

New Year's Eve – prophecy update

2011-2012

- Prophetic events have progressed farther in our lifetimes than ever before. We are seeing things that the prophets and early church leaders only dreamt of. Things are taking place today that Bible scholars even in the last few years couldn't imagine – time is short!

Romans 13:11-12 “¹¹And knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. ¹²The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.”

- We are called to discern the times in which we are living, and if need be to wake out of our spiritual lethargy.
- Israel is God's time peace, if you want to know what time it is prophetically we need to look to the nation of Israel.

Zechariah 12:2-3 “²Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. ³And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people...”

- Israel is in the news every day; the world is constantly focused on events in the middle-east, events surrounding Israel.
- Every single president since Truman has made peace in the middle-east one of their primary foreign policy goals and each one has failed.
- The only one who will bring peace to the middle-east is the Prince of Peace – and He's on the way.

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- [General overview - End times timeline: \(overhead\)](#) (downloadable PDF)

1. Church age from Pentecost to present leading up to the last days.
2. Rapture of the church,
3. 7 year / great tribulation.
4. Tribulation ends with the battle of Armageddon & 2nd coming.
5. Millennial reign of Jesus.
6. New Heaven, New Earth – eternity.
7. Ezekiel 38-39 / Magog Invasion* (timing is un-certain)

- Timing: sometime after 1948 and before the 2nd coming of Jesus.
- The end of the church age, and those events, the things which seem to prepare the way for the circumstances described in the great tribulation are what we are talking about today.

Matthew Ch. 24 - Olivet discourse – Jesus gives us an outline describing the conditions that will lead up to the end times, a check off list of to look for.

Matthew 24:3-8 (read)

V: 3 3 fold question – “When shall these things be? / ¹destruction of the temple / life as they know it ending. ²2nd coming? ³End of the world?”

V: 4-5 A time of deception – a time of apostasy, a time of falling away from the faith, a time of turning away from God's Word.

- Seeker friendly, emergent, anti-Semitic, Word of Faith / name it and claim it, New age heresies of every sort embraced in the name of Christianity.

John 8:31-32 ³¹... if ye continue in My word, then are ye my disciples indeed; ³²and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

Recommended reading: A Time of Departing by Ray Jungen.
The New Evangelism, by Paul Smith.

V: 6-7 A time of conflict and war – (more on that later).

V: 7 A time of increasing natural disasters, increasing both in frequency and magnitude – like the birth pangs of a woman in labor.

- These signs are all around us: The occurrence of natural disasters has greatly increased, earth quakes (Chile, Japan, China, New Zealand, East coast DC / 4" crack in Washington monument) hurricanes, tornado's (172, Joplin Missouri), fires, and floods all of epic proportions. Volcanic eruptions in Iceland.
1. Australia lambasts Israel: gigantic forest fires on a scale not seen before followed by floods on a scale not seen there before.
 2. Japan criticizes Israel: earthquake and subsequent tsunami and nuclear disaster on a huge scale. Japan offered to sell uranium / nuclear fuel to Iran for their reactor, and for medical purposes.
 3. William Koenig: Eye to Eye – Koenig report, subscription report, weekly. Based on Genesis 12:3.
- Speaking of disasters: The only thing that hasn't happened is “global warming” – every time they try to have a summit on global warming it gets cancelled because of record snow storms.

V: 37-38 ³⁷... as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. ³⁸For as the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage...”

- We are in a time of Moral decline amidst a culture that is oblivious to the coming judgment.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 “¹This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. ²For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, ⁴traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; ⁵having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.”

1. Militant homosexual movement, (prop-8), - institutionalized in our government / schools & military, even our churches.
2. Militant atheism. (Removing any semblance of Christianity from public life).
3. Socialism – socialized medicine / health-care reform - which institutionalizes both abortion & euthanasia. Exalting socialist ideology in our colleges and universities.
4. Islamification of our nation: peaceful Jihad in our midst. CA schools, State Dept / Hillary Clinton personal aid Muslim whose father and brothers are part of the leadership for the Muslim Brotherhood. Gen. Petraus / “holy Koran”.

This is an age of moral decay & decline.

[Life as we've known it is changing: the temple is being torn down.](#)

[We've been worshipping at the altar of materialism, and it's being taken apart.](#)

[Bill Clinton: “It's the economy stupid!”](#)

- We're seeing the world's economies collapse, probably as a pre-cursor to a one world economy, a one world currency.
- How many times have we read headlines this last year detailing the cattle call from the leaders of the IMF, the World Bank, from the EU, China, Russia, Brazil and a host of others for a one world currency – because the dollar is no longer reliable or viable as a world currency or world standard?
- We've seen pandemic plagues: AIDS, a number of “STD's” – sexually transmitted diseases, bird flu, swine flue – just think about the occurrence of various types of cancers in our society – something unique to the 20th and 21st centuries.
- We're seeing nuclear proliferation like we've never seen it; all in fulfillment of our worst nightmares.
- USA, Russia, Britain, France, China, Israel – traditional nuclear powers. Now we can add to that list all the smaller “... stans” from the former Soviet Union, “Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, etc. Also Pakistan, India, North Korea, and worst of all

Iran. Because of Iran now Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Syria – and a slew of others are beginning to develop their own nuclear weapons program.

- Growing up as a kid I lived under the specter of the “cold war” between ourselves and the former Soviet Union. (Air raid drills)
- The doctrine of Mutually Assured Destruction. Any attempt at a nuclear attack by either side would ensure that both sides were destroyed.
- Now there are a bunch of wild eyed Islamic fundamentalists who don’t care if you wipe them out, they are willing to carry out on a national level what the individual Islamic fundamentalists are doing on a personal level, and that is to strap on an explosive belt and walk into a crowded public place and kill innocent women and children for the false hope of a better life in paradise.
- Life as we’ve known it is changing.
- There is a growing confederacy, described in Ezekiel 38 & 39 which is seemingly fitting into place – all according the end times prophecy; “[wars and rumors of wars.](#)”

Timing: (Turn to Ezekiel Ch. 38)

- We’re going to get into who the players are in just a moment, but I’d like to speak to the timing of these events – when will all this take place.
 - Matthew 24, Jesus gave us the signs to look for which I mentioned, but are there any prophetic pre-conditions for these events to move forward? **Yes, there is one.**
1. **1st 24 chapters of Ezekiel** describe the judgment upon the house of Judah.
 2. **Ezekiel Chapters 25-32:** Describe the judgment on the various enemies of Israel – nations like Egypt, Assyria, and Babylon.
 3. **Ezekiel Chapters 33-37:** With the news that Jerusalem has fallen and that judgment has come upon them the tenor of the prophecy changes to that of comfort and to a future time of restoration.
 4. **Ezekiel Chapter 37** we see the physical re-gathering of the Jews to the land of Israel, then ultimately the spiritual re-gathering of the nation to the Lord.
 5. **Ezekiel chapters 38-39:** describe this confederation of Israel’s enemies attacking the nation of Israel and their deliverance at the hand of God.
- For that attack to take place there needs to be a nation to attack.

- **Daniel chapter 9:27** describes the Anti-Christ making a peace treaty with the nation of Israel which brings a temporary peace and allows the Temple to be rebuilt. Again for that to happen the nation of Israel must exist.
- No nation that has been conquered by another nation and displaced from their land has ever retained their national identity or recovered their national identity.
- This is why so many Bible scholars in times past sought to spiritualize these verses about “spiritual Israel” which eventually leads to the heresy of “replacement theology”.
- Chapter 37 describes the re-birth of the nation of Israel, the re-gathering of the Jewish people into their own homeland, once again becoming a nation.
- May 14, 1948 we see this happen for the first time in world history, a nation conquered, scattered, non-existent for almost 2000 years, suddenly re-emerges on the world scene.

The only prophetic pre-condition for these events has been met through the re-birth of the nation of Israel.

- This is the first parameter; the Magog invasion takes place sometime after May 14, 1948.
- The other parameter is much less certain and the subject of debate:

Describing the victory and clean up at the end:

Ezekiel 39:9 “And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years.”

- If this event happens very much after the rapture and after the beginning of the tribulation which lasts 7 years – then the burning of these weapons would continue on into the Millennial reign of Christ.
- One of the other issues is that the invasion happens when Israel is dwelling in “safety” and “security” as described in **Ezekiel 38:6, 11, &14**. When would that be?
- The timing of this even is un-certain; cannot be dogmatic either way.

Wars and rumors of wars: War with Israel is never a good idea!

- Tense borders: troops in opposing camps, just over the hill from each other.
 1. Arabs hear a voice from the other camp: 1 Jew can whip 25 Arabs.
 2. 25 – battle / quiet – voice 50! 100! It’s a trap!

Ezekiel 38-39 Magog Invasion, which is different than the Battle of Armageddon.

1. Magog invasion led by “Gog”, involves a confederation of specific nations.
2. Battle of Armageddon led by the Anti-Christ, involves all the nations of the world.
3. The battle of Armageddon ushers in the Millennium and 1,000 years of peace as Christ reigns on earth.
4. Magog invasion ushers in the great tribulation, the great holocaust, and incredible suffering.

Ezekiel 38:1-4 (Read)

- “Gog” (ruler) of the land of “Magog”; the “prince of Rosh” (Russian), Meshech (Moscow), and Tubal (Tubalsk),...”
- “Gog” is a person or title, “Magog” is a land or territory, or more specifically a people group within that territory.
- Magog has been identified by historians as the “Scythians”. (Greek historian Herodotus, Jewish historian Josephus, Encyclopedia Britannica)
- The “Scythians” were a warrior group of people who dwelt in the Caucasus, between the Black Sea, and the Caspian, in the Southern provinces of the former Soviet Union.

Speaking of Gog:

V: 15 “And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts,...”

(Map)

- Many / most of those southern provinces have broken away from the old Soviet block and have completely turned independent / Muslim. (60 million Muslims)
- Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, and others.
- Russia has been the main supplier of weapons and nuclear technology to Syria, Iran – arch enemies of Israel, and now Turkey as well.
- Vast economic and military ties to all of Israel's enemies in the region.
- We've seeing the re-emergence of Russia, after the break up of the former Soviet Union we're seeing a resurgent Russia. Re-asserting itself economically through petro-dollars, politically, and militarily.
- Cold war air patrols resumed, naval exercises resumed, Typhoon class subs still being produced.

Hooks:

1. Recently discovered oil & natural gas deposits – Leviathan field.
2. Dead Sea, pot-ash, fertilizer – making of weapons.
3. Control: power point of the world, gateway to 3 continents. Africa, Asia, Europe.
4. Islamic ties / Mutual defense treaties.

Summer 2011: Israeli drills / Iran prep – Russian response: deployed advanced air defenses along Mediterranean, the likely route to Iran – protecting Iran. Selling Iran & Syria most advanced anti-aircraft missiles.

V: 5 A listing of the allies / participants:

Persia: 1906 Constitutional monarchy – Iran, 1953 coup / authoritarian regime led by the Shah of Iran, 1979 became the Islamic Republic of Iran.

- The Ayatollah's and their President have repeatedly called for the destruction of Israel, have promised to wipe them off of the face of the earth:
- They are pursuing the weapons programs to accomplish their stated goal.
- Weapons programs, missile development, submarines, and nuclear arms.
- Sept. 12, 2011 brought nuclear power plant on line.
- Control of proxy states of Syria & Lebanon (Hezbollah), Gaza / Hamas.
- Arab spring (financed by George Soros / endorsed by Obama) = opportunity, not for democracy but for radical Islamic led nations.
- Chaos will usher in the 12th Imam and the end of the world.

V: 5b (Modern) Ethiopia: modern name for a non-player today, no military to speak of.

(Ancient) Ethiopia: Cush / Southern Egypt. (Peace treaty / cold peace)
Libya / Put – West of Egypt / Western Egypt -

- Cush / Modern Sudan; After several years of civil war Northern Sudan recently seceded from Southern Sudan. Northern Sudan is radical Islamic, Southern Sudan is predominantly Christian.
- Modern Egypt is presently falling into the control of the Muslim Brotherhood.
- Working behind the scenes to undermine Israel's sovereignty.
- All equipped for war (4,000 tanks, 216 F-16's) with no natural enemies or threats.
- Peace treaty now in question. Sinai being re-militarized, dependant on Israel for fertilizer. No longer selling Israel natural gas.

V: 6 Gomer: Ancient Sumerians, referred to by the historian Josephus as the "Gomerites" describing regions of modern Turkey.

Togarmah: regions in modern Turkey. (Peace treaty, barely – faltering)

- Severed relations – political, military & economic. Flotilla / blockade breakers, surging anti-Semitism. #1 selling book: Mein Kamph, Adolf Hitler.
- Spurned by the EU, working towards a revived Ottoman Empire.

V: 13 “Sheba, Dedan” – Arabia – Saudi Arabia. – Access to Pakistani nukes...

- It is hard to imagine a scenario wherein Saudi Arabia objects to an invasion of Israel.
- Given the proximity of the battle, they feel threatened, or fear a take over of the oil field – speculations.
- Tarshish: ancient Phoenician settlements of Tarshish – present day England, possibly Europe – who have always been involved / meddled in middle east affairs.

V: 13 Spoil? This is a rather weak, simpering protest, sounds like another lame U.N. resolution in the making.

Ezekiel 38:14 – 39:8 (Read)

- No mention of Syria, Iraq, Jordan, or any other Middle Eastern states. Babylon will be destroyed later.

Isaiah 17:1 “The burden against Damascus. Behold, Damascus will cease from being a city, and it will be a ruinous heap.”

- No mention of USA – who has a mutual defense treaty with Israel.
- Obama endorsed the PA and endorsed a return to the 1967 borders.
- Many nations are not mentioned in the Bible or in these end time scenarios, however it is hard to understand how the world’s most powerful nation would not be mentioned in some way.

Possible reasons:

1. The US is no longer relevant: Economic collapse, NAU – Amero. World banks shifting away from dollar as world reserve currency.
 - Video links: Parallels in judgment between Israel & USA – **Isaiah 9:10**
2. The US is destroyed: surprise nuclear attack, terrorist action., EMP –
3. The US is no longer its own country – but part of a larger union of nations, NAFTA – in the control of others / anti-Christ.
4. Refusal to get involved: socialist, anti-Semitic, closet Muslim president.

China: Involved in Armageddon but not in Magog invasion: **Revelation 9:14-16, 16:12.**

Israel – God's time piece: What about the peace process? It will fail:

Exodus 23:32 “Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods.”

- Especially when it's contrary to God's plan for them, its God's land, He's given it to Israel and they can't just trade it away and think that God will honor that.

1 Corinthians 6:14 “Be not unequally yoked together...”

- No covenants – Oslo Accords, Road Map, nada!
- **Revelation:** One world government - One world economy / currency - Mark of the beast - One world religion – Globalism.
- **Daniel Ch. 7: 7-8, Revelation 13:1** describes the beast with 10 horns: A revived Roman Empire, or what appears to be the European Union.
- The man identified as the “Anti-Christ” rises to power and emerges out from within this system. (**2 Thessalonians 2:3-9**). He won't be revealed until after the rapture.

What does all of this add up to? Time is short! The rapture is right around the corner, Jesus is coming soon.

Why? **Ezekiel 38:23, 39:7, 22, 29**

- Matthew Ch. 24 – the disciples asked the questions about the end of the world and the second coming. What do we find them doing?

Acts 2:42 “And they continued steadfastly in the Apostle's doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”

- What did Jesus tell them to do? What are we told to do?

Luke 21:36 “Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Luke 21:28 “And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.”

Are you ready?