

## CURRENT EVENTS AND THE BIBLE

Greetings precious people, as we have entered a new year the question on many minds is, "What lies ahead for us in 2011?" As we have been looking at current events and how they relate to the Bible for the past number of months, we have seen numerous prophecies concerning the "Last Days" begin to be fulfilled. I do hope that God has used these articles to shake you up and realize that time as we have known it is soon coming to an end. Before we consider what lies ahead I would like to take a little time and briefly recap some of the top events of this past year.

As 2010 came to a conclusion we saw this headline: "2010's WORLD GONE WILD: QUAKES, FLOODS, BLIZZARDS." The AP story begins: "This was the year the Earth struck back. Earthquakes, heat waves, floods, volcanoes, super typhoons, blizzards, landslides and droughts killed at least a quarter million people in 2010 -- the deadliest year in more than a generation. More people were killed worldwide by natural disasters this year than have been killed in terrorism attacks in the past 40 years combined.

The above is only referring to "natural" disasters, think of the "wars and rumors of wars" which seems to be increasing on a daily basis; the increase of terrorist activity now world wide, no nation is safe and exempt from the reaches of terrorism; the enormous increase of epidemic level of diseases, pestilences, sicknesses, famines, the rapid move toward a one-world money system, one-world government, and one-world religion. All of these and more have been foretold in the Word of God the Bible.

The most significant event is what is happening in the Middle East especially when it comes to Israel and its neighbors. We are seeing the "stage" being set for the "final act" as the war of Ezekiel 38 and 39 approaches, my how exciting our days are. I know this may seem like anything but exciting but only when there is ignorance of what will follow. Jesus encouraged His followers with that as these things begin to happen, we who trust in Christ are to "Look up for our salvation is near."

As exciting as the anticipation of Christ's return is, the more near future holds some very difficult times for us. God using the Apostle Paul forewarned us of this in 2 Timothy 3:1-5, "But know this, that in the last days perilous (extremely difficult) times will come: (now we are told why these times will be so terrible and notice the first item that is mentioned) For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power."

I don't mean to ruin anyone's hopeful outlook of the future that believe that "things will get better", that "they will turn around and we will be prosperous once again" because they will not! I have been told that I am a pessimist, I am not, I am an optimistic realist. I am optimistic because I know Jesus is going to come back one day (soon) and He will set up His rule where sin and wickedness will no longer be the norm or allowed but righteousness will rule upon the earth. I am a realist because I know that prior to Christ's return things are going to be REAL BAD! Just read the Book of Revelation. We may think things are bad now, you ain't seen nothin yet.

The speed of which these things are going to occur will make your head spin. They will come so fast that many will not even recognize what is happening. You do not need to be one of the one's that are taken by surprise, take God at His Word, trust Christ with all of your heart, get into a real Bible teaching church, read your Bible, talk to people about Jesus and live life recklessly abandoned to Jesus.

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