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Introduction (Matthew 24:32-33, 36)

The Bible is clear in teaching that we cannot know the time of the return of our Lord. And yet, He does expect to be aware of the “seasons” and see the nearness of His return (Mt. 24:32-33). There is nothing that must happen (in terms of prophetic fulfillment) before the Rapture of the Church. But as we see the increasing similarity of our times to those that will characterize the Tribulation, the period leading up to the second coming of Christ, the closer His appearing seems.

The articles cited below are not meant to say that they are the fulfillment of prophecy. Rather, they are an illustration of how end-time prophecy might be fulfilled. Also, they show an increasing readiness for the end-time events. One illustration of this might be the Temple in Jerusalem. The Bible indicates there will be a Temple in Jerusalem before the return of Christ (Dan. 9:27; Mt. 24:15; & 2 Thes. 2:3-4). The news pointing to a readiness to rebuild the Temple shows how readily the world situation could become what is described in the biblical accounts of the days leading to the return of Christ.

“I read the, newspaper,” said John Newton, “that I may see how my heavenly Father governs the world;” a very excellent reason indeed. We have read the newspaper during the last three months that we might find illustrations of the teaching of our heavenly Father’s word; and we think we have not read in vain, for we have gathered instances in proof, and facts in explanation, which we have jotted down in these pages. The worlds of nature and of providence are full of parallels to things moral and spiritual, and serve as pictures to make the written book of inspiration more clear to the children of God. [CH Spurgeon, Preface to *The Bible and the Newspaper*, AGES Spurgeon 2.0]

"If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next... . It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this." (C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity [New York: Harper Collins, 2001], 134.) HT:
<https://thecripplegate.com/practical-eschatology/>

1. Middle East Peace

A. Scripture (Daniel 9:27)

Dan. 9:27 indicates that the last seven years before the return of Christ will start with a peace treaty that will apparently allow Israel renewed worship.

B. News

1. In West Bank, Netanyahu tells Trump officials he'll give peace plan a fair shake

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/in-west-bank-netanyahu-tells-trump-officials-hell-give-peace-plan-a-fair-shake/>

2. US embassy in Israel releases security alert after Soleimani strike

https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog_entry/us-embassy-in-israel-releases-security-alert-after-soleimani-strike/

3. Berkowitz meets Netanyahu over potential Trump peace plan roll out

<https://www.jpost.com/Arab-Israeli-Conflict/Avi-Berkowitz-meets-with-Netanyahu-to-discuss-Trumps-peace-plan-613379>

4. NETANYAHU: ISRAELI-ARAB TIES ADVANCE, BUT FULL PEACE UNATTAINABLE NOW

Arab foreign ministers agreed that Israel had a right “to defend itself against Iranian aggression,” and held that it poses an existential threat, even without nuclear weapons, he said.

BY [TOVAH LAZAROFF](#)

<https://www.jpost.com/Arab-Israeli-Conflict/Netanyahu-Israeli-Arab-ties-advance-but-not-peace-580697>

5. ABBAS EMBARKS ON TRIP TO WAGE BATTLE OVER TRUMP'S 'DEAL OF THE CENTURY'

Abbas is traveling from one Arab country to another in an attempt to prevent Middle East countries from supporting Trump's peace plan.

BY [SARA RUBENSTEIN](#)

<https://www.jpost.com/Arab-Israeli-Conflict/Abbas-embarks-on-trip-to-wage-battle-on-Trumps-Deal-of-the-Century-580519>

2. The Temple

A. Scripture (Dan. 9:27; Mt. 24:15; & 2 Thes. 2:3-4)

The Bible indicates that the Temple in Jerusalem must be rebuilt (again) and have a part in the end-time events. This is seen in Daniel 9:27; Mt. 24:15; and 2 Thes. 2:3-4.

B. News

1. Putin prayed for the building of the Third Temple

BIN EXCLUSIVE: Sanhedrin Asks Putin and Trump to Build Third Temple in Jerusalem

By [Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz](#) [November 10, 2016 , 11:30 am](#)
<https://www.breakingisraelnews.com/78372/bin-exclusive-sanhedrin-asks-putin-trump-build-third-temple-jerusalem/>

2. Foxes seen near Temple Mount stark reminder of destruction, biblical prophecy

<https://www.christianpost.com/news/foxes-seen-near-temple-mount-reminder-destruction-biblical-prophecy.html>

3. [Practice] Burning of [Non-Red] Heifer Takes Place in Preparation for Third Temple

Exclusive: Burning of Heifer Takes Place in Preparation for Third Temple

By [Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz](#) [August 15, 2019 , 8:42 am](#)

<https://www.breakingisraelnews.com/135387/exclusive-burning-red-heifer-takes-place-preparation-third-temple/>

4. Jewish prayer has returned to the Temple Mount - exclusive

<https://www.jpost.com/Arab-Israeli-Conflict/Jewish-prayer-has-returned-to-the-Temple-Mount-exclusive-610781>

5. Rabbi Glick Interrupts Netanyahu's Speech to Remind him to Build Third Temple

By [David Sidman](#) [January 8, 2020 , 1:44 pm](#)

<https://www.breakingisraelnews.com/142956/rabbi-glick-interrupts-netanyahu-speech-to-remind-him-to-build-third-temple/>

**** . Babylon Bee: Trump Tower To Be Constructed On Temple Mount**

<https://babylonbee.com/news/trump-tower-to-be-constructed-on-temple-mount>

3. One World Government

A. Scripture. (Rev. 13:7; 17:12-13)

The Bible speaks of a one-world government (Rev. 13:7; 17:12-13) headed by the Antichrist (though it will face opposition from northern, southern and eastern nations not aligned with the revived Roman empire [e.g., Ezek. 38-39]).

B. News

1. China Training Pastors to Preach on Communism, not the Bible

<https://www.christianheadlines.com/contributors/michael-foust/china-training-pastors-to-preach-on-communism-not-the-bible.html>

2. On the need of a democratic global government

<https://www.democracywithoutborders.org/7085/on-the-need-of-a-democratic-global-government/>

4. One World Economy

A. Scripture (Rev. 13:16-18)

Rev. 13:16-18 teaches that the Antichrist will totally control trade so that no one will be able to buy or sell without the mark of the beast on his right hand or his forehead.

Rev. 13:16 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, [17] and he provides that no one should 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. [18] Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.

B. News

1. IS BIG TECH MERGING WITH BIG BROTHER? KINDA LOOKS LIKE IT

<https://www.wired.com/story/is-big-tech-merging-with-big-brother-kinda-looks-like-it/>

2. China Uses DNA to Track Its People, With the Help of American Expertise

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/21/business/china-xinjiang-uighur-dna-thermo-fisher.html>

3. CHINESE SOCIAL CREDIT SCORE PREVENTS 2.5 MILLION “DISCREDITED ENTITIES” FROM BUYING PLANE TICKETS

<https://www.infowars.com/chinese-social-credit-score-prevents-2-5-million-discredited-entities-from-buying-plane-tickets/>

4. Alabama football’s ‘very alarming’ student tracking system

<https://nypost.com/2019/09/14/alabama-footballs-very-alarming-student-tracking-system/>

5. Beijing Launches New Rule: Residents Must Pass Facial Recognition Test to Surf Internet

https://www.theepochtimes.com/beijing-launches-new-rule-residents-must-pass-facial-recognition-test-to-surf-internet_3099181.html

6. In Further Step to Monitor Tibet Region, Chinese Authorities Install Facial Recognition Cameras in Taxis

https://www.theepochtimes.com/in-further-step-to-monitor-tibet-region-chinese-authorities-install-facial-recognition-cameras-in-taxis_2828837.html

7. Want to Enter Church? Scan Your Fingerprints and Face

<https://bitterwinter.org/want-to-enter-church-scan-your-fingerprints-and-face/>

8. Chinese government introduces mandatory face scans for all mobile phone users

<https://disrn.com/news/chinese-government-introduces-mandatory-face-scans-for-all-mobile-phone-users/>

9. Guangdong Police Take Saliva Samples Amid Fears of Nationwide DNA Program

<https://www.rfa.org/english/news/china/saliva-08072019135647.html>

5. One World Religion

A. Scripture (Dan. 9:27; 2 Thes. 2:3-4; Rev. 13:8)

Part of what the Bible tells us about the Antichrist is that he will take over the Temple at the mid-point of the Tribulation and set himself up for worship (Dan. 9:27; 2 Thes. 2:3-4). Rev. 13:8 says that all the non-elect will worship him. The end times, therefore, will see a unified state religion that will oppose the biblical faith.

B. News

1. Urbana 2018, the triennial missions conference by InterVarsity

<https://urbana.org/seminar/called-god-qssa-christians-missions>

2. Pope seems to 'overturn' Gospel in statement with Grand Imam: Church historian

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/popes-claim-that-god-wills-many-religions-seems-to-overturn-gospel-church-h>

3. Human fraternity is a divine calling, says WCC general secretary

<https://www.christiantelegraph.com/2019/02/04/human-fraternity-is-a-divine-calling-says-wcc-general-secretary/>

4. Tom Brady Says Wife, a 'Good Witch,' Helps Him Win with Altars, Stones, Mantras

<https://www.christianheadlines.com/contributors/michael-foust/tom-brady-says-wife-a-good-witch-helps-him-win-with-altars-stones-mantras.html>

5. Robot 'GOD': AI version of Buddhist deity to preach in Japanese temple

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/1091915/Japan-robot-God-robot-buddhist-Kyoto-temple-Kannon-Bodhisattva>

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FswTQ-ARgWQ>

6. Playing god: Japan temple puts faith in robot priest

[AFP Relax News](#) • August 13, 2019

<https://news.yahoo.com/playing-god-japan-temple-puts-faith-robot-priest-043640106.html>

7. Venezuela's Maduro has immortalized Chavez, exalting him as a god

<https://www.christianheadlines.com/blog/5-things-christians-should-know-about-the-crisis-in-venezuela.html>

8. Court Sustains Conviction of Woman Who Criticized Muhammad's Marriage to a Child

<https://www.christianheadlines.com/blog/court-sustains-conviction-of-woman-who-criticized-muhammad-s-marriage-to-a-6-year-old.html>

9. Seminary confesses to plants in chapel.

Union Seminary [Verified account @UnionSeminary](#)

<https://twitter.com/UnionSeminary/status/1174000941667880960>

10. Chinese Christians Throwing Away Bibles to Raise 'Social Credit Score'

<https://pulpitandpen.org/2019/09/19/chinese-christians-throwing-away-bibles-to-raise-social-credit-score/>

11. China orders Christians to rewrite the Bible for the era of President Xi

<https://www.dailystar.co.uk/news/china-orders-christians-rewrite-bible-21152113>

12. 'Only Government-Supervised Worship Is Allowed!'

<https://bitterwinter.org/only-government-supervised-worship-is-allowed/>

13. New Law Requires Chinese Christians Fully Submit to Communist Party

<https://www.christianheadlines.com/contributors/mikaela-matthews/new-laws-require-chinese-christians-to-fully-submit-to-communist-party.html>

14. Russia, UN, Syria Rebuild Pagan Temple of Baal in Palmyra: Third Pre-Messiah Gateway

<https://www.breakingisraelnews.com/141310/russia-un-syria-rebuild-pagan-temple-baal-palmyra-third-pre-messiah-gateway/>

6. Babylon

A. Scripture (Rev. 17-18)

Revelation 17-18 (Note 17:1, 5) indicates that Babylon will again be a significant city and focus in end time events. Many have thought that this was perhaps symbolic of Rome. That is not required by the text. Some have wrongly assumed that the judgment of Babylon in Jer. 50-51 has been fulfilled so that Babylon will never be rebuilt. See Dyer's articles for a clear refutation (Bib Sac 144: 305-316 and 145: 433-449). See also Dr. S. Lewis Johnson's transcribed sermons: [Isaiah 13:1 – 14:23' "Babylon and Lucifer"](#) and his five sermons on [Revelation 17-18](#).

B. News

Iraq is in the news with growing cooperation with Iran and the tensions related to the US killing of Qassem Soleimani, the leader of Iran's paramilitary Quds Force

1. Trump threatens Iraq with sanctions if US troops are expelled

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-51003159>

2. US kills Iran's most powerful general in Baghdad airstrike

<https://apnews.com/5597ff0f046a67805cc233d5933a53ed>

3. Ancient Iraqi city of Babylon designated UNESCO World Heritage Site

<https://www.jpost.com/Middle-East/Ancient-Iraqi-city-of-Babylon-designated-UNESCO-World-Heritage-Site-594749>

7. Invasion from the North

A. Scripture (Ezek. 38-39)

The Bible indicates that Israel is the focus of the end-time events. One aspect of that is that it will be the center of much warfare. One assault will come from a northern alliance. Many commentators equate this with Russia—at least in part (i.e., Magog in the Caucasus mountain region) (cf. BKCOT, 1299-1300—see update map), Ezek. 38-39.

While somewhat dated by references to the Soviet Union, Charles Dyer's comments in the *Bible Knowledge Commentary on the OT* (BKCOT), on Ezekiel 38 are helpful:

However, while one must avoid dogmatic assertions, three reasons suggest including the Soviet Union within Ezekiel's prophecy: (1) Some of the countries named by Ezekiel were located in what is now Russia. (2) The armies are said to come "from the far north" (Eze 38:6, Eze 38:15; Eze 39:2). This probably includes the land bridge between the Black and Caspian Seas, now part of the Soviet Union. (3) Ezekiel spoke of a coalition of several nations, many of whom are today aligned with or under the influence of the Soviet Union. These include Iran ("Persia"), Sudan and northern Ethiopia ("Cush"), Libya ("Put"), and Turkey ("Meshech," "Tubal," "Gomer," and "Beth Togarmah"). All these nations (see Eze 38:2-3, Eze 38:5-6), possibly led by

the Soviet Union, will unite to attack Israel. (emphasis added)

Mark Hitchcock, *Iran and Israel*, gives this chart of the modern geographic regions represented by these ancient peoples:

THE END-TIME GOG COALITION	
Rosh (ancient RASHU, Rasapu, Ros, and Rus)	Russia
Magog (ancient Scythians)	Central Asia
Meshech (ancient Muschki and Musku)	Turkey
Tubal (ancient Tubalu)	Turkey
Persia	Iran
Ethiopia (Cush)	Sudan
Put or Phut	Libya
Gomer (ancient Cimmerians)	Turkey
Beth-togarmah (ancient Til-garimmu or Tegarma)	Turkey

B. News

1. China, Iran, and Russia to hold joint naval drills starting Friday

<https://www.jpost.com/International/China-Iran-and-Russia-to-hold-joint-naval-drills-starting-Friday-612177>

2. Russian submarine found near Israeli coast

<https://www.jpost.com/Middle-East/Russian-submarine-found-near-Israeli-Gush-Dan-coast-607551>

3. Russia and Turkey are trying to be the arbiters of peace in the Middle East

<https://www.jpost.com/Middle-East/Russia-and-Turkey-are-trying-to-be-the-arbiters-of-peace-in-the-ME-611859>

4. Russia: Israel has 'sharply' increased strikes on Syria

<https://www.jpost.com/Middle-East/Russia-Israel-has-sharply-increased-strikes-on-Syria-608567>

8. Wars and Rumors of Wars

A. Scripture (Matthew 24:6-8)

B. News

1. World War 3: 'Rapid military escalation' occurring between Iran and Israel

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/1076129/World-War-3-news-2019-latest-Iran-Israel-Syria-countries-date-Russia-military-warning>

2. Syria Threatens to Bomb Ben Gurion Airport

<http://www.israeltoday.co.il/NewsItem/tabid/178/nid/35760/Default.aspx>

3. Top US admiral in Middle East warns of growing Iranian threat

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/02/13/politics/us-admiral-iran-threat/index.html>

4. Iran Raises Red Flag Over 'Messianic Mosque' Declaring 'End-of-Days' War' for First Time Ever

<https://www.breakingisraelnews.com/142726/iran-raises-red-flag-over-messianic-mosque-declaring-end-of-days-war-for-first-time-ever/>

video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtTlbDbLRI8&feature=emb_logo

5. Princeton study of possible nuclear war between NATO and Russia

<https://www.breakingisraelnews.com/137409/princeton-study-confirms-gog-and-magog-is-a-realistic-scenario/>

video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2jy3JU-ORpo&feature=emb_logo

9. Persecution of Christians

A. Scripture (Mt. 24:9; Rev. 6:9)

Mt. 24:9 indicates that persecution and execution of believers will be part of the end times. Cf. Rev. 6:9.

B. News

1. In China, they're closing churches, jailing pastors – and even rewriting scripture

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<https://www.christianpost.com/voice/why-religious-persecution-in-china-could-get-worse.html>

5. Vimeo removes Christian church's account over videos critical of homosexuality

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9. France's Other Burning Churches

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10. 9 Things You Should Know About Global Persecution of Christians (2019 Edition)

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12. China Installs Surveillance Cameras in Churches to Monitor Christians

Related:

[China Launches Campaign to 'Dismantle' and Eliminate House Churches](#)

[China Edits Pastor's Sermon, Deletes 'God Made Heaven and Earth'](#)

[China Training Pastors to Preach on Communism, not the Bible](#)

[Chinese Police Beat 60 Christians, Close Church and then Bury Bibles](#)

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15. Xi Jinping's Quotes Replace the Ten Commandments in Churches

<https://bitterwinter.org/xi-jinpings-quotes-replace-the-ten-commandments/>

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Rev. 6:8 And I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. And authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.

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1. Countries hardest hit by malaria see rise in cases

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/0/countries-hardest-hit-malaria-see-rise-cases/>

2. Governments urged to stockpile antibiotics for a future flu pandemic

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CNN**

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11. Immorality

A. Scripture (2 Tim. 3:1-5; 2 Pet. 2:1-3)

2 Tim 3:1 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. 3:2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3:3 unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, 3:4 treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; 3:5 holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; and avoid such men as these.

2 Pet. 2:1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. 2:2 And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; 2:3

and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

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1. More than a quarter of the deaths in Holland are “induced,” report finds

<https://aleteia.org/2019/01/22/more-than-a-quarter-of-the-deaths-in-holland-are-induced-report-finds/>

2. Amanda Spielman’s War on Religion in Great Britain

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3. VA Considering Bill Legalizing Abortion Until Just Before Birth

<https://stream.org/va-bill-legalizing-abortion-just-before-birth/>

2. Tran bill failed because of Republican controlled committee

Virginia gov. who defended infanticide: ‘I have devoted my life to caring for children’

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4. Mother, 38, is arrested in front of her children and locked in a cell for seven HOURS after calling a transgender woman a man on Twitter

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By MADELEINE KEARNS**

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8. Trump administration launches global effort to end criminalization of homosexuality

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<https://www.breitbart.com/national-security/2019/07/26/india-investigating-female-feticide-in-132-villages-without-girl-births-in-months/>

10. BBC Tells Schoolchildren There Are 'over 100' Genders

The British Broadcasting Company (BBC) tells primary schoolchildren that there are over 100 genders as part of its "Teach" video series, which has some concerned parents and observers up in arms.

<https://www.breitbart.com/education/2019/09/13/bbc-tells-schoolchildren-there-are-over-100-genders/>

11. UK charity spokeswoman forced to resign for saying only women can have babies

<https://www.dism.com/2019/11/05/charity-spokeswoman-forced-to-resign-for-saying-only-women-can-have-babies/>

12. The Family will suffer

A. Scripture (2 Timothy 3:1-2)

2 Tim 3:1 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. 3:2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy

B. News

1. Court upholds German homeschooling ban

https://world.wng.org/content/court_upholds_german_hom_eshooling_ban

2. The [House Health and Human Services committee on Thursday, Feb. 7](#), debated and ultimately killed [House Bill 1205](#), which would have established a parent's right to refuse transitional health care treatment for their transgender child.

<https://www.mitchellrepublic.com/news/government-and-politics/4568233-bill-killed-ongoing-battle-transgender-rights-south-dakota>

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<https://www.christiantoday.com/article/france-to-replace-mother-and-father-with-parent-1-and-parent-2-on-school-forms/131773.htm>

13. Lawlessness will increase

A. Scripture (Mat. 24:12)

Mat. 24:12 "And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.

B. News

1. Terrorism

2. Mass Shootings

3. Illegal Immigration

14. Primitive Warfare

A. Scripture (Ezekiel 38:1-5)

I have at times wondered if references to horses and other primitive weapons was an indication that end-time events might cause modern weapons to be unfeasible.

B. News

1. China, Russia Building Super-EMP Bombs for 'Blackout Warfare'

<https://freebeacon.com/national-security/china-russia-building-super-emp-bombs-for-blackout-warfare/>

15. Earthquakes

A. Scripture (Matthew 24:6-8)

(Matthew 24:6-8) "And you will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. (7) "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. (8) "But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

B. News

1. Puerto Rico

16. Anti-Semitism

A. Scripture (Rev. 12:12-13)

"For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time." ¹³ And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child. (Revelation 12:12-13)

B. News

1. The New Faces of an Old Hatred: Antisemitism in 2018

<http://www.israeltoday.co.il/NewsItem/tabid/178/nid/35858/Default.aspx>

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5. ADL study: Violence against Jews doubled last year

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17. Asteroids.

A. Scripture Revelation 8:10-11

Revelation 8:10-11 NASB (10) The third angel sounded, and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters.

(11) The name of the star is called Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.

B. News

1. Scientists almost didn't detect approach of 'city-killer asteroid'

<https://www.lmtonline.com/news/article/Scientists-almost-didn-t-detect-approach-of-14173781.php>

2. Nasa tracking devastating 230-kilotonne asteroid that could hit Earth in May 2022

Read more: <https://metro.co.uk/2019/11/14/nasa-tracking-devastating-230-kilotonne-asteroid-hit-earth-may-2022-11124206/?ito=cshare>

Miscellaneous

Application:

All of this is not to set a date or say that these are the final fulfillments of prophecy. They could be or may just show trends

and tendencies. We are told to be watchful. Watch the news and note the seasons!

At least three responses should be given to the study of biblical prophecy:

1. Purification

John tells us that he who has the hope of the rapture of the saints and the coming of Christ purifies himself (1 John 3:2-3). We do that by trusting Christ for salvation (Titus 3:5) and then, repenting of sin, yielding ourselves to the service of Christ.

2. Prayer

Jesus taught us that we are to pray "Thy kingdom come." (Mt. 6:10). When Daniel saw the times in which he lived, he turned to his Bible and then responded to the prophetic teaching with prayer. (Dan. 9:1-3)

3. Proclamation/Preaching

Based on prophetic truths, we should encourage/comfort others (1 Th. 4:18; 5:11, 14; Heb. 3:13). We should also be faithful in persuading others of the gospel and their need to respond (2 Cor. 5:10-11).

This "news" is not to cause us to fear. It reminds us that our hope and home are not in this world, but in heaven with Christ.

Appendix: An overview of Biblical Prophecy

Perhaps it would be helpful to review some of the important features of the prophetic calendar of the Bible. The major parts of it are the following:

- (1) First, the course of the present age will be characterized by the growth of the true church (cf. Matt. 16:13-20), the growth of professing Christendom (cf. 13:1-52), and the growth of apostasy within the latter.
- (2) Second, the translation of the church, including the resurrection of the dead saints, the rapture of the living (cf. 1

Thes. 4:13-18), and the judgment seat of Christ (cf. 2 Cor. 5:10-11).

- (3) Third, the seventieth week of Israel (cf. Dan. 9:24-27), during which a series of prophetic events occur, including the rise of world government and the beast, or the Antichrist, the making of a covenant by the Antichrist with the Jews in the land concerning worship and other matters, and the breaking of the covenant by the beast in the middle of the week (Dan. 9:27).
- (4) Fourth, the second advent of Christ (cf. Rev. 19:11-16), with the judgment of Israel (cf. Ezek. 20:24-38; Matt. 25:1-13) and the judgment of the Gentiles (cf. Matt. 25:31-46).
- (5) Fifth, the messianic kingdom of Christ (cf. Rev. 20:4-6).
- (6) Sixth, the great white throne judgment, where all past accounts of the lost are settled permanently (cf. Rev. 20:11-15).
- (7) Seventh, the creation of the new heavens and the new earth, or the eternal state (Rev. 21:1-8).

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