



Prophecy in Perspective

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Our Times - *Prophecy in Current Events*

**Nation Against Nation, Kingdom Against Kingdom
What is America's Part in the End Times Senario?**

Jesus, as the Son of God, and as God incarnate, knew the future. His disciples wondered about what the future held. In Matthew 24:1-4, Jesus told them that their beautiful temple which they so admired would be destroyed. This is precisely what occurred when Rome destroyed the Temple in 70 A.D. under Emperor Titus. (Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews, Book VI, Chapters 3-6, History of the Christian Church, Philip Schaff, Vol. 1, pp. 397-402) Jesus' prediction of the destruction of their temple naturally peaked their interest in future events. Jesus said to them concerning the latter days:

For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. (Matthew 24:5-8)

Many today wonder about world events. Why are things shaping up the way they are? What does the future hold? Only God has the answers! Jesus shows us He is truly the Son of God when He offers these sobering yet reassuring insights of the future to His disciples and to us. For the lost, these predictions are foreboding, but for Christians, these prophecies are encouraging!

At the National Prayer Breakfast a few days ago, President Obama spoke about how Christianity is to blame for much evil in the world that has been done in the name of Christ. Yet, he had little to say about the wicked works of those who behead and crucify men and children, rape women, and subjugate entire nations to cruel oppression in the name of Muhammad. Instead of calling out Islam and Muhammad for the inspiration behind these malicious occurrences, he stated that ISIS was doing these things in the "name of religion." Having been reared as a believing Muslim, it is little wonder that our President is sympathetic to and guarded about speaking against Islam and very negative about Christianity. Franklin Graham commented about Mr. Obama's remarks:

Graham, president and CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, wrote: "Today at the National Prayer Breakfast, the President implied that what ISIS is doing is equivalent to what happened over 1,000 years ago during the Crusades and the Inquisition.

"Mr. President — many people in history have used the name of Jesus Christ to accomplish evil things for their own desires. But Jesus taught peace, love and forgiveness. He came to give His life for the sins of mankind, not to take life.

"Muhammad on the contrary was a warrior and killed many innocent people. True followers of Christ emulate Christ — true followers of Muhammad emulate Muhammad."

(Newsmax.com <http://www.Newsmax.com/US/Franklin-Graham-Barack-Obama-prayer-breakfast-Muhammad/2015/02/06/>)

For those who face our current situation in America honestly, and who are Bible believing Christians, we can see that America is under judgment. This judgment has been brought about by our own unwillingness to discern the times and stand for God's truth! We are in need today of the fervent and effectual prayers by Christians for America as a nation and for Mr. Obama as our President. Prayers need to be fervently made for those who believe, unlike Mr. Obama, that Jesus came to deliver us from evil rather than to bring evil. (Romans 13:1-2; 1 Timothy 2:2)

Yet, Islam and the Koran teaches that Christians and Jews are evil and they are among the essential reasons for the problems in the world today. The only solution is the establishment, by force, of a global Islamic Caliphate. Yet Islam, being divided within itself by centuries of old warring factions and sects, has Muslims killing Muslims by the thousands. The latest example of this was the cruel murder of the captured Jordanian pilot who was a Muslim and who was burned alive by Muslims! As well, Shiite Muslims have also just taken over the government of Yemen causing the citizens there, also Muslim, to vow to overthrow them. Kingdoms are rising against Kingdoms as never before in the world's history. False Christs are arising also, preparing the way for the ultimate false Christ, the Antichrist, also called the Abomination of Desolation that will assert himself to be god over the earth and who will seek to destroy Israel off the face of the earth. (Matthew 24:15; 2 Thessalonians 2: 3-12; Revelation 13)

The world today is looking for a messianic figure to rise up and claim that he will bring real change to the world. In general, people in Europe and America, through the encouragement of liberal preachers and political leaders, have rejected the Bible and are ignorant of its prophetic warnings as to what to watch out for in the latter days. Satan is using this ignorance of the Scriptures to draw the world into his trap of seeking a global deliverer. Through demonic influence, Satan inspires nations to seek a messianic figure who will promise to lead the earth into a new age of peace and harmony, as the New Agers hope, as well as unity through one system of laws, as for example, the Muslims desire under their Sharia law. Satan is stirring a growing unbelief and hatred for Jesus Christ, Christians and Jews. The times are ripe for the appearance of the final man of sin, the Antichrist.

I believe this deceptive messianic hope is what has rocketed President Obama into the Whitehouse twice. Yet, Jesus specifically stated that we should beware that ***"many will come in my name saying, 'I am Christ,' and***

deceive many." Deception was clearly heard when Mr. Obama maligned believers in Jesus Christ, at the National Prayer Breakfast and so implicated the Son of God as the one who has really been responsible for the "evil" of the Crusades, for slavery and racial animosity in America. This is an example of the deception that will be prevalent in the latter days which Jesus speaks about in this and other biblical passages.

There are two ways that Satan uses to advance evil in the world through nations, and Bible prophecy shows this. One way, is to aggressively oppose the Lord Jesus Christ overtly, as radical Islam is doing, the other is for a leader to be passive, as I believe our President is doing, in order to downgrade our nation's ability and will to resist enemy aggression. Clearly, radical Islam cannot advance as long as there is an America in the world that stands strong, strong for Israel, for Jesus Christ and for freedom for the oppressed. So, Satan's strategy, through passive leadership, is to weaken America from within. America is growing weaker in the world through the skilful and crafty assistance of a pro-Islamic and anti-Christian President. This is not a politically correct statement, but it is biblically and factually correct.

Christians need to pray for Mr. Obama more than ever in these days. My prayer is that he will believe in and speak about the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ as He is, not as the Islamists or the liberals view Him. In Ezekiel 38:13, God's prophet, Ezekiel, points out how certain nations will passively and diplomatically stand-by as Russia and the Islamic nations attack Israel. I believe this is the kind of nation that President Obama is attempting to create out of America, namely, a nation that stands by, neutral and ineffective, in defending Israel and millions of innocent people who are currently being threatened by Russia, Iran, Syria, ISIS as well as deadly and cruel radical Islam.

Today, we are seeing nation rising against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. Jordan is the latest nation and kingdom to rise up against Syria in attacking ISIS bases there in retaliation of the demonic burning of their pilot by the militant followers of Muhammad, ISIS. Russia is seeking to carve their way through Ukraine. Along with the many "***famines, pestilences and earthquakes***" that are on the rise in the "***diverse places***" of the world today and the deceptions of false Christs, we can see that the times of the Great Tribulation cannot be far off. This means that the Lord's return and the rapture of the church grows nearer every day. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

We need to pray for Muslims today, many of whom are decent and peaceful people who themselves live under the constant fear of the militant representatives of their own religion. Many are asking, although often secretly, if there is any hope for them. The answer is YES!

Jesus is the prince of peace (Isaiah 9:6) and we need to make Him known to those who are in darkness and who are living in repressive and oppressive fear. Jesus, our soon coming King, will bring world peace but only those who trust in Him as the Son of God and Savior will participate in His eternal Kingdom. Pray for Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, cult members, and all who are under false religions and deceptive messiahs, to come to faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ, who loved us, came to die on the cross for us and to rise again, promised that whoever comes to Him, by faith, "***I will in no wise cast out.***" (***John 6:37***) May believers, tell the lost that there is hope through faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus said ***see that ye be not troubled*** when you see all these prophetic events and circumstances arise in the latter days. By trusting in Jesus Christ, you can have victory over sin and fear because Jesus, our soon coming King, has overcome the world!!

*These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might
have peace.*

*In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good
cheer; I have overcome the world.*

(John 16:33)

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