

## CURRENT EVENTS AND THE BIBLE

Greetings precious people, this week we are going to examine another of today's events and how it relates to the Word of God the Bible. In Luke 21:25-28 we read the Words of Jesus as He is giving events that will precede His return. "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

Time and space does not permit us to examine each of the events that are listed so we will focus upon those that are pertinent to our day. First let us consider the "distress of nations with perplexity". The word "distress" has the meaning of strong distress and anxiety. The word "perplexity" has an even stronger connotation of deep anxiety; fearfulness; great worry.

This we are told is to be world wide. We see this in our world today on a large scale. Think with me of the headlines that dominate the news today. Global terrorism; a world economy that is on the verge of collapse; old and new epidemics threatening our health; threat of nuclear war or a dirty bomb being released; the collapse of our government and constitution; China building up its army and attack capabilities; and if you have been with us for the past weeks the many things that I have referenced in previous article.

All of these and more are enough to cause anyone's heart to be troubled and skip a few beats. Interestingly enough this is our second item of interest from the previous verses, "men's hearts failing them from fear".

There is a great deal of stress in many people's lives around the world as there is such uncertainty. People are losing their homes, jobs, families are breaking up, a once thought secure retirement has been lost or is in danger of vanishing, the list goes on and on and there seems to be no light at the end of the tunnel regardless of what our government is telling us.

I do not mean to come across as the bearer of bad news or paint a bleak outlook on the future but there are two things that are telling us that this is how it is to be. First, the reality of the situation, just take a good long look at our present situation. Second and most important is this is what the Word of God the Bible tells us MUST happen before the return of Jesus Christ. Unfortunately most have been convinced that the Bible is archaic and irrelevant to today and is therefore not to be taken seriously. This is a fatal mistake. God is not a man that He should lie, there is no variance or shifting of shadow in Him, He is the same today, yesterday, and forever, what He has said He will perform it you can count on it!

There will be a short period of time when things "seem" to get better but it will be only temporary. This time that I refer to is the time that the anti-Christ comes on the scene. He will appear to have all the answers that everyone has been looking for. He will promise peace and financial prosperity for all. I will cover this in greater detail in a future article as we are seeing the world is being set up for this "man of sin". Many of the world leaders are saying that we need a one world government, one world monetary system, and

one world religion. How amazing is it that God forewarned us of this time thousands of years ago and we are living in the fulfillment of that time now!

The question dear one is: are you ready? What lies ahead of us is not going to be easy; in fact the Bible tells us that it is going to be extremely dangerous times. I exhort you to draw close to Jesus NOW!

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