number of Egyptian tourists to Israel has nearly doubled to 7,450 from 4,428 between 2014 and 2016, according to Religion News Service...."To visit Jerusalem and the holy places was always my wish," merchant Refaat El-Sayeh, a Coptic Christian from the city of Al-Kosheh, said to Religion News Service. "You feel the hand of God. This is the lifelong dream of every Christian in Al-Kosheh."

Boom in Chinese Tourism - bridgesforpeace.com - April 4, 2017 - The Ministry of Tourism's investment in promoting Israel in China has paid dividends, with a 68.6% increase from 2015 to 2016...The Ministry of Tourism's data show that 79,268 tourists from China visited the Jewish state in 2016...The average Chinese visitor is extremely interested in Israeli history and culture from biblical times to the modern high-tech boom. Their preferred destination is Jerusalem.

February 2017 tourism 'best ever' - israelnationalnews.com

- April 10, 2017 - In February 2017, 234,000 tourist entries were recorded, representing a 22% increase in comparison to February 2016, and a 25% increase when compared to February 2015. Statistics show this is the best ever start to the tourism year in Israel. Between January and February 2017, 467,000 tourist entries were recorded, representing a 25% increase on the same period in 2016 (377,000). 399,000 of these tourists arrived by air, 21% more than the same period in 2016 and 26% more than in 2015.

Comment: With all the controversy surrounding Israel and her neighbors, one would think that tourism to Israel would be declining. It is growing. This is because there is a sovereign move of God of restoring Israel and God is placing the desire in people's hearts to see

what He is doing there. God referred to them in Ezekiel 36:34 & 35 as the "passers by". He is motivating them to go there and see His work in progress.

World

Gorbachev writes: World looks like it's preparing for war

- FoxNews.com - January 27, 2017 - The former president of the Soviet Union wrote in an column published Thursday that the current global political climate is filled with problems and "policymakers" appear to be running out of ideas. Mikhail Gorbachev wrote in Time magazine excoriated politicians who strip funding from social needs and instead spend money on submarines with capabilities to take out half a continent. "Politicians and military leaders sound increasingly belligerent and defense doctrines more dangerous," he wrote. "Commentators and TV personalities are joining the bellicose chorus. It all looks as if the world is preparing for war."

Iran -Turkey to boost military cooperation with Iran after army chief's visit - Reuters.com - August 17, 2017 - Turkey and Iran have agreed to boost military cooperation after talks in Ankara this week between the Iranian armed forces chief of staff and Turkish leaders, President Tayyip Erdogan's spokesman said on Thursday.

Comment: This is no surprise. Ezekiel 38:5 says these two countries will be allied together to come against Israel with Russia in the last days. Looks like the days of preparation are here.

North Korea - Even though North Korea has been in the news so much, I know of no specific Bible prophecy involving North Korea. One prophecy that could be relevant is North Korea might be included in the "kings of the East" of Revelation 16:12 who will march to the Valley of Armageddon in the future. North Korea is attempting to show military might. This could later make her a viable partner in this unholy alliance.

Clinton: Half of Trump's supporters fit in 'basket of deplorables'

- www.washingtonpost.com - September 9, 2016 - Hillary Clinton said Friday that "half" of Donald Trump's supporters could be grouped in "the basket of deplorables" at a fundraising event in New York City. "You know, to just be grossly generalistic, you could put half of Trump's supporters into what I call the 'basket of deplorables'. Right?" Clinton said to applause and laughter from the crowd of supporters at an LGBT for Hillary fundraiser where Barbra Streisand performed. "The racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, Islamaphobic — you name it."...Clinton then said some of these people were "irredeemable" and "not America."

Comment: This story, even though a bit dated, shows how politically divided our country is. The 2016 presidential election is one of the most bizarre upsets in US political history! It is sobering to note that almost half of the country preferred what Hillary had to offer: Same-sex marriage, more welfare, more open borders, more tax-supported abortion, more hostility in the IRS toward churches and non-profits, further weakening of the military, more legal challenges to the police departments, etc.

Our nation is sick!!! We have lost our way. Our moral compass is broken! The people wallow in sin. While scandal dominates our news, many of our leaders strategize how they can stay in power and not how they can solve our problems. We need a spiritual awakening in which we can return to a powerful sense of right versus wrong and the Bible would return as our standard of morality. Please bring it, Lord!

Judge OKs genderless designation

- OneNewsNow.com - April 8, 2017 - An Oregon judge has issued a ruling that is contrary to biological science. An Oregon County Court has granted a Portland resident's request to be designated "genderless."

Comment: The gender question that has emerged is a challenge to God's authority. The Bible states He created them "male and female" (Genesis 5:2), but the movement is growing that simply will not accept God's authority in this regard.

Violence:

Violent crime on the rise in every corner of the country, figures suggest - Daily Telegraph - April 2017

After Charlottesville riot, U.S. Political violence could increase - Aug. 18, 2017 - Politically fueled violence could increase in the United States amid a rise of radical groups.

Violent Crime Is On the Rise in U.S. Cities - Time.com - Jan. 2016 - Violent crime increased in many of the nation's largest cities in 2016, the second year in a row.

Comment: The Bible declares that the last days would become just like the "days of Noah". Genesis 6:11 reveals that the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. This is developing!

Total Solar Eclipse

This hasn't happened since 1776

- israelnationalnews.com - August 21, 2017 - Solar eclipse transverses entire US mainland, starts journey at a speed of 2485 miles per hour...Complete solar eclipses are much more rare than lunar eclipses, which occur on average once every 12-18 months. However, each solar eclipse lasts only a few minutes and is visible from only a small portion of the earth's surface. Monday's eclipse will only be visible from the United States. This is the first time since 1918 that a solar eclipse will cross the entire US mainland. It's also the first time since 1776 that a solar eclipse will cross only the United States, without touching any other country.

Comment: This is interesting and fascinating!

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	0
7.0-7.9	15	17	11	18	16	3
6.0-6.9	129	125	140	124	128	54
5.0-5.9	1412	1402	1475	1413	1506	886
4.0-4.9	10990	9795	13494	13239	12771	6312
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Totals	12548	11341	15121	14795	14421	1/2 y ear

A graph, showing major earthquake activity for the last 100 years, but showing a phenomenal increase in the last twenty can be viewed on the Internet at - <http://www.metatech.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/earthquakes-usgs-graph08.jpg>

Comment: Jesus said earthquakes would increase like birth pangs in the last days before His return. As these charts point out, earthquakes are on the increase. They will increase more and more as time progresses. As birth pangs go, they can ease a bit, then come back stronger. That is what is indicated here. What does this mean? It means that along with all the other indicators, we are close to the Lord's return.

Deception Sweeping the World

A great prophetic statement is made in the Bible about the world in the end-times that has become very relevant today. It was made by Paul in II Thessalonians 2:10-11. "...because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false..."

We cannot over emphasize how important this issue is! This definitely describes our world today! This issue is playing a major part in every aspect of our lives today! Truth has become subjective and relative. This is why many things are just not making sense. It is also why many of us are upset at the way things are developing. Our souls are hungry for truth because the seed of the Word of God has been planted in us. Jesus said, **"I am the way, the truth..."** One day soon, He will return and we will live in constant truth. He is the personification of that Truth. May it be soon!

Trump Is a Rock Star in Israel - Newsmax - Aug 10, 2017 - ...For the Jewish state, Trump is a breath of fresh air. After eight years of Obama, who tilted U.S. policy toward Iran and gave Israel a cold shoulder, many are breathing a sigh of relief...Senior Israeli officials say President Trump has been the most supportive of any U.S. president in recent memory, including George W. Bush, who also was quite popular. Israelis are on the front line of freedom. They are surrounded by hostile states. In their mind, appeasement is dangerous and there is little margin for error when their security is at stake.

Comment: God unconditionally promises that those who bless Israel will be blessed (Genesis 12:3). God will bless the United States for this stance that Trump has taken.

Faith contributes \$1.2T annually to US economy

- www.onenewsnow.com - September 23, 2016 - A new study reveals that religious organizations based in the United States contribute an impressive \$1.2 trillion to America's economy every year...The nationwide study, which was sponsored by Faith Counts, was conducted to determine the financial impact of more than 344,000 religious congregations from coast to coast...“The \$1.2 trillion America's religious organizations contribute to the economy is more than the annual revenues of the top 10 tech companies, including Apple, Amazon, and Google combined,” researchers divulged.

Comment: The U.S. will be seriously impacted by the Rapture! Imagine the impact if these people would suddenly disappear.

Where is the United States on God's timeline?

For those of you interested in where America is on God's timeline, I preached a message about this recently at a conference. I hope it will inspire you. You can find it on the Internet at - <http://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=715141827375> or we can send you a CD copy upon your request.

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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International Outreach: Skype, Facebook, our website, You Tube, 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. My Facebook connection with them allows me to teach them without leaving my office. Another recent contact is a seminary in Myanmar (formerly Malaysia). 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 Another about the timing of the Rapture - <http://www.sermonaudio.com/saplayer/playpopup.asp?SID=51516175070>

Next Israel Trip - February 11-22, 2018 - \$4148.00 from New York. This price includes 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

New Booklet: I have finished a new booklet called **"Israel In Bible Prophecy", God's Greatest Sign To This Generation**". 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.

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