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Hurricane Harvey: A Great Test, But Also An Ominous Warning!

Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire. (Isaiah 29:6)

Hurricane Harvey is already breaking records for the amount of damage due to a single storm for Texas. The flooding is being described as being of "biblical proportions." We should take particular notices of comparisons and measurements like this. This storm is a great test for America and also a great warning! Today's forecast indicates that much more rain is expected for Southern Texas and possibly Louisiana in the days ahead. Isaiah 29:6 shows that storms and natural disasters are to be expected during times of testing for His people, and as warning, and finally, as judgment.

The Scriptures give many details as to such seasons of testing and warning for the last days. Storms such as Hurricane Harvey, large storms of recent years, and no doubt others to come, indicate that we are living in the latter days of biblical prophecy. What should we expect in the days to come in the perhaps not too distant future for America, the church, Israel, and the world?

After the rapture of the church, great disaster will arise as God brings the earth into conformity to His plans to establish His world wide Kingdom from Jerusalem under the personal rule of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit's restraining ministry which He exercises over the earth through indwelling church saints will be over (2 Thessalonians 2:7). There will be a major political shift that is already happening. The forces of Russia leading the powers of Islamic nations will move to subdue Israel for the wealth of its strategic location and resources. As far as Russia is concerned, their intention will be to fully subjugate the Jews to the point of enslaving them to Russia's purposes. Killing off the Jews will not be Russia's initial interest, however, they will have to restrain their Islamic allies from doing this. The Islamic nations, filled with satanic hatred for the Jews, will desire and will set about to do all they can to destroy all the Jews, perhaps even setting up death camps like they encouraged the Nazis to do in the 1930s and 40s.

This attempted incursion and attack on Israel, primarily from the North, will result in the battle of Gog and Magog which is described in great detail in Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39. God will dramatically intervene in this however. He will destroy millions of the Russian and Islamic combined forces attempting to come into Israel.

The Antichrist, a man of very amazing and charismatic abilities, will appear on the world scene (Revelation 13). As he makes plans to take advantage of Russia's destruction, he will promise peace and special considerations to Israel, to win their favor. He will need their land's strategic position and their advanced technological knowhow, as well as their considerable military and remarkable leadership resources to assist him in getting his wicked global kingdom set up in rebellion against God. Israel will view him as their Messiah. With the demise of the major portion of radical Islam will come the opportunity for the future Beast to move into global military, political, and even religious dominance. No doubt, even the Pope and the leaders of Protestantism, and world religions of Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, etc., will laud

the Beast as the long awaited world ruler predicted by so many of their demonically energized teachers. ***"It was also given to him to make war with the saints (tribulation saints) and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain" (Revelation 13:7-8).*** Even cults like the Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses and Christian Science and Scientology will receive him and accommodate their false doctrines to affirm the Beast as their own awaited messiah. The demonic deception these and many other cults experience now during the church age will increase to full demonic control when they take the mark of the Beast. Even the voracious Atheistic Marxists, and the greedy for power Leftists and Anarchists will worship him for his economic, government and religious policies. ***"And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name" (Revelation 13:16-17).*** The Tribulation will have begun.

Sometime soon after the rapture, 144,000 Jews will get saved and preach Jesus Christ to the lost of the earth (Revelation 7). Because the church age will have closed with the rapture of the church to heaven, the next phase in God's prophetic program for the earth will begin. These new believers are known, not as church saints, but as tribulation saints. They will be a disruption to the Antichrist's plans and he will institute their mass execution (Daniel 11:35-38; Revelation 13:6-7). The Beast will "overcome them." The spirit of Satan is already "overcoming" saints in the church in America and in many theological schools. Gender and marriage redefinition is being accepted and even preached. Teaching on the Second Coming of Christ is neglected, ignored and even rejected in favor of politically-correct and psychology based "talks." Preachers today are often referred to as "communicators." The church today and preachers and church members are losing their "fire for souls."

While the world is preparing for the coming of Antichrist, we can prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ! Our preparation should be daily: 1) Through the study of the Bible; 2) Through fervent prayer for revival; 3) Through holy living for Christ; 4) Through witnessing for the Lord; and 5) Through a godly and loving church fellowship and ministry of biblical boldness and encouragement. While we are living in a day of great testing and ominous warning, are you anticipating Christ's soon return?

***"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus."
(Revelation 22:20)***

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