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Russia At War Against Ukraine - Matthew 24:6



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Another war is taking place! This time it's Russia invading Ukraine! None of us know what this is leading to, but humanly speaking, it doesn't look good. How will this affect Asia, Europe, the United States, and the rest of the world? Only God knows – and I say that sincerely, for it's the truth. And it's not just that God knows what will happen, but that what will happen is part of His overall purpose and plan for the world at this time in history.

We live in the end-times, the last years leading up to Christ's return to rapture the church and take over the world. And Christ told us there would be wars during this time. He said, *"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. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom." Matt. 24:6-7

But there's a lot more than just wars taking place before the coming of Christ. Matt. 24:7 goes on to tell you that there will be famines and earthquakes. And further on in Matt. 24, and in other Bible passages, we discover that much more needs to happen. In fact, Christ said, *"Take heed; behold, I have told you everything in advance"* (Mark 13:23). What then does Christ want us to know? The following, from God's word, is a detailed list of signs and events that need to take place, and conditions that need to be met.

1. Jews are once again living in Israel – Ezekiel 36-37
2. False christs and false prophets are deceiving people – Matt. 24:5, 11, 23-24
3. Wars – Matt. 24:6
4. Famines – Matt. 24:7
5. Earthquakes – Matt. 24:7
6. Plagues (like Covid 19) – Luke 21:11
7. Financial problems (includes inflation) – Rev. 6:6
8. A desire for globalism, a one world order (God's global reset) – Dan. 7, Rev. 13
9. Nations reformed and realigned (God's new world order) – Dan. 2, 7
10. Increasing Anti-Semitism – Matt. 24:15-26, Luke 21:24, Rev. 12:6-16
11. Increasing sin and lawlessness – Matt 24:12, 2 Thess. 2:3, 2 Tim. 3:1-5
12. A very unloving and hostile world – Matt. 24:12
13. Confirmation of a peace treaty between Israel and the Antichrist – Dan. 9:27
14. Offering sacrifices in a newly built temple in Jerusalem – Dan. 9:27, 2 Thess. 2:3-4
15. Great apostasy, a falling away of so-called believers – Matt. 24:10, 2 Thess. 2:3

16. The decline of global powers before the Antichrist rules (e.g., the United States) – Rev. 13
17. The rise, revealing, and rule of the Antichrist – Dan. 9:27, 2 Thess. 2:3-9, Rev. 13:3-7
18. The desolation of the temple by the Antichrist – Dan. 9:27, Matt. 24:15, 2 Thess. 2:4
19. The use of modern technology by the Antichrist to help him rule the world – Rev. 13:15-17
20. Powerful signs and false wonders performed by the 2nd beast – 2 Thess. 2:9-10, Rev. 13:13-14
21. Two godly and powerful witnesses in Jerusalem – Rev. 11:3-12
22. Great persecution of Christians and Jews – Matt. 24:9-10, 21-25; Luke 21:12-19; Rev. 13:7
23. The gospel being preached to all the nations – Matt. 24:14, Matt. 28:19-20
24. The sign of the end of the age, the signs in the heavens – Matt. 24:3, 29; Rev. 6:12-14
25. The sign of the Son of Man – Matt. 24:3, 30

!!THE COMING OF CHRIST AND THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH – Matt. 24:31, 2 Thess. 2:1!!

Let me share some thoughts about this:
1. Much needs to happen before Jesus Christ returns to rapture of the church. Wars are only one of 25 different things. God wants you to see the big picture, to know all that needs to take place before He sends His Son back to this earth.

2. Conditions in this world are going to get much worse before they get better, that is, before Christ comes back to rapture us, and begin His reign over this world. Psalms 2, 46, 67

3. Don't be afraid. *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble… Cease striving and know that I am God… I will be exalted in*

the earth." (Psalm 46). Have promises, trust in the Lord, walk in the Spirit, depend on God's grace, be in a good church, and have good fellowship.

4. God is sovereign, is completely in charge. The world and all that needs to occur before Christ's coming is like a giant trillion-piece puzzle being put together, and every piece is an integral part of God's end-time's plan. He is divinely and wisely directing every thing, every person, and every event in just the right way at just the right time, and it's all leading to Christ's return. This war Russia is having with Ukraine, and all that results from it and how it affects the world is part of this puzzle, part of His perfect end-time's plan. It may now look confusing, but when the church is raptured, the Jews are saved, the world is judged, and Christ begins to reign, it will be beautiful and glorious. *"God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God. "* Rom. 8:28, Eph. 1:9-11, Isaiah 46:9-11

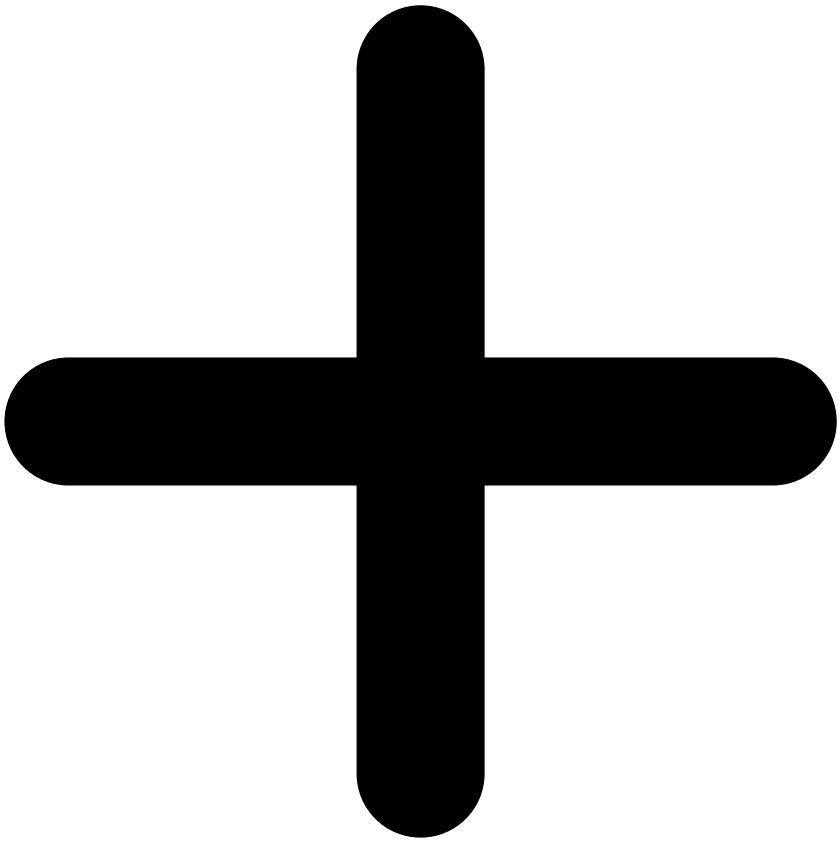
5. It's imperative that you have a clear understanding of Biblical end-times prophecy. Don't be naïve, mistaken, or in error. And be careful that you don't watch too much news, for it can lead to fear and wrong priorities. What's most important is not what people say, but what God has declared in His word, for what He says is altogether true and will come to pass. (Matt. 24:25). I encourage you to read the posts I have written, and look at the charts, for they will help you understand what is to happen and how then you are to live. But take the time to study this out yourself, especially Matt. 24, Luke 21, 1 Thess. 4-5, 2 Thess. 1-2, and Revelation. Then tell your family, friends, fellow church members, and others. *"I have appointed you a watchman."* Ezekiel 3:17, 1 Chronicles 12:32

6. God predetermined and predestined you to be alive at this time in history, in the last years of this church age, just before the coming of

Christ and the rapture of the church. God wanted you to be alive *“for such a time as this”* (Esther 4:14), in this place, with certain people, and to do your part. Love God, love people, be faithful, be diligent, and do all the work God wants you to do. *“Do business until I come back.”* Luke 18:13

7. Be filled with hope. As you work for God, keep looking forward to the future, to the return of Jesus Christ, to seeing Him face to face, and being forever with Him and all the believers. *“They will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”* Luke 21:27

8. Keep praying for the Christians in Ukraine as they go through what is most likely the toughest, most challenging time of their life. Pray that God would give them an extra measure of grace, peace, wisdom, and protection, and use them for His special purposes. Pray too for the lost, that many would turn to the Lord, and be saved.



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