



# Prophecy in Perspective

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## Jesus Reveals the Future Part 4

This is the fourth part of my series on how Jesus revealed many details of the future to us. These details are helpful for us to know in these days when so many are neglecting or rejecting God. Jesus' disciples asked Him to explain some of the prophetic events of the future surrounding His return and the setting up of His kingdom on earth (Matthew 24:1-3). Jesus began to answer them with the statement: "**Take heed that no man deceive you.**" This is the Lord's encouragement for us in these days to beware of how the enemy, Satan, will go to great lengths to deceive people. One great deception of the latter days will be the arising of an evil political and religious leader called by the Apostle John, the Antichrist. (See 1 John 2:22; 2:18; 4:3; 2 John 1:7.) In Matthew 24:15-25, Jesus describes the Antichrist's revealing of his true self and of his intentions during the middle of the Great Tribulation.

Please review the first three parts of this series in order to get a more complete picture of the time frame that Jesus is laying out for us. (See *Prophecy in Perspective*, Vol 87-89.) In Matthew 24 verses 1-14, Jesus is describing the general events and circumstances that will ensue during the time leading up to, and including the first three and one half years of the Great Tribulation period. Jesus is telling His disciples about God's prophetic scenario in the latter days concerning Israel and the Gentiles.

***<sup>15</sup>When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) <sup>16</sup>Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: <sup>17</sup>Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: <sup>18</sup>Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. <sup>19</sup>And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! <sup>20</sup>But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: <sup>21</sup>For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. <sup>22</sup>And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. <sup>23</sup>Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. <sup>24</sup>For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. <sup>25</sup>Behold, I have told you before. (Matthew 24:15-25)***

According to verse 15, the Antichrist, who is described in Daniel 9:27, will place himself in the temple in Jerusalem in the latter days. This indicates that the temple will be rebuilt. It also shows us that the Antichrist

will manage, through deception, to enable the Jews to rebuild the temple, probably as an act of good will. He will therefore have great power and influence over both the Jews and the Gentile nations of the world. According to Daniel 9:27, he will confirm an agreement with Israel which will have to involve the Muslims and the United Nations as well as the United States, if it still exists. I believe that preparations are already being made for this kind of agreement to occur. Perhaps the Antichrist will be able to appeal to the Muslims by appearing to be, or by actually being Islamic himself. The Antichrist, of whom Antiochus Epiphanes from Syria was a type in ancient times, will probably be likewise a Gentile out of Syria which was then and will be in the future, a part of the revived Roman Empire (Daniel 8:8-12; Micah 5:5-6). And as far the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem during the Tribulation, it is commonly known that the Temple Institute in Israel is prepared for the temple's rebuilding.

In verse 15, Jesus tells the Jewish disciples that this man, whom He calls the **abomination of desolation**, will **stand in the holy place**. This points us to Revelation 13 which describes in clear detail how the Antichrist and the false prophet will assert world dominance. The Antichrist will assert that he is God (2 Thessalonians 2:4). They will require all followers of the false messiah and of his "new world order" to take his mark: 666. When Jesus tells the Jews that they need to get out of Jerusalem, He is helping to save them from having to take the mark of the Beast and from being killed if they do not take his mark.

Again, in verses 16-25, Jesus warns all of the Jews who are alive at that time and who live in Jerusalem to escape out of the city and the surrounding area as quickly as they can. He tells them to ignore any who say for them to follow them, because they will be deceivers who will only lead them to their destruction. The Antichrist will commence his true purpose of the complete annihilation of the Jews. His true anti-Semitic character will be revealed.



Daniel gives us an indication as to the location where the Jews will escape: Jordan! Daniel 11:41 tells us: **"...but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon."** During his pursuit of conquest and destruction of the Jews, he will be prevented from overthrowing Edom, Moab, and Ammon which are ancient places in present day Jordan. God will protect His people, the Jews, during the Tribulation. Yet, there will be many thousands of both Jews and Gentiles who refuse to take the mark of the beast and who believe in Jesus Christ who will perish for their stand of faith.

Jesus gives us these insights into the future so that we can be prepared through His Word to stand for truth. Many so called Christians today are flocking like lemmings to hear preachers who think the Supreme Court's decision approving "gay marriage" is ok. Some even call it a decision for "marriage equality." Where do these false teachers find this kind of thing in the Bible? It is not there, and that is why many of them have abandoned the Bible and are preaching a social gospel in place of the true gospel.

One day, the Antichrist will show up on the world scene. I believe he is alive today. Already, there are some political leaders and even preachers who think they are god. There are many potential candidates of blasphemers who could be the coming Antichrist, but for now they are among the many antichrists in the

world today (1 John 2:18). Christians who read their Bibles and apply its teachings honestly can discern who they are.

There are certainly going to be those who applaud these kind of changes. Some of them preach and teach thousands. They will come up with clever and subtle ways to justify progressive views of morality, including new definitions of marriage. One of the arguments that I have come across is being tested out by some pastors. It consists of a slick reapplication of the Apostle Paul's teaching on the theological transition from "law" to "grace."

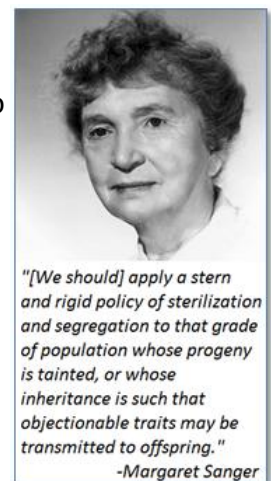
The Apostle Paul, in the book of Galatians showed how Christians are saved by grace and not law. This teaching which was intended for the church is now being re-applied by at least a couple of preachers to present day America after the Supreme Court's decision to affirm "gay marriage." Their reasoning seems to go something like this: As for America today: before the Supreme Court's decision on "gay marriage," America was under "the law," or a legalistic Christian world view. But now, America is now under "grace," by no longer being dominated by a "legalistic" Christian morality. This is as though the Supreme Court has "liberated" America by now affirming "marriage equality" for gays. They point out that with decisions like this we are now permanently disconnected from our previous way of believing as a nation. The conclusion is: America is no longer a "Christian nation" and neither should we want to go back to being one!

But, this is a clear misapplication of Paul's point as to the difference between law and grace in Galatians. It is a re-purposing of Paul's message to Christians with the intention of getting the church to go along with the new morality in America. Some preachers now conclude that, with the Court's recent ruling, therefore we are now no longer under the old "legalistic" way of living but under a new rule of "grace" and equality in America. It is a new day and the church should embrace it. This kind of reasoning fits right in with the progressive political and social movements in America today which Christ warned about in His prophecies to us in the Gospels.



Thus, through liberal political and religious leaders, America is being prepared for the ultimate false prophet and false messiah, the Antichrist! But the world will be ready to accept him only if America is profoundly weakened in its moral, philosophical, and spiritual character. Its moral and spiritual character is being weakened today by a President that is deeply sympathetic to Islam as well as to the leftist progressive global agenda. Also, as I have pointed out, America's spiritual and moral character is also being weakened by false teachers who refuse to teach the whole counsel of the Word of God.

As a sign of the times, Americans today know and care more about the killing of Cecil the lion than about the ruthless and barbaric killings of pre-born children through Planned Parenthood. The barbarity of Planned Parenthood has recently been publically exposed through a series of undercover videos. Conservative legislators are working to present and vote on a bill, Monday, August 3, 2015 to defund Planned Parenthood. This bill was written by James Lankford from Oklahoma. As



these videos have shown, Planned Parenthood, founded by the racist eugenicist Margaret Sanger (pictured above and to the right with two quotes from her), not only administers abortions, but even seeks to sell children's body parts to the highest bidders. Planned Parenthood is one of the most Satanic organizations in the world today and is responsible for the untimely murder of millions of innocent children.



As an additional sign of the times, President Obama and many who are anti-Semitic, applaud his treaty with Iran which will certainly help the Iranians to build and deliver multiple nuclear tipped missiles to Israel. Presidential candidate, Mike Huckabee, was right when he stated: "By doing so, he will take the Israelis and **march them to the door of the oven**. This is the most idiotic thing, this Iran deal. It should be rejected by both Democrats and Republicans in Congress and by the American people. I read the whole deal. We gave away the whole store. It's got to be stopped."

Jesus did not withhold anything that we needed to know for the last days. When we read His own words we can see why so many today do not preach on prophecy. It is high time for God's people, and God's preachers to study and teach the whole Word of God and to take seriously the warnings that the Bible sets forth for us today. There are some who are faithful to God's Word in what they preach! We need to pray for them and encourage them to fearlessly continue to set forth God's prophetic Word in truth whatever the cost. Maybe you can encourage your pastor soon as to how you will pray for him and support him as he preaches the unsearchable riches of Christ and of His soon return (Ephesians 3:8; Revelation 22:20).

**For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. (2 Timothy 4:3-4)**

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