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I'm so glad to be alive at this time in history, in these end-times, for we know that Jesus Christ is coming soon! Some say His coming is imminent, that He can return at any moment, but that's not true, for God has told us many things that must occur before the end of this age and before the return of His Son (Mark 13:23). I've told you these things in the past, but I will share them again, for God's plans for the future need to be firmly planted in your mind and heart.

Here is God's end-times' outline, what needs to happen before Christ comes back:

* There will be more false Christs, false teachers, and false prophets. Matt. 24:5, 11, 24

* Birth pains (earthquakes, famines, plagues, and wars) will be occurring. Matt.

24:4-8

* There will be a great apostasy resulting in believers being betrayed. Matt. 24:10, 2 Thess. 2:3

* Lawlessness will be increasing all over the world. Matt. 24:12, 2 Thess. 2:11-12

* A Jewish temple will be built in Jerusalem. Matt. 24:15, 2 Thess. 2:4, Rev. 11:1-2

* This temple will be desecrated – there will be *“the abomination of desolation.”* Matt. 24:15

* The Antichrist (beast) will be revealed, worshiped, and begin ruling the world. Rev. 13:3-8

* The Antichrist will cause people to worship his image and take his mark. Rev. 13:11-17

* The gospel of Jesus Christ will be preached to all the nations. Matt. 24:14, 28:19-20

* Both Jews and Christians will be greatly persecuted. Matt. 24:9, 16-22; Rev. 12:14-17

* Millions will be dying because of *“birth pains”* and *“great tribulation”*. Matt. 24:28, Rev. 6:1-9

* The end of this age will be marked by a massive earthquake, and by great signs in the heavens which will result in the world going dark. Matt. 24:3, 29; Rev. 6:12-14

* The coming of Christ and the rapture of the church will happen immediately after the end of the age. Matthew 24:29-31, 1 Thess. 4:15-17

God wants you to know these prophecies that must occur before Christ’s coming. As I’ve been watching the world around us, some of these things have already been happening. And I’ve been seeing other things that relate to, connect, or must precede the above signs, events, and conditions, things that are filling in this end-time’s outline. And I’m saying, *“Wow!!!”* More than ever before, God’s prophetic word is being fulfilled, giving us confidence that it won’t be long before Christ appears. (Heb. 10:25, 37). Here are some things I’ve been seeing and hearing:

* *“Nation will rise against nation... There will be great earthquakes and in various places plagues and famines”* (Luke 21:10-11). Fuel, fertilizer, and labor shortages, along with supply chain issues are leading to food shortages and famines in various parts of the world. Wars will continue to exist and there will be more earthquakes and plagues, just like God said in His word. Matt. 24:25

* *“Evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived”* (2 Tim. 3:13). Our country has become terribly and increasingly sinful and lawless in the past 20 years. Vicious assaults occur in broad daylight. Blatant smash and grab robberies are happening. The unborn are still being killed. There are more murders. There’s a tremendous lack of respect for people. Human trafficking is increasing. Massive government corruption is occurring. Women are becoming men and men are becoming women??!! There’s hate and greed. Truth is lacking, and there are all kinds of lies. Most people don’t love God, but instead love themselves, money, food, sports, pleasure, and all kinds of idols. And it will only get worse. Is. 59:14-15, Amos 6:4-7, 1 Cor. 10:7, 2 Tim. 3:1-4

* *“The Lord said to Satan, ‘Behold, all that he has is in your power...’”* (Job 1:6-12, 1 John 5:19). Seeing the escalating evil makes me think that God has given Satan more freedom to promote sin and carry out wickedness. And it’s God’s judgment upon our country, and part of His end-times’ strategy. The other day I read a flyer promoting an elementary school club in Chesapeake, Virginia. It said, *“Hey kids, let’s have fun at (an) after school Satan club.”* But remember, God is sovereignly and purposefully allowing Satan to do what He wants him to do. Romans 9:17

* *“God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity... to degrading passions... to a depraved mind”* (Rom. 1:24, 26, 28). Sexual perversion of the worst sort is occurring in our country, the sodomization of our society, and our children too. This gross and grave sexual sin is accepted and applauded by many, promoted by a few, and legalized by our lawmakers. It’s clear evidence of the depravity in our country, and that we will soon be removed from our position as the world’s #1 superpower. As most of you know, the moral decline

and downfall of the United States must take place before the Antichrist can come to power and begin ruling the world.

* *“He causes all... to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, and he provides that no one will be able to buy or sell, except the one who has the mark”* (Rev. 13:16-17). Nations are becoming more authoritative and totalitarian. And their plan is to use recent technological advances to control people, advances that have to do with artificial intelligence, smart phones, digital ID's, vaccine passports, surveillance systems, chip implants, social credit scores, and digital currencies. (The United States recently began working on an experimental currency, the Central Bank Digital Currency). Don't you think this technology will sooner or later lead to the development and implementation of the mark of the beast, the means by which the Antichrist will control people? Isn't it also true that people will get use to these advances in technology, for they will seem like they are necessary, and are making life easier? As one person recently said, *“The time will come when we can't live without the mark of the beast.”*

* *“They will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name”* (Matt. 24:9). In the past few years, we've been witnessing the arrests and jailing of political enemies, of *“domestic terrorists”*. It won't be long before Christians, labeled as *“Christian nationalists”* or *“Christian terrorists”*, will be looked upon as one of the main reasons for our country's problems. It's obvious that the stage is being set for an open war on Christianity, for the predicted and unjust persecution of Christians. Matt. 24:9, Rev. 6:9-11

* *“As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another (the Antichrist) will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones”* (Dan. 7:24, Rev. 13:1). In the end, there will be a kingdom of ten nations controlled by the Antichrist, the power base by which he will rule the world during Daniel's 70th week. Bill Wilson, Koenig International Senior News Analyst, said this about our present global situation - *“The G20 is a group of 19 nations plus the European Union committed to coordinating global economic, health,*

and travel policy... Among the G20 initiatives is the World Health Organization which at the last G20 meeting gained approval of its global authority to act as a 'health' control mechanism for international travel, pandemic management, food growth and distribution, and climate control. The G20 nations appear to have empowered themselves to build the vehicle that can be driven by an oligarchy of unelected leaders or a single leader to control the world and enslave its inhabitants."

Then you read about the United Nations, the Global Reset, the World Economic Forum, and that political, financial, and tech leaders have this goal of globalization, of a one world order. I believe this kind of international coordination and control will eventually lead to the coming of the Antichrist and his dictatorial rule of the earth. No one knows exactly how and when this comes about but it will, and sometime after the United States has been dethroned from her position of power. *"The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast (the Antichrist) for one hour."* Revelation 17:12

Never forget that God *"works all things after the counsel of His will"* (Eph. 1:11) with *"a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ"* (Eph. 1:10). God is directing the affairs and activities of the world, He is causing signs and events to happen, and He's moving the pieces, the nations, rulers, and people into place. Be awake and alert. Be working and waiting. Be like the *"men of Issachar, who understood the times and knew what Israel should do"* (1 Chron. 12:32). And soon enough, we *"will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."* Luke 21:27

In a recent Zion's Fire article, David Rosenthal said it this way, *"The Author of the Universe has already written the last chapter. The epic conclusion will take place at His appointed time, and in harmony with His Sovereign purposes. When everything is aligned in accordance with His will, He will initiate the events of the Last Days and bring all things to a just and righteous consummation. I believe we are seeing the shadows of the coming alignment taking shape in the*

world today. Our responsibility as followers of Christ is to remain faithful, keep watching, be discerning, and be prepared.” Amen!

P.S. I get excited knowing what needs to happen before Christ returns, but saddened knowing that many don't have a clue as to what will be taking place. That's why I write this blog post, to help you understand God's plan for the future. I strongly encourage you to read [“Matthew 24 – the Most Important Prophecy Chapter in the Bible.”](#) One more thing – as you know, we live in a world of sadness, sorrow, and depression. Here is [last Sunday's message](#), and it's all about rejoicing in the Lord, and receiving His heart-lifting joy.

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