

"THE LATTER DAYS"
Luke 21:25-33

INTRODUCTION:

Some may look at a sign that reads, THE BRIDGE IS OUT, and say, "Oh, someone is just trying to scare us, let's just ignore it. They keep going and fall to their death. The sign was not meant to scare them, but to be a warning of danger that could kill them.

God wants you to know, when you see these prophecies in the Bible come to pass then you can – **"Know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand."** – **Luke 21:31.**

I. WHAT IS GOING ON?

A. For Many Years It Has Been Said That The End Was Near

The key to the End Time Prophecy is Israel - **Daniel 12:4, 10; Matthew 24:37, 39.**

1. It has been said that it is virtually impossible for anyone to make 12 straight predictions, 2000 years into the future.
 - a. There is only one chance in 80 with 63 zeros after it that such a thing could be done.
 - b. If such a set of predictions existed, it would have to be the Word of God.

B. Could You Write Twelve Straight Predictions That Would Take Place In The Year 4006 A. D.?

1. The prophecy would have to include:
 - a. Include the rebirth of a specific nation and exactly how it would be reborn.
 - b. Include specific nations that would exist and certain nations that would be allied together, and the exact size of a nation's army.
 - c. Include what the people and church would be like.
 - d. Also include the names of actual cities and name certain crops and fruit trees that would exist.
2. For hundreds of prophecies to be made over 2000 years ago with complete accuracy would mean the Bible is more than man's good luck and ideas.
 - a. The Bible not only does this twelve times, but hundreds of times with absolute, perfect accuracy.
 - b. If this is so, even the most skeptical person would have to agree that there is indeed a God and the Bible has to be His Word.
 - c. **II Peter 1:20-21; Luke 24:25.**

II. LET'S PROVE THE BIBLE IS TRUE AND WE ARE NEARING THE END OF THE LAST GENERATION BEFORE THE RETURN OF THE LORD:

- A. The Jewish People Would Be Scattered Worldwide; Yet Israel Would Become A Nation Again After A Long Time And At A Time The Bible Calls The – **"latter days"**. **Isaiah 66:8; Micah 5:3; Ezekiel 38:8**

THAT'S 1 OUT OF 1

1. Against All odds, this prophecy has been fulfilled. It happened as predicted on May 14, 1948 after about 2,500 years.
2. The rebirth of Israel was a key sign indicating we had entered a time period call the **"latter days."**

- B. Israel Shall Be Brought Forth In One Day, At Once – **Isaiah 66:8**. This prophecy was fulfilled – May 14, 1948

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- C. Israel Would Be Brought Forth (or reborn) – **Ezekiel 38:8 out of the nations"** Prophecy fulfilled – May 14, 1948

THAT'S 3 OUT OF 3.

- D. Israel Must Regain The City Of Jerusalem - **Joel 2:32; Isaiah 28:14; Ezekiel 22:17-22** This happened just as predicted in 1967

THAT'S 4 OUT OF 4

- E. The Lord's Church At The Time Of The End Would Be Lukewarm, Neither Cold Nor Hot For The Lord. This prophecy is being fulfilled today, **Revelation 3:14-22.**

THAT'S 5 OUT OF 5

- F. The Bible Gives Us Over 50 Descriptions About The People At The Time Of The End. These fit the people of today perfectly, but did not fit the people of fifty years ago. Note some of them.

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1. Some would depart from the faith and go into devil worship, **I Timothy 4:1.**
2. People would mock about the last days and not believe it, **II Peter 3:3; Jude 18** -
3. People would become lovers of themselves, **II Timothy 3:1-2**
4. People would be disobeying their parents, **II Timothy 3:1-2.**
5. People would be grateful for nothing, **II Timothy 3:1-2.**

6. Homosexuality would increase. **Luke 17:28, 30**; ref. **Genesis 19:5**; Romans **1:24, 26, 27**
7. People would be out of self-control with sex, **II Timothy 3:1, 2, 6**; **Revelation 9:21**; **Luke 17:28, 30**; **Jude 7**.
8. People would love pleasure more than God, **II Timothy 3:1, 2, 4**.
9. People will be taking drugs – **Revelation 9:21**
According to Vine's Expository Dictionary, the Greek word for sorceries, in this verse means, use of medicine, drugs

G. There Would Be Weapons That Could Destroy The World – **Mark 13:20**; **Revelation 6:8**; **Revelation 9:18**; **Zechariah 14:8, 12**.

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H. There Would Be An Increase In Earthquakes – **Matthew 24:2, 3, 7**; **Mark 13:8**; **Luke 21:11**. This prophecy is correct

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I. The Gospel Must Be Published In The Entire World – **Mark 13:10**.

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J. In The "Latter Days" When Israel Was Once Again A Nation There Would Be A Great Military Power To The Extreme North Of Israel In The Land Of Magog, Which Is Modern Day Russia **Ezekiel 38:2-4, 8, 15,16**.

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1. **Ezekiel 38:15**- Undoubtedly this nation, Magog is Russia, for she comes – **"out of the north parts"**.
 - a. This leading nation will have other nations allied with her in this invasion.
 - b. Five are mentioned in - **Ezekiel 38:5-6**.
 - (1) Persia – modern Iran
 - (2) Ethiopia
 - (3) Libya
 - (4) Gomer – Germany
 - (5) **"the house of Togarmah"** - Turkey
2. How could the Bible have foretold the location of this nation, facts about its military, and even the time period it would come to pass?

K. There Would Be A Nation To The Far East Of Israel, To End Of The Earth, This nation would have an army of 200 million. This is astounding – **Revelation 9:16**. China has been a sleeping giant who has now awakened and is seeking to become a modern, industrialized nation and a world power, will one day march across the river Euphrates just as God's Word says they will do.

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L. There Would Be An Economic Alliance Of The Nations Of The Old Roman Empire.

1. What started as a thought by Winston Churchill in 1946, when he called for a United States of Europe, has become a reality.
2. This is an exact description of the European Economic Community today (the EEC), which has already adopted the one-currency system for many of their member nations. – It is written – **"In the days of these kings** (these nations which is now) **"shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom."** – **Daniel 2:44**

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II. THE RAPTURE AND TRIBULATION WILL HAPPEN NEXT

A. **Rapture** – Is a term to describe the removal from the earth of all living people that have been born again. Just prior the Tribulation coming about, the Rapture will take place, *I Corinthians 15:51-52; I Thessalonians 4:16-17* –

B. **The Tribulation Is The Worst Time In History Since Man Has Been On The Earth.**

1. Shortly after the Rapture, the man of sin (called the Antichrist) will be revealed and assumes control of the EEC. (European Economic Community)
2. He confirms a treaty with Israel and others, which begins the Tribulation, a period of seven (7) years.

C. **Immediately After The Tribulation Of Those Days, The Battle Of Armageddon Explodes.**

1. It last one day. The kings and armies of the earth ar gathered to make war against Jesus Christ.
2. Jesus Christ returns as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords with all His saints.
3. The Antichrist and False Prophet are cast alive into the lake of fire.
4. Satan is chained for one thousand years, so he can deceive the nations no longer till the thousand years be fulfilled.

D. **This May All Sound Like A Fairy Tale, But Remember, From Israel's Rebirth To The Tribulation, There Are About 365 Prophecies.**

1. Nearly all have now been fulfilled.
2. *Psalms 14:1* – **"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God."**

CONCLUSION:

It has been proven beyond any doubt that the Bible is God's Word. Now you are faced with a decision. Will you ignore what you have learned, or will you surrender your life to the Lord Jesus Christ?

ARE YOU READY TO MEET THE LORD?