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Countdown to the Great Tribulation, Part III

And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: (Revelation 7:1-4)

In the wake of the victory of President-Elect Donald Trump, it is important for all Bible believing Christians to be sure to stay focused on the Word of God, and in particular, the prophetic Scriptures. The election of Donald Trump is stirring Europe, the Middle East and China! Mr. Trump promises to promote the establishment of Israel's capital in Jerusalem. This is good news to me as well as to many students of Bible prophecy. It will be a signal to the enemies of Israel that the Jews are gaining in strength and prestige on the world scene. With President Obama's encouragement and strengthening of Israel's key enemy, Iran, they will be in an ideal position to oppose Israel at every turn, even militarily. No doubt, they will drastically threaten and resist the relocation of the Jewish capital by subtly or even by overt force if necessary. Ezekiel 38-39 predicts an eventual attack on Israel by the gathered forces of Russia along with their future, and I believe, present ally, Iran.

China, which figures prominently in prophetic Scripture (Revelation 9:13-16; 15:12-16), is also watching intently as to how the Trump administration will affect their plans for eventual conquest of Taiwan and general influence and even dominance in the world as an economic and military force. Interestingly, there is some speculation as to whether Mr. Trump's welcome support of the Jewish state of Israel will result in the rebuilding of the Temple! This is especially intriguing since President-Elect Trump is a builder. The American political "earthquake" with the election of Donald Trump to the Presidency as well as the growing unrest in Europe with the growing break-up and coming reorganization of the European Union, indicate a real potential for the increase of the rapid unfolding of end-times prophecy.

Revelation 7 describes the appearance of the 144,000 Jewish preachers who will be sealed at some point before the middle of the Tribulation period. I believe that these Jews may well be alive today. Remember, that these will be preachers during the Great Tribulation who will be sealed, 12,000 from each tribe of Israel, only after the rapture of the church and after the beginning of the breaking of the first seven seals described in Revelation six. Please refer to the Scripture and re-read Revelation chapters six and seven to get a clear view of what will take place. Remember that the 144,000 have nothing to do with the so called Jehovah's Witnesses Cult. These false teachers, who are deceived and unsaved have promulgated for years that these 144,000 refer to the Jehovah's Witnesses themselves. They twist the plain meaning of the word "Israel." Yet,

clearly the text states that these who are sealed are from literal Israel and even mention the tribes they come from. The Jehovah's Witness cult also teaches a form of Replacement Theology. Replacement Theology teaches that the church has replaced Israel. This is why they are essentially an anti-Semitic organization. Yet, if taken as stated, Revelation chapter seven clearly shows that God is not through with Israel. He will call up and seal these future 144,000 preachers to make Christ known during the Great Tribulation period after the church has been raptured to heaven.

I believe many prophetic indicators are continuing to show that we are in the last days of the church age. The church could be called away from the earth by the coming Lord Jesus Christ at any moment. It is an important time for Christians and ministries to make the gospel of salvation known as never before. As the latter days apostasy grows, we see people flocking to churches and preachers who preach everything but the Bible! Christians are practically abandoning their Bibles for books that claim to speak for a Jesus that is not even in the Bible. I am convinced that people do not read their Bibles often because they do not understand it. The reality is that a growing number of preachers are not teaching their people how to study it and understand the Bible. I believe if Christians truly begin to study the Word of God there can still be revival in America and the world. This revival will be relatively isolated and unrelated to the current "mega-church" anti-doctrine, anti-prophecy and social-gospel oriented trends toward the one world church. Here is a further description of these trends from my book, God's Unfolding Purpose and Unfailing Power :

The Dispensation of Grace (Church Age) will close with the rapture of the true church to heaven (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). The Scriptures are clear that leading up to the rapture, and increasingly after the rapture, a great apostasy will occur. There will be a growing movement toward the formation of a one world church which will progress in collaboration with a growing movement toward building a one world order of a global government and religion. This religion and government will be based on Antichrist and demonic doctrine. It will be highly materialistic and focused on fleshly feelings, opinions and comforts.

In this future new world order, there will be deepening hatred toward real believers who take a stand for God and His truth. Those who say that they are friends of Christ will really be His enemies, and the enemies of believers as well. They will promote every sort of immoral lifestyle and proclaim themselves to be followers of Christ. They will brag about their openness to all religions and will appear to be open minded about things that biblical Christianity has opposed for centuries. Bible doctrine will be compromised in the interest of building bridges between religions. There will be a repeat of the way things were in the days of Noah just as Jesus warned His disciples...(Matthew 24:36-39)

It is time for Christians to study the Bible, take bold stands for God's truth and witness for Christ! Jesus said:

"Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.." (Revelation 16:15)

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