

CURRENT EVENTS AND THE BIBLE

Greetings precious people, over the past few months I have been writing on current events and how they relate to Biblical Prophecy, in particular as they relate to the “End Times”. It has been my desire in doing this to bring your senses to a greater awareness to the significance of our time.

One of the questions that Jesus asked one day has troubled me for years, in Luke 18:7-8 we read, “And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily.

Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?”

As we have been looking at the “signs of the time” in regards to: earthquakes; famines; economic collapses; one world government; one world religion etc. the question must be asked and answered, what will the “Church” be doing at this time? What will be going on in the church?

With the question that we just considered which Jesus asked the intimations is that faith may be scarce in the days before Jesus returns. First let us be sure we understand what faith it is that Jesus is referring to. Whenever the Bible speaks of faith in a Biblical sense (meaning faith in Jesus Christ’ the faith that saves one from sin) it qualifies it by referring to it as “the faith”. This is the faith that Jesus is referring to for in the Last Days there will be faith (non saving) faith in the anti-Christ.

This lack of and diminishing “saving faith” can be seen in many churches that once believed the Bible to be God’s Word yet have forsaken it for philosophies of men. Many churches do not even have Bibles in them anymore or teach out of them. Instead they quote the latest psychobabble or philosophy that tickles one’s ears.

One might ask, what does the Bible have to do with saving faith? The answer is everything! In Romans 10:10-17, “For **the Scripture says**, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.” How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?” **So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**” This is why there is such a strong relationship of true saving faith to the Bible.

As many are turning away from the Word of God it is no wonder the reality of what we are also warned in the Bible of the Last Days that “many would depart from the truth”. In 2 Thessalonians 2:3 “Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first.” The Greek word for falling away is “aposticia” which means to fall or turn away and in this context it is a falling away from the faith.

And one of the most frightening statements that Jesus ever made in regards to the time of judgment is found in Matthew 7:21-23, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your

name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"

We are entering into some extremely difficulty times beloved, times of which the Lord had forewarned as being "extremely dangerous". All is not lost or hopeless though. God gives us hope in His Word as He tells us to "draw close to Him and He will draw close to us" and "Now to Him (Jesus) who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy."

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