



## **Prophetic Times**

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Strange times – lots of questions – no good news

What about the future? The Bible has answers.

Prophecies fulfilled:

**Jesus' first coming** – 300 OT prophecies - FULFILLED

**Jesus' second coming** – 900+ prophecies – He will fulfill. He is telling us what to look for. Significant events in history led to His second coming.

**We are living in prophetic times (we always have been).**

**What times in Biblical history do we live?**

**1. We are living when the Rebirth of the Israel Nation is happening.**

1948 the Nation of Israel began.

God promised Abraham the father of Israel that he would be a blessing.

*“and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” - Genesis 12:2-4*

His name is revered by Christians and Jews and Muslims. God said he would make him a great blessing. The Bible is a Jewish book. The ten commandments are the basis of Jurisprudence (*The philosophy, science, and study of law and decisions based on the interpretation thereof*) around the world.

I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you.

Throughout history, it has never gone well for those who are against Israel.

The one promise that has gone unfulfilled for over 2000 years was the promise of a land of their own.

**In 1948 President Harry Truman** was visited by the Chief Rabbi of Israel at the White House. He told President Truman that God put him in his mother's womb so that he would be the instrument to bring about the rebirth of Israel after 2000 years. And those in that meeting recorded that Truman had tears in his eyes. He comprehended the significance of that moment. Hardly anyone talked about it then but today it is on the news second only to the United States and everyone is amazed at their military might and resilience. The United States was the first to recognize Israel as a nation.

The nation of Israel is 1/19<sup>th</sup> the size of Calif. Not even as big as New Jersey.

Bethlehem was small and insignificant but God had a plan.

**Jerusalem is a Chosen city and a Capital city.**

**Jerusalem became a capital city by the decree of King David over 3000 years ago. And has remained Israel's capital ever since. For many years American opinion was in favor of moving the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.**

**In Oct 1995 (Bill Clinton) Congress called for the move to occur by May 1999. George W. Bush and Obama didn't act sitting security issues. In June 2017 United States Senate unanimously passed a resolution (90 to nothing) that reaffirmed the 1995 congressional decision and called upon the president to implement it. Six months later President Trump recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital and moved the US Embassy.**

**I Kings 8:44; Deut. 12 five times we are told God chose Jerusalem for his name.**

**II Chronicles 6:5-6** *"Since the day I brought my people out of Egypt, I have not chosen a city in any tribe of Israel to have a temple built so that my Name might be there, nor have I chosen anyone to be ruler over my people Israel. <sup>6</sup> But now I have chosen Jerusalem for my Name to be there, and I have chosen David to rule my people Israel."*

**2. Realignment of Europe** (Dan. 2 & 9) Daniel interprets 2 dreams. They are about the history of the world from Daniel's time until God sets up his kingdom on this earth. One is of a statue and the other is of beasts. There was Babylon and then there was Mito Persia and then Greece and Rome...

27 countries in this European coalition – with their own currency – the Eurodollar, their own constitution, and soon their own President. The reconnection of all the old Roman Empire is fulfilling the prophecies of Daniel. They are now one of the most powerful nations in the world.

In the last days, there will come a World Ruler. He will come from the old revived Roman Empire. He will assert his power and dominance over the whole earth.

He will declare – that he is to be worshipped. All the people of the earth will be marked as his subjects. Without this mark, you will not survive.

The scriptures call him the beast. – he will come on the scene after the rapture of the church. THE CHURCH. Not church attenders.

The redistribution of wealth - oil

### **3. The Rise of Radical Islam. Islamic Terrorism**

9/11 got our attention.

Fatah and Jihad are military terms of Islam. These express that Allah has commanded them to conquer the nations of the world both by cultural invasion and by military domination.

**Fatah** means they move into communities and they set up strong blocks of influence so little by little they're able to gain control of influence in the community.

**Jihad** means that they believe those who are not Islamic are heretics that include all of the Jews and all of us.

Islamic people are mostly peace-loving people. The vast majority of 1.5 billion and do not want to be a part of deadly violence. Experts say that 15-20% are radical enough to strap a bomb on their bodies and kill themselves and others (Christians and Jews) that's 300 million.

**Mahdi** – An Islamic belief system - the concept that their Messiah is going to come when there is absolute worldwide chaos on this earth.

Most of these terms I have learned recently. Because until 9/11.

They were over there. Something missionaries would talk about.

**Islam is the fastest-growing religion in America.**

All these things were to happen according to scripture and are now happening.

**Why is that important? It is preparing the way for his second coming.**

**There are signs for His second coming - not the rapture.**

**Rapture – caught up, grabbed, snatched.**

**Second Coming – beginning of the millennial reign of Christ.**

## **The Rapture is next!! – The Great Reunion**

**I Thess 4:13-18** *“Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have **no hope**. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have **fallen asleep in him**. According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.*

*For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be **caught up together** with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore comfort and encourage one another with these words.”*

**Q.** If the Lord was to come back tomorrow. What would that day look like for you?

**2 Tim. 2:11-13** *“Here is a trustworthy saying:*

*If we died with him,  
we will also live with him;  
if we endure,  
we will also reign with him.  
If we disown him,  
he will also disown us;  
if we are faithless,  
he remains faithful,  
for he cannot disown himself.”*

### **Stay involved with other believers and His word.**

**2 Tim. 2:14-26** *“Keep reminding God’s people of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, who have departed from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some. Nevertheless, God’s solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: “The Lord knows those who are his,” and, “Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness.”*

*In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.*

*Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will."*

### **Be Loving towards others**

**1 Thess 3:12-13** *"May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for **each other and for everyone else**, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones."*

**This should be our finest hour.**

### **Hebrews 10:24-25**

*"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

### **Stay Calm**

**John 14:1-3** *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. **You** believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told **you** that I am going there to prepare a place for **you**? And if I go and prepare a place for **you**, I will come back and take **you** to be with me that **you** also may be where I am."*

**God loves you.**

**Now it's time for you to love God.**

**Rev 21:27** *"Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life."*