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I want to thank my good friend Pastor Bob Kopeny of Calvary Chapel East Anaheim for asking me to speak at his wonderful church on the first day of this New Year.

A Quick Update For My Beloved Friends At Calvary Chapel East Anaheim And Elsewhere:

My life forever changed on November 14, 2021, with a major heart attack and then quadruple bypass surgery on December 4th, 2021.

Only once in the entire year of 2022 did I speak in public. I'm now living in an entirely different world.

Before the heart attack I was doing 3 TV programs per week, and speaking at least once a week at churches, retreats, conferences, etc., (this happened every week for six straight months before the heart attack).

All of this is now gone. My entire ministry now is online... www.educatingourworld.com

Please check it out and help us shamelessly promote it. There are 63 books available on 11 different topics with respect to the Christian faith in PDF form for free download. I'm working on my 64th. This includes 11 books on Bible prophecy, 11 on the Bible, 7 on Jesus Christ, etc. Our goal in this ministry is to be like "Grandma's nightgown," we want to cover everything!

I'm now able to write more books, and do videos from home with my great friend James Kaddis. You can find them at Calvary Chapel Signal Hill You Tube Channel. We are reaching a lot of people. Mondays and Tuesdays at 11:15 am Pacific time, we do a live broadcast with the latest headlines and how they relate to last days Bible prophecy.

We also have a weekly radio program Countdown2eternity. You can follow it and listen to the latest programs at our website countdown2eternity.com.

A Personal Request

I need your prayers for wisdom. I'm asked all the time to publicly speak again. I'm not sure how able I'll be to do it. Although I feel great physically, my stamina isn't the greatest, and the meds I'm taking have side effects. Hence, I need the wisdom of the Lord as to how I should proceed.

So, this may be the only, or one of the very few talks, I'll give publicly in 2023.

One more thing... please download my latest book 40 Common Mistakes In Last Days Bible Prophecy Cleared Up...It will be extremely helpful to understand what Scripture does, and does not say about the time of the end. I'm very familiar with these mistakes, namely making about half of them myself in the early years of my ministry!

And now the topic for this morning....

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The God of the Bible, who declares to be the only God who exists, has made many predictions about future events. We have chronicled a number of these that have already been fulfilled in our book *God's Work In History: 50 Biblical Prophecies Made And Fulfilled*.

Also in the Scripture, the Lord has made certain predictions about events that have not yet occurred. These deal with the time of the end, the time before the kingdom of God comes to the earth. Among other things, the Bible informs us what our world would look like before Christ returns.

Daniel the prophet, when writing about last days events, admitted that he did not understand what he was writing about. He was specifically told that only those who would be living at that time would be able to understand them!

I heard, but I did not understand. So I said, "Sir, what will happen after these things?" He said, "Go, Daniel. For these matters are closed and sealed until the time of the end. Many will be purified, made clean, and refined, but the wicked will go on being wicked. None of the wicked will understand, though the wise will understand (Daniel 12:8-10 NET).

The wise, who live at the time of the end, will understand what is taking place in the last days. Who are the wise? They are believers who take the Scripture and Bible prophecy seriously.

Therefore, if the Bible is the Word of God, and we are able to understand what it predicts, then there are certain things that we should expect to see as we come closer to the end.

So, here are the two questions that we will answer: from the Bible, what should we expect to see happening in our world in the last days, and what do we now see?

In other words, what are our Great Expectations about what the future holds?

Biblical Prediction 1 The Entire Population Of The Earth Will Be Able To Watch Certain Prophesied Events In Real Time

In the Book of Revelation, there is the account of two witnesses of Jesus Christ who testify to the people of the earth for some three and one-half years. Eventually they are killed by the final Antichrist. The Bible explains what happens to them in the following manner:

When they have completed their testimony, the beast that comes up from the abyss will make war on them and conquer them and kill them. Their corpses will lie in the street of the great city that is symbolically called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was also crucified. For three and a half days those from every people, tribe, nation, and language will look at their corpses, because they will not permit them to be placed in a tomb. And those who live on the earth will rejoice over them and celebrate, even sending gifts to each other, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth (Revelation 11:7-10 NET).

For three and one-half days, their bodies lie in the street in the Holy City of Jerusalem. At that time, we are told that individuals from all over the earth, from every people, tribe and nation, will see their dead bodies and then celebrate their deaths by sending gifts to one another.

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So here is our first great expectation, namely, at the time of the end it will be possible for everyone on the planet to see these events in real time.

As can be imagined, commentators from the past wondered how all the people of the earth could observe such a spectacle. Indeed, how could everyone on the face of the earth see their dead bodies for three and one-half days? Even if this only referred to people living in the same geographical area, this would still be impossible.

The People On Earth Will See The Abomination Of Desolation

We have a second example of what all the people of the world will be able to see at the time of the end. It has to do with a warning that Jesus gave to people living in the “last days.” The Lord said the following:

“Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.... For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be (Matthew 24:15-18,21 NKJV).

The abomination of desolation takes place in the Holy Place, the Holy of Holies. It is the area of the Temple that is off limits to everyone except the Great High Priest. Even then, he is only allowed into the Holy of Holies once a year on the Day of Atonement.

How then are those in the area of Judea to know about it? Those in the field, how are they to get the news? In what sense are they going to “see” this happen?

From Scripture, we know that when this future event takes place, this final Antichrist will then turn on the Jewish people in an attempt to annihilate them. Those in the immediate vicinity will be the first to suffer the consequences.

But how is the world going to see it as well as the events surrounding the deaths of the two witnesses?

We no longer have to wonder how this can be accomplished. The technology is with us now.

From their website of Elon Musk’s Starlink...

Starlink

World’s most advanced broadband Satellite Internet

Starlink is the world’s first and largest satellite constellation using a low Earth orbit to deliver broadband internet capable of supporting streaming, online gaming, video calls, and more.

Leveraging advanced satellites and user hardware coupled with our deep experience with both spacecraft and on-orbit operations, Starlink delivers high speed low-latency internet to users all over the world.

It Is Now A Possibility For Everyone To See These Events

So, these two events, that Scripture predicts that the entire world will be able to see, will soon be possible for everyone on the face of the earth to view.

For further documentation on see our book *25 Signs We Are Near The End*, (Sign 15 The Exponential Increase Of Technology) as well as *The Final Antichrist*.

Biblical Prediction 2 All Financial Transactions Worldwide Will Be Able To Be Monitored

There is a passage in Scripture that speaks of a worldwide economic system where nobody can buy or sell without a particular mark—the mark of the beast:

Then I saw another beast coming up from the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, but was speaking like a dragon. He exercised all the ruling authority of the first beast on his behalf, and made the earth and those who inhabit it worship the first beast, the one whose lethal wound had been healed. He performed momentous signs, even making fire come down from heaven in front of people and, by the signs he was permitted to perform on behalf of the beast, he deceived those who live on the earth. He told those who live on the earth to make an image to the beast who had been wounded by the sword, but still lived. The second beast was empowered to give life to the image of the first beast so that it could speak, and could cause all those who did not worship the image of the beast to be killed. He also caused everyone (small and great, rich and poor, free and slave) to obtain a mark on their right hand or on their forehead. Thus no one was allowed to buy or sell things unless he bore the mark of the beast—that is, his name or his number. This calls for wisdom: Let the one who has insight calculate the beast's number, for it is man's number, and his number is 666 (Revelation 13:11-16 NET).

We should appreciate what the Bible predicts here. It is a worldwide system which has been put in place where nobody is allowed to buy or sell without this mark of the beast, the number 666, on their right hand or on their forehead.

This system will be managed by the “second beast,” also known as the “false prophet.” He will force the people of the world to worship the image of the “first beast,” the final Antichrist.

Those who do not personally receive the mark of the beast will not be allowed to have *any* business transactions—rather they are to be put to death!

The Problem Stated How Could Anyone Monitor A Worldwide Economic System?

Can you imagine, even fifty years ago, when humans were aware as to the extent where people lived on our planet, that a system could be put in place where nobody could buy or sell anything anywhere without a particular mark on either their right hand or their forehead? It would seem ridiculous to think that any leader could have people in all parts of the globe monitoring every business transaction. In fact, it seemed like something impossible.

Well again, the impossible will indeed eventually happen.

Some Recent Headlines

Coming Central Banking Digital System-end of money as we know it

Central Bankster admits they plan to control the U.S. with Central Bank digital currency

UK prepares to introduce a digital pound Central Bank Currency

Digital Currency: The Fed moves to Monetary Totalitarianism

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Revelation 13 will now be able to be literally fulfilled... every financial transaction on the earth can eventually be monitored. Tim Cook the CEO of Apple said the next generation of children will not know what cash is, every transaction will be digital.

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Biblical Prediction 3 The Nation Of Israel Will Be In The World's Spotlight

Amazingly, according to Scripture, the tiny nation of Israel will be in the spotlight of the world in the "last days." There are actually a series of prophetic events that will lead to this.

First, despite all the persecution they have endured, Israel, the descendants of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, will survive. Amazingly, Jews still exist at the time of the end, as predicted by Scripture. In addition, the people have returned to their ancient homeland, and have become a modern state, or country, also as predicted by Scripture. Furthermore, the city of Jerusalem has been unified under Israeli rule, again, as predicted by Scripture (for documentation of these predictions see our *25 Signs We Are Near The End*... Signs 1,3 and 5).

These events will cause this tiny nation to be in the world's spotlight. In other words, we will always find them in the headlines. This is precisely what we see. The nation of Israel is constantly in the headlines.

Notice the assumptions from Scripture: Israel will still exist in the last days, return to their ancient homeland after being gone for a long time, form a modern state, Jerusalem will be united under Israel rule.

This will cause the people of the world to hate them and wish for their destruction. Peace will be something that Israel wants but it will elude them. Hence, Israel, one way or another, will always be in the spotlight.

For documentation on this, see our *25 Signs We Are Near The End*. In particular, Sign 6: Israel Will Be In The World's Spotlight and Sign 7: There Will Be A Continual Search For Peace In Israel.

Biblical Prediction 4 There Will Continual Persecution Of Jews And Christians

According to Scripture, at the time of the end, there will be two people groups who will be persecuted: Jews and Christians. The evidence can be summarized as follows:

The Whole World Will Be Against Israel

Before the return of Jesus Christ to the earth, there will be a military campaign by the world ruler, the Final Antichrist, to obliterate the nation of Israel. In fact, he will assemble the armies of the world to attack the Jews and the city of Jerusalem. This is popularly known as the "campaign" or "battle" of Armageddon.

The Scripture says the entire world will be against Israel at the time of the end:

I am about to make Jerusalem a cup that brings dizziness to all the surrounding nations; indeed, Judah will also be included when Jerusalem is besieged. Moreover, on that day I will make Jerusalem a heavy burden for all the nations, and all who try to carry it will be seriously injured; yet all the peoples of the earth will be assembled against it. On that day ... (Zechariah 12:3,4 NET).

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Notice what is said in this passage. The Lord is speaking of the time of the end. Two things are highlighted, the nation of Israel, which will still exist, is causing problems for the surrounding nations. Further *all* the peoples of the earth will be assembled against it... on that day.

Yet, in all of this, despite all of the predicted persecution and the desire to destroy them, the nation of Israel will continue to exist until the very moment the Lord returns. Long ago, the Lord promised this to His people through the prophet Jeremiah:

The LORD provides the sun to be a light during the day. He orders the moon and stars to be lights during the night. He stirs up the sea so that its waves roar. His name is the LORD of Armies. This is what the LORD says: Only if these laws stop working, declares the LORD, will Israel's descendants stop being a nation in my presence. This is what the LORD says: Only if the heavens could be measured or the foundations of the earth could be searched, would I ever reject all of Israel's descendants because of everything that they have done, declares the LORD (Jeremiah 31:25-37 God's Word Translation)

Christians Will Also Be Persecuted

In speaking of the time of the end, Jesus also warned Christians that they will be persecuted by the entire world for their belief in Him.

Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me (Matthew 24:9 NIV).

From the various warnings in Scripture, we can conclude the following things.

Christians Will Exist At The Time Of The End

There will still be believers in Jesus Christ in the last days. From a human point of view, this was anything but certain at the time the Lord made the statement. Yet, His church, His true believers, will continue to exist—just as the Lord predicted:

On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it (Matthew 16:18 NIV).

Nothing can stop this from happening. Nothing.

The Hatred For Christians Will Be Worldwide

Not only will believers in Christ exist, they will be found everywhere. Furthermore, wherever they do reside, there will be hatred against them because of the name of Christ.

Believers In Jesus Christ Will Be Persecuted Because Of Him

We discover that Christians will also be persecuted for their beliefs. Jesus said:

But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name (Luke 21:12,13 NIV).

The Apostle Paul echoed this truth:

In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted (2 Timothy 3:12 NIV).

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This Is Precisely What Is Happening Today

Today, the two most persecuted groups in the world, in order, are Jews and Christians. No other group is even close. So these two predictions, in this case warnings, have sadly come to pass. Furthermore, the persecution against both Jews and Christians continues to accelerate.

Question: How did the Bible know either group would still exist? This question makes for a fascinating study.

These two signs of the end are also covered in *25 Signs We Are Near The End*, Sign 21 There Will Be A Rise In Anti Semitism and Sign 22 Christians Will Continue To Be Persecuted.

Biblical Prediction 5 The Ezekiel 38,39 Last Days Coalition Of Nations, That Will Attack Israel, Will Be Forming

In Ezekiel 38 and 39 the Bible predicts a last days invasion of Israel by a number of countries. It is led by a personage who has the title of Gog. These nations will invade Israel from the north, south, east and west for the purpose of taking a spoil, something valuable that Israel has but all of them need.

The names of the invaders listed in Ezekiel are, of course, ancient. Therefore, we examine the geographical areas from where each group existed at the time and then discover which modern countries would be involved.

The Four Groups Involved

Four groups are mentioned: First, the people of Israel who will be attacked, second, the coalition of nations who will join to assemble to attack. Third, we have the nations who will not invade but rather will ask questions about why these various countries are doing this. Fourth, there are the nations who are conspicuous by their absence.

For example in the invading group, the leader Gog is called the Prince of Rosh. Rosh we believe is modern day Russia. Therefore, it will be a Russian who is the leader of the coalition. Other groups mentioned, Gomer and Beth Togarmah, are found in modern day Turkey. Persia is modern day Iran.

As far as those asking questions but not participating, ancient Sheba and Dedan are the modern day Gulf States. Egypt, on the other hand, is conspicuous by its absence. Indeed, it not mentioned as being part of the invading force, or questioning the invasion.

So from Scripture we would conclude that there would be a coalition of nations who would invade Israel at the time of the end. Since these are specific predictions in Scripture, Bible believers assume that this is where these nations will end up.

However, in the 1970's there was a problem!

Egypt had been involved in every war with Israel, in 1948, 1967, 1973. In fact, Egypt was the driving force in each of the three wars with Israel. On the other hand, Iran was Israel's best friend in the Middle East. Their re-supplying of Israel was crucial to the nations survival in the 1973 Yom Kippur War

Turkey, who will be part of the invading force, is a member of NATO. At that time they was Muslim in name only. It was the place where Israelis would take their vacations. They were a friend of Israel.

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Furthermore, Scripture predicts a Russian/Iranian military confederation. Never in the history of the world has that taken place. In other words, the people from these two geographical areas have never fought together. Never!

Everything Was Seemingly Wrong!

The point is that our prophecy charts of who would be aligned with whom at the time of the end were completely opposite of what was happening in the world at that time. The predicted bad guys at the time of the end, Iran, and Turkey, were the good guys. Egypt, who will NOT be involved in this invasion, was the main nation that continually attacked Israel.

But we did not give up the faith. We knew that sooner or later this would change. We had “great expectations.”

In 1979, Egypt, in the Camp David Accords, made peace with Israel. Jordan followed in 1994. They have had peaceful relations since then, no more wars. However, Muhammad Morsi and the fake election caused the Muslim Brotherhood to be elected to lead Egypt. They are directly connected to Iran.

At that time, Pastor Chuck Smith of Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa, California and I were doing the program World News Briefing on Hischannel.com. We stated that Morsi’s government would not last. Egypt will NOT be in bed with Iran and the radical Muslims. Yet, this was threatened by this new government.

However, Morsi was soon overthrown by a military coup led by General Al-Sisi. Then the Muslim Brotherhood was outlawed and designated a terrorist organization in Egypt in December 2013. Egypt remains at peace with Israel.

Iran

In the mid-1970’s Pastor Chuck Smith was on Israel’s northern border with officers from the Israeli Defense Force. As they looked at both Syria and Lebanon from their vantage point, he told them that these two countries should not be their worry. Instead they should worry about Iran. They laughed at him when he said that since Iran was Israel’s best friend in the Middle East. Chuck told them to remember what he said.

In 1979, the Shah of Iran was overthrown, and the Islamic Republic of Iran was established. Since then, Iran’s state sponsored terrorism has spread throughout the world. Included also was the consistent drumbeat of “death to Israel.” Global domination through worldwide Jihad has been their goal ever since.

At that time, Chuck started receiving phone calls from these same Israeli officers asking, “What’s going to happen next?”

How Could We Know?

So how could Chuck and I know that the Morsi government would not last in Egypt? How could he confidently tell these Israeli leaders that Iran would be their major problem in the future? We stated that we are not “prophets” or “sons of prophets.” We were merely telling the people what the Scripture predicted.

The situation in the 70’s has been completely reversed. The Bible is proven right again! Basically, these nations are now lined up as the Scripture has predicted.

Our takeaway from this is simple: God’s Word will always turn out to be true, sooner or later!

We cover this thoroughly in two of our books: *25 Signs We Are Near The End* (Signs 9-11) and *The Ezekiel 38,39 Invasion*.

Biblical Prediction 6 What Israel Will Look Like In The Last Days--Before The Ezekiel 38,39 Invasion

When we closely examine what the Prophet Ezekiel stated about this last days invasion of Israel by these various nations, we find that there are at least eleven predictions, or assumptions, as to what the world would be like at the time of the end when this invasion takes place. From these assumptions, here is what we should expect to see.

Assumption 1 The Nation Of Israel Will Exist In The Last Days

This is primary. In fact, it is their country that will be invaded by this coalition of nations led by Gog. Before the invasion, we read the following in Ezekiel 37:

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are all the house of Israel. Look, they are saying, 'Our bones are dry, our hope has perished; we are cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and tell them, 'This is what the sovereign Lord says: Look, I am about to open your graves and will raise you from your graves, my people. I will bring you to the land of Israel (Ezekiel 37:11-12 NET).

After describing the results of the invasion the Lord says:

I will display my majesty among the nations. All the nations will witness the judgment I have executed, and the power I have exhibited among them. Then the house of Israel will know that I am the Lord their God, from that day forward (Ezekiel 39:21-22 NET.)

Specifically, the nation of Israel will exist in the last days. This is the first assumption.

Assumption 2 Gog, With His Armies Will Come To The Land Of Israel, A Land That Had Been Ravaged By Wars

Scripture says:

After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years you will come to a land restored from the ravages of war (Ezekiel 38:8 NET)

Assumption 3 The Promised Land Will Have Been In Ruins For A Long Time

Ezekiel 38:8 tells us that this land had suffered for a long period of time:

. . . with many peoples gathered on the mountains of Israel that had long been in ruins (Ezekiel 38:8 NET).

Assumption 4 The People Of Israel, However, Will Be Numerous

. . . with many peoples gathered on the mountains of Israel (Ezekiel 38:8 NET)

Earlier, in Ezekiel 37, we are told the people would be "like a great army."

So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army (Ezekiel 37:10 ESV)

Assumption 5 The People Of Israel Had Previously Been Scattered

. . . its people have returned from many lands to the mountains of Israel (Ezekiel 38:8 NLT)

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Assumption 6 Yet, The People Will Have Returned To Their Ancient Homeland (In The Last Days)

We are specifically told that these events will take place in the “last days,” in the “distant future:”

A long time from now you will be called into action. In the distant future you will swoop down on the land of Israel ... after its people have returned from many lands to the mountains of Israel (Ezekiel 38:8 NLT).

At that time in the distant future, I will bring you against my land as everyone watches, and my holiness will be displayed by what happens to you, Gog (Ezekiel 38:16 NLT).

We should note that Ezekiel had earlier recorded the Lord predicting this return:

I will bring them out from among the peoples and gather them from foreign countries; I will bring them to their own land. I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the streams and all the inhabited places of the land (Ezekiel 34:13 NET).

Assumption 7 But Only After The People Had Been Away For A Long Time

The people in the land will have been gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel, which were empty for a long time (Ezekiel 38:8 NCV).

Assumption 8 The Devasted Land Would Be Restored, Israel Would Then Create Great Wealth

Though they would return to a desolate land, once back in the land they will create great wealth. In fact, it is this great wealth that will cause this personage named Gog, along with his allies, to invade the land. The Lord said to him:

A long time from now you will be called into action. In the distant future you will swoop down on the land of Israel, which will be enjoying peace after recovering from war ... This is what the Sovereign Lord says: At that time evil thoughts will come to your mind, and you will devise a wicked scheme. . . You will say, ‘Israel is an unprotected land filled with unwalled villages! I will march against her and destroy these people who live in such confidence! I will go to those formerly desolate cities that are now filled with people who have returned from exile in many nations. I will capture vast amounts of plunder, for the people are rich with livestock and other possessions now (Ezekiel 38:8-12 NLT).

When he invades, the land will have been restored from the ravages of war, the cities will be populated and the ruins rebuilt. Gog will then invade to take a spoil, to plunder.

Assumption 9 When The People Return, They Will Form A State (Some Political Entity)

Gog and his allies will attack a nation, not just a mob of people.

Assumption 10 Their Borders Will Include The Mountains Of Israel

...with many peoples gathered on the mountains of Israel (Ezekiel 38:8 NET).

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Assumption 11 They Will Come Back In Unbelief In Jesus As Their Messiah

How do we know this to be true? Scripture tells us that it is only when the Lord destroys these invading armies do the people begin to recognize that the Lord is working on their behalf. This assumes that they were in a state of unbelief until that time.

These eleven predictions (assumptions), made about 2,600 years ago, must be fulfilled before the invasion can occur.

You may have noticed that each and every one of them has now been literally fulfilled!

Therefore, against all odds these eleven assumptions of what Israel would look like at the time of the end have now come to pass. (For a complete documentation of their literal fulfillment see Appendix 3 in our book *The Ezekiel 38,39 Invasion... Two Prophets: Two Sets Of Predictions: Undeniable Proof That The Bible Is True*.)

Biblical Prediction 7 Russia's Dominant Leadership In The Middle East (Ezekiel 38:1-3)

When we read about this “last days” invasion of Israel in the Book of Ezekiel, it begins with the Word of the Lord addressing a particular man who will lead this invasion:

Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal (Ezekiel 38:1-3 NKJV).’”

So What Are Our Expectations About Gog And His Invading Forces?

From a look at Ezekiel 38 and 39, we can make a number of observations about this evil individual as well as what country he represents.

Expectation 1: He is not named, but given a title—Gog.

Expectation 2: He is from the land of Magog.

This region would seemingly be in what is now parts of southwestern Russia, Georgia, eastern Turkey, Armenia, and Azerbaijan.

Expectation 3: Gog is directly addressed by the Lord in this passage.

Gog is directly addressed by the Lord in this passage. He is singled out as a person that the Lord is “against.” So obviously he is an important character in the scheme of events as far as the Bible is concerned.

Expectation 4: He is a leader who will arise from modern day Russia.

See Appendix 1 in our book *The Ezekiel 38,39 Invasion* as to why we hold this view.

Expectation 5: This assumes Russia is a powerful nation at this time in that part of the world.

Expectation 6: Gog alone puts together this coalition of nations that will invade Israel. They are named for us in Scripture:

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I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and bring you out with all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them fully armed, a great company with shields of different types, all of them armed with swords. Persia, Ethiopia, and Put are with them, all of them with shields and helmets. They are joined by Gomer with all its troops, and by Beth Togarmah from the remote parts of the north with all its troops - many peoples are with you (Ezekiel 38:4-6 NET).

When we look at an ancient map, we find that the geographical areas include modern day Iran and Turkey. Note that there are many people involved with this coalition.

Expectation 7: He will obviously be a powerful leader to be able to put together such a large group of nations.

Expectation 8: These nations obey him. Obviously, Gog has some type of sway over them.

This further indicates his power.

Expectation 9: He only arises in the “last days.”

This next observation is crucial! In other words, we should NOT expect him to come on the scene before the time of the end. The Bible says:

After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years you will come to a land restored from the ravages of war, with many peoples gathered on the mountains of Israel that had long been in ruins. Its people were brought out from the peoples, and all of them will be living securely. You will advance; you will come like a storm. You will be like a cloud covering the earth, you, all your troops, and the many other peoples with you (Ezekiel 38:8-10 NET).

Expectation 10: He has evil thoughts, namely, to take something from Israel that does not belong to him.

He has no problem doing this:

This is what the sovereign LORD says: On that day thoughts will come into your mind, and you will devise an evil plan. You will say, “I will invade a land of unwalled towns; I will advance against those living quietly in security - all of them living without walls and barred gates - to loot and plunder, to attack the inhabited ruins and the people gathered from the nations, who are acquiring cattle and goods, who live at the center of the earth” (Ezekiel 38:10-12 NET).

Expectation 11: Ezekiel 38:8 tells us that the people of Israel will be living confidently or living in confidence at that time.

One translation puts it this way:

But they have been taken out from the peoples, and they will be living in confidence (Ezekiel 38:8 The First Testament)

This tells us that they are NOT expecting to be invaded. Since this individual will catch the people of Israel unaware, it seems like he will have some type of relationship with them to the place where Israel thinks that they can trust him to protect them. See Appendix 4 in our book *The Ezekiel 38,39 Invasion* for further details.

The Situation Today

Israel and Russia have had a cozy relationship in recent years, especially under Prime Minister Netanyahu. In other words, it would be easy for them to be caught unaware of an invasion by their “friend” Russia.

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Furthermore, Russia is in Syria to stay for at least the next-forty nine years as per an agreement between Moscow and Damascus. As a reminder, Israel borders Syria on their north.

While much more could be said, it is clear that today, by far, Russia is the most powerful country when it comes to influencing the people of the Middle East.

Biblical Prediction 8 There Will Be A Continuing Decline Of The United States

This particular prediction deals with what the Bible does NOT say!

We read in Ezekiel of the evil thought of Gog as he decides to invade Israel with this coalition of nations:

This is what the Sovereign LORD says: On that day thoughts will come into your mind, and you will devise an evil plan. You will say, “I will invade a land of unwalled towns; I will advance against those living quietly in security—all of them living without walls and barred gates— to loot and plunder, to attack the inhabited ruins and the people gathered from the nations, who are acquiring cattle and goods, who live at the center of the earth” (Ezekiel 38:10-12 NET).

Gog devises a plan to invade Israel. We should note that he does not give a second thought about anyone coming to Israel’s aid during the invasion. And as we are told, no country does. In other words, there is no superpower who will come to the rescue.

So where in the world is the United States? Simply put, we are a non-player in the last days invasion. Indeed, the U.S. is conspicuous by its absence. For whatever reason, willingly or unwillingly, America will not be involved in defending Israel or coming to its support in any way.

Since this has never been true of the United States since the founding of the modern state of Israel, we can assume from our non-mention, that the U.S. will be in decline as a superpower. Sadly, this is precisely the situation that we see today.

For further documentation of the United States not being a player in last days Bible prophecy see our book *Forty Common Mistakes About Last Days Bible Prophecy Cleared Up ...* Mistake 9: The United States is not found in last days Bible prophecy and Mistake 10: It is a mistake to claim that the “young lions of Tarshish” in Ezekiel 38:18 refers to the United States.

Also see *25 Signs We Are Near The End, ...* Sign 11: No Superpower Will Intervene On Israel’s Behalf When They Are Invaded (Ezekiel 38,39): Something Will Happen To The United States.

Biblical Prediction 9 There Will Be Preparations To Build A Third Temple

According to Scripture, the nation Israel and the city of Jerusalem will be center-stage for last days events. In particular, ground zero of predicted biblical events will be the Temple Mount in the city of Jerusalem. It is at that location that one day, the Jews will build a Third Temple. At this rebuilt Temple certain events that will take place will be “the sign” that the coming of Jesus Christ will be soon at hand.

The key is what we read about in the Book of Daniel. Daniel 12:11 tells us what will take place:

From the time that the daily sacrifice is removed and the abomination that causes desolation is set in place, there are 1,290 days (Daniel 12:11 NIV).

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Once the sacrifices in the rebuilt Temple are suddenly stopped, and the abomination that causes desolation takes place, the desecration of the Holy of Holies, then in 1,290 days, or three and one-half years later, the Lord Jesus returns to the earth! Consequently, we can see how important this entire subject of the Third Temple is.

Preparations Are Now Being Made

Now that the Jews are back in their ancient homeland, there is a certain group of Israeli individuals who are making all the preparations necessary for the building of a Third Temple. Randall Price explains:

Since 1987, a group of rabbinical researchers, designers, and craftsmen under the direction of Rabbi Yisrael Ariel founded the Temple Institute in the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem. Creating what they call a “Temple-in-waiting,” their efforts have produced detailed blueprints for the Third Temple and ritually qualified vessels, garments, and other items necessary for a restoration of the Temple services. Among these items is the apparel for the High Priest: his eight-layered woven robe, the golden crown worn on his head, and his jeweled breastplate bearing the names of the tribes of Israel. Other items include the blue-purple dye (tchelet) for the tsitsit of the priests robes, the eleven sacrificial incense spices, urns, ewers, incense pans, forks, shovels, and carts (for burnt offerings). In addition, the gold and silver mizrak (vessels used to dispense sacrificial blood on the altar), the golden laver, flasks, and measuring cups (used in the libation offerings). They also created plans for the vessels for the meal offerings, the lottery boxes (for the Day of Atonement), the mortar and pestle, and the stone vessel (kelal) for grinding and holding the purifying ashes of the red heifer. They also have plans for the golden menorah (lampstand) and cleaning instruments and oil pitchers for replenishing the oil for its light, the Table of Showbread, the Altar of Incense, the silver trumpets (for assembling Israel at the Temple), and the barley altar. These utensils and furniture for the Temple have been prepared with the intent of utilizing them in the rebuilt Temple in the near future (Randall Price, *Rose Guide To The Temple*, Rose Publishing Inc., Torrance, California, 2012).

The Temple Institute continues to make everything ready, while waiting for the possibility to rebuild is granted.

Time To Rebuild

On July 28, 2014, The Temple Institute, an organization in Jerusalem which works toward the rebuilding of the Third Temple, began a revolutionary campaign to literally rebuild it—through the power of crowdfunding. Headlines under the title “Don’t make history. Make the future. Build the Third Temple.” Among other things, their online ad read as follows . . .

Now is time for one of its most ambitious projects yet: completing architectural plans for the actual construction, fusing ancient texts and modern technology. While strictly adhering to the religious requirements set forth in Biblical texts, the Third Temple will also be equipped with every modern amenity: full computerization, underground parking, temperature control, elevators, docks for public transportation, wheelchair access, and much more.

Notice that their desire is for full computerization of the next Temple. This would explain how everyone on earth could “see” the Abomination of Desolation, the desecration of the Temple, when it takes place (see Biblical Prediction 1).

This rebuilding of the Temple and the offering of sacrifices has been long-predicted by those who have taken the Bible seriously. In other words, they believe the Lord has meant precisely what He has said. Consider this statement by Robert Govett:

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The temple in Jerusalem will be yet rebuilt by the Jews in unbelief, and be the scene of wickedness greater than has ever appeared . . . While, then, the temple had been destroyed at the date of the writing of Revelation [approximately A.D. 90], it was hereby predicted that it would be rebuilt . . . Till the Jew is brought back to his own land, and the temple and sacrifices restored, the prophetic part of the Apocalypse does not begin (Robert Govett, *Govett on Revelation*, Volume I, Miami Springs, Florida, 1981, reprint of originally published in London in 1861 titled *The Apocalypse: Expounded by Scripture*, p. 497).

How did he know that? He wrote 1,800 years after the Jews had been scattered from their ancient homeland. In fact, they were still scattered around the world when he wrote.

How did he know that they would come back to their land and then build a Third Temple? Simple. The Bible says so!

Therefore, we must keep our eyes on the Temple Mount and the desire to see the Third Temple eventually built. As we have seen, preparations have been made. Now it is all about God's timing.

We document this fully in our book *The Jews, Jerusalem, and the Coming Temple* as well as in *25 Signs We Are Near The End*: Sign 8: Preparations Will Be Made to Build the Third Temple.

Biblical Prediction 10 There Will Be A Move Toward A One-World Political And Economic System (Globalism)

In the Book of Genesis, the Lord promised Abraham a land for his descendants, one that would be theirs forever, as an everlasting possession. The Lord said the following to him:

All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever (Genesis 13:15 NIV).

Later God repeated the promise:

I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God (Genesis 17:7-8 NIV).

From these passages, as well as others, it is clear that ownership of the land belongs forever to Abraham's descendants. Their right to occupy the land is another matter. God set specific borders for Israel. The Promised Land belongs to them alone, to no others.

Scripture says the Lord has also set the borders of the nations of the world.

When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, When He separated the sons of man, He set the boundaries of the peoples. According to the number of the sons of Israel (Deuteronomy 32:8 NET).

Please notice that the LORD gave the nations their inheritance. It was not some human decision. Furthermore the boundaries were set according to the number of the sons of Israel.

The psalmist also noted the boundaries of the earth were established by God alone:

You have established all the boundaries of the earth . . . (Psalm 74:17 NET).

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There Will Be A Worldwide Rebellion Against This Idea

However, in the last days, the world will rebel against this idea of borders. The fact that the Final Antichrist, and the False Prophet, will set up a system where nobody anywhere can buy or sell without the mark of the Beast, infers a world without borders, a globalistic world.

Sadly, this is precisely where the world is going...Note the following stories...

Globalism... A World Without Borders

A World Without a Country?

By Henry Grunwald

Jan. 1, 2000, at 12:01 am ET

In a recent book about school curricula, the author argues that instead of merely being taught concepts like nationalism, students should be encouraged to imagine what the world would be like without countries.

A World Without Borders Richer, Fairer, and More Free

By Nathan Smith **February 28, 2017**

Western elites aren't letting in too many immigrants—they are letting in too few. These advocates, including the author, call for a regime of nearly complete freedom of migration worldwide, with rare exceptions for preventing terrorism or the spread of contagious disease.

Why We Need A World Without Borders. UK Independent Thursday 21 January 2021

So many of the divisions between countries are imaginary, decided by on agreement or conflict, writes Steve Taylor. We need to get rid of this nationalistic thinking for good

There are countless different species on the surface of this planet. One of these is the human race, which has over seven billion members. In one sense, there are no nations, just groups of humans inhabiting different areas of the planet. In some cases, there are natural borders formed by sea or mountains, but often borders between nations are simply abstractions, imaginary boundaries established by agreement or conflict.

No borders... No sovereign countries... However, the Bible says God has established the borders of the nations. Consequently, this is one of the many movements at the time of the end which will purportedly defy what the Lord has established.

For further documentation on this issue see *25 Signs We Are Near The End ...* Sign 12: There Will Be A Ten Nation Confederation in Western Europe (The Revival Of The Ancient Roman Empire) and Sign 13: The Coming One World Government (Globalism).

Biblical Prediction 11 There Will Be Attacks On The Traditional Family

There is another God-given institution that the Lord has established that will be attacked, the family. The Apostle Paul wrote the following to Timothy about what will occur in the last days:

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons ... forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. (1 Timothy 4:1,3 NKJV).

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Paul predicted that in the latter times, the last days, people will be forbidden to marry. Notice also they will tell people not to eat certain foods that the Lord created. Both are called the “doctrines of demons.”

Sound familiar? Consider this frightening story...

If Marriage Can Mean Anything, It Will Soon Mean Nothing ...STELLA MORABITO
THE FEDERALIST NOVEMBER 29, 2022

The Respect for Marriage Act lets the government establish a permanent presence in your personal life while redefining your relationships. No matter how you define “marriage,” there is zero respect for it in the so-called Respect for Marriage Act.

You may believe it serves to federally codify the Supreme Court’s *Obergefell* decision that rejected marriage as a male-female union. Maybe it would do so temporarily. But that’s not the endgame....

If we continue on this path, the government will no longer have to recognize any biological relationships. It need not recognize any legal right you might have as the parent of your biological child. Why should it? It would have already abolished its recognition of the union that produced the child...

Sadly, this is where our rebellious world is headed. Who would have ever thought that people would actually want to forbid a man and a woman marrying? Or denying parental rights for your own child?

Again, the Bible knew that it was going to happen.

Biblical Prediction 12 People Will Call Good Evil, And Evil Good, And They Will Hate That Which Is Good

About 2,700 years ago, Isaiah the prophet wrote about the reason for the coming captivity of the southern kingdom of Judah:

How terrible it will be for people who call good things bad and bad things good, who think darkness is light and light is darkness, who think sour is sweet and sweet is sour. How terrible it will be for people who think they are wise and believe they are clever (Isaiah 5:20-21 NCV)

The people’s inverted value system caused them to reject God’s standards of righteousness.

Well, there’s nothing new under the sun. Paul wrote:

Remember this! In the last days there will be many troubles... They will be cruel, will hate what is good (2 Timothy 3:1,3 NCV).

People will not only be cruel to one another; they will hate that which is good...

Consider this article about the present situation on college campuses...

Universities: poisoning the well of knowledge
FRIDAY, DEC 16, 2022 - 11:19

About 65% of students fear sharing their opinions in classrooms or on campuses

Some academic deans believe that free speech protections do not apply to offensive or disingenuous speech

Some student publications are explicit that opposing free speech falls within the protection of free speech

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66% of students believe it is OK to shout down and silence a speaker to stop them from expressing an unwelcome view

23% of students believe it is OK to use violence to stop free speech

What exactly are these unwelcome views? Consider this very sad story....

Students Speak Out On Anti-White, Anti-Christian, Anti-American Culture At Florida University by *Darlene McCormick Sanchez ...The Epoch Times*

Six conservative students attending a major Florida university told The Epoch Times, on condition of anonymity, about their frustration with the anti-white, anti-Christian, and anti-American environment on campus and in classrooms that make them feel uncomfortable at best and threatened at worst.

Across the country, parents have pushed back against their community school boards for allowing radical race and gender theories in grades K-12. But experts told The Epoch Times that the same pushback hasn't happened at the college level—the birthplace of Critical Race Theory (CRT).

CRT, the experts said, is rampant across the nation, not just in Florida. And that means conservative students nationwide are struggling to navigate college systems, where they face disdain for their beliefs and encouragement to reject their core values.

Extremist' views

A Christian law student, who supports the National Rifle Association (NRA), told The Epoch Times he didn't know he'd been reported as "an extremist" for expressing conservative views until FBI agents knocked on his apartment door. They questioned him about his political views for more than an hour.

A journalism student said she felt bullied by a professor who forced students to parrot her scorn for America's "systemic racism" and affirm "progressive talking points" on immigration, gender-identity issues, "queer theory," intersectionality, transgenderism, religious faith, and the ideas of Karl Marx, author of "The Communist Manifesto."

"I can't write what I truly believe" about these issues, Mia said. "When I did that, I got an F. In order to pass a class, I have to affirm leftist ideas I don't believe in. When I repeat all the talking points and present them as ideas I believe wholeheartedly, I get As."

"It feels like being brainwashed when they reward you for repeating their ideas and punish you for saying things that go against their beliefs."

Those who attempt to protest, what the powers that be are doing, will be accused of being such things as regressives, racists, homophobes, transphobic, Islamophobic, etc.

Calling good evil and evil good... Opposing that which is good... Another sign of the time of the end according to Scripture. As we are all painfully aware, it is now all around us.

Let's Review These Twelve Biblical Predictions...

Biblical Prediction 1 The Entire Population Of The Earth Will Be Able To Watch Certain Prophesied Events In Real Time

The Bible predicts a world where everyone, at the time of the end, will be able to see global events take place in real time. This includes the events surrounding the death of the two witnesses, Revelation 11, as well as the

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Abomination of Desolation that will take place in the Temple in Jerusalem, Matthew 24:15. With such projects as Elon Musk's Starlink, this will now be made possible.

Biblical Prediction 2 All Financial Transactions Worldwide Will Be Able To Be Monitored

Scripture also predicts that a time will come when every business transaction on the planet will be monitored. Nobody will be able to buy or sell without the Mark of the Beast, namely, the mark of the Final Antichrist. The push toward digital currency will allow this to happen on a global scale.

Biblical Prediction 3 Israel Will Be In The World's Spotlight

The nation of Israel will not only exist at the time of the end, they will also miraculously come back to their ancient homeland in the last days. This will take place after being gone for a very long time. They will form a modern state, and unify the city of Jerusalem. Each of these events have been predicted by Scripture. This has caused the modern state of Israel to never have a moment of peace. Consequently, they will remain in the spotlight of the world as many the nations of the world work for their destruction.

Biblical Prediction 4 There Will Continual Persecution Of Jews And Christians

Of all the people groups in the world, Scripture specifically predicts that Christians and Jews will not only exist in the last days, they will both be singled out for persecution. This is precisely what we see happening now. We should recognize how amazing this prediction is, namely how could anyone know, two thousand years ago, that Christians and Jews would still exist at the time of the end! Humanly speaking, nobody could know.

Biblical Prediction 5 The Ezekiel 38,39 Last Days Coalition That Will Attack Israel Will Be Forming

The Ezekiel 38, 39 last days invasion of Israel sees four groups involved: The nation of Israel who will be invaded, the specific nation's that invade Israel, the nation's that will question why this is taking place, and finally nations not mentioned as being involved. From Scripture, we know the identities of each group. Several decades ago none of them were lined up where the Bible predicted they would be. However, the situation has changed. Indeed, today, miraculously, the lineup of nations is precisely what Scripture said it would be.

Biblical Prediction 6 What Israel Will Look Like In The Last Days Before The Ezekiel 38,39 Invasion

Before the last days invasion of Israel by a number of regional nations, the Bible tells us what Israel will look like at the time of the aggression. In fact, eleven specific things are assumed to be true about Israel and their situation. All eleven have been miraculously fulfilled!

Biblical Prediction 7 Russia's Dominant Leadership In The Middle East

In the last days, Scripture predicts that Russia will exert its influence over Middle East. In fact, they must be powerful enough to lead a last days coalition of nations that will invade Israel. Today, this is exactly what we see.

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Biblical Prediction 8 There Will Be A Continuing Decline Of The United States

The Bible reveals that there is no fear from Russia for any intervention from any superpower that would hinder them to invade Israel in the last days. This highlights the lack of superpower status for the United States at the time of the end. Today, the sad truth is that the U.S. is clearly on the decline.

Biblical Prediction 9 There Will Be Preparations To Build A Third Temple

The Temple Mount, the small geographical area in Jerusalem, will be the scene where the most important last days events will take place. They will revolve around a future Temple that has not yet been built. Preparations are being made to build a Third Temple. Basically, everything is ready. However, the possibility to build is not yet a reality.

Biblical Prediction 10 There Will Be A Move Toward A One-World Political And Economic System (Globalism)

The Bible declares that God has ordained borders for the nations of the world. In fact, He promised specific borders for the nation of Israel that would be theirs forever. Globalism, the idea of a world without borders, is attempting to erase what the Lord has established.

Biblical Prediction 11 There Will Be Attacks On The Traditional Family

The Bible specifically predicts that the unbelieving world will forbid marriage in the last days. This is precisely where we see everything going. If these unbelievers have their way, the family unit, as we know it, will be a thing of the past.

Biblical Prediction 12 People Will Call Good Evil, And Evil Good, And They Will Hate That Which Is Good

Finally, the Bible says that the world system at the time of the end will be calling evil “good,” good “evil,” and hating that which is good. Sadly, this mindset is now everywhere in our present world.

Those who protest are regarded as regressive, not progressive. The “regressives” will be told that there is not a place for them in this evolving world. They will be singled out and ostracized for being intolerant, homophobic, Islamophobic, transgender phobic, and racist.

Conclusion On Our 12 Biblical Predictions

What are the odds that any one of these twelve biblical predictions could be fulfilled by mere chance?

Correct. None of these things were predictable on a natural level. However, the Bible is a supernatural book, the divine revelation of the only God who exists. This is why we see the stage being set for the literal fulfillment of each of these predictions.

The words of the Lord to ancient Israel are appropriate here:

You have heard; now look at all the evidence! Will you not admit that what I say is true? (Isaiah 48:6 NET).

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Summing Up:

If a person is intellectually honest, they cannot deny the Scripture has accurately predicted all these things ahead of time.

The logical conclusion is that the Bible is indeed the Word of the Living God, which among other things, has supernaturally told us what will take place in the future.

Therefore, it further confirms the main message of Scripture: Jesus Christ is the one way to reach the one God. He alone is the way, the truth and the life.

Finally, from what the evidence has shown, believers in Jesus Christ will have so many other biblical predictions fulfilled in the future. This includes our bodies raised from the dead, the uniting with our friends and relatives who have passed on, who have believed in Christ, and the promise of forever living in the presence of the Lord.

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