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Signs of the End Times WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS

Jesus said: "And you will hear of **WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS**. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom..." (from Matthew 24:6-7 NKJV).

I don't have to convince any of you of the horrors of war. I was born during World War II. My Father was gone; serving in the Army Air Corps as a nose gunner in a B-24 Bomber. At eight years of age, I remember when the Korean War started. Most of you know I served a combat tour of duty in the Vietnam War. Since then, we have experienced wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. And, we are talking only about wars in which America was involved. Worldwide, there have been numerous other wars.

This will not change as we progress further into these End Times. Despite the efforts of world leaders, religious leaders, peace activists, and popular musicians singing sentimental songs about giving peace a chance, there will be no lasting peace on the earth until Jesus Christ returns as the Prince of Peace, and establishes order in the earth:

*"Of the **INCREASE OF HIS GOVERNMENT**, and **PEACE**, there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."* (Isaiah 9:7 NKJV).

Notice the **bold**, CAPITALIZED words at the beginning of the above Scripture: "Of the **INCREASE OF HIS GOVERNMENT**..." When Jesus returns, not everyone who is left on the earth will immediately bow their knee to his rule (see Revelation 19:19). But, his government (or, authority) will **INCREASE**. By his zeal, Jesus will eventually establish judgment and justice throughout the entire world. And, eventually, of **HIS PEACE** there will be no end.

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Actual wars are easy to identify: Armies are mobilized against one another; combatants are fighting and dying. But, what are **RUMORS OF WARS**? Someone once coined the phrase: *"Saber Rattling."* This is not an actual drawing of the sword, and striking the opposition, but constant verbal threats of war.

At this very time in our history, the dictator of North Korea, and also the Muslim rulers of Iran have engaged in numerous verbal threats against the United States. Such verbal threats produce **RUMORS OF WARS**.

I regret having to say this, but it is a possibility that some of your children, or grandchildren, may have to experience war. Do not hide your eyes from this possibility, but learn to operate in faith should that become a reality. From Matthew 24:6 (previous page ◀), listen to what Jesus had to say about Wars, and Rumors of Wars: *"...see that you are not troubled, for all these things must come to pass..."*

When I left for the Vietnam War, my Mother was a *"Nervous Wreck"* (figuratively speaking). She spread out maps of Vietnam on her desk, and tried to figure out where I was, and what I was doing. However, not long after I left, the Holy Spirit spoke a comforting word to her. It was the first time she was aware of God speaking directly to her. Unmistakably, my Mother heard the Lord speak to her heart: *"He is coming back."*

The Lord is able to protect us in war, as easily as he can protect us in peace. Listen to the Psalmist David – also known as King David of Israel, who was well acquainted with war – as he verified this truth:

*"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh (or, figuratively speaking: To devour me), my enemies and foes, they stumbled and fell. **THOUGH AN ARMY MAY ENCAMP AGAINST ME**, my heart shall not fear; **THOUGH WAR MAY RISE AGAINST ME**, in this I will be confident."* (Psalm 27:1-3 NKJV).

Oftentimes, we use such words to apply to **SPIRITUAL WARFARE** against Satan or demons, and that is an acceptable application. However, when David wrote these words, he was talking about **ACTUAL WAR**. Listen again to the confident words of David:

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*"Then David spoke to the Lord the words of this song, on the day when the Lord had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. And he said: The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; the God of my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge; my Savior, you save me from violence. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; **SO SHALL I BE SAVED FROM MY ENEMIES.**" (2 Samuel 22:1-4 NKJV).*

Those strong words of God's protection are still valid, and applicable to our lives in these End Times!

Signs of the End Times **VOLITILE WEATHER PATTERNS**

*"And there will be **GREAT EARTHQUAKES** in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven." (Luke 21:11 NKJV).*

Normally, when we hear the word, **EARTHQUAKES**, we envision the earth shaking, and splitting open. However, the word for earthquakes in the above verse is more inclusive. The Greek word is: "*Seismos*," and this word can also be defined as: "*A commotion in the air, a tempest, or a gale.*" Consequently, this End Times sign would include all types of volatile weather: Hurricanes, Cyclones, and Tornadoes, as well as Earthquakes. For a biblical example, listen to the following scriptures:

*"And suddenly **A GREAT TEMPEST** (same Greek word as earthquakes) arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying: Lord, save us! We are perishing! But He said to them: Why are you fearful, O you of little faith? Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. So the men marveled, saying: Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?" (Matthew 8:24-27 NKJV).*

In my lifetime, I do not remember a time like the last decade or so, when there were so many violent, destructive storms. It seems like almost nightly on the national and local news, we see images, and hear about another devastating storm.

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Scientists attempt to provide us with explanations for the increase in volatile weather, and maybe there are legitimate scientific explanations; but very definitely, these weather patterns are also a sign of the End Times, as Jesus himself clearly taught us!

So, how do we act in faith, and trust in the Lord to protect us from swift moving, destructive, devastating weather? Well, here is another one of my favorite portions of Scripture:

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling." (Psalm 46:1-3 NKJV).

A bit of advice: It is wise to practice your faith on a regular basis before the storm comes (by confessing, or declaring the promises of God) rather than trying to hurriedly apply faith when the storms of life are bearing down on you!

As we progress further into these End Times, there will be **MORE** of a need to trust in the Lord, not **LESS** of a need.

Website News

As previously announced, I now have a Website (address at the top of Page one). From the beginning of the Website, my book: *"The Blood of Jesus Christ,"* was available to download. Now, three additional books are available for downloading. Two of these books are no longer in print, but all of you can freely download them for your personal use. The two books are...

"The Great Apostasy"

"Why Haven't My Loved Ones Accepted Jesus Christ"

Numerous pastors - especially in Africa - have requested copies of my books, but I was not able to send hard copies of the two above books. Now, I am thankful to offer - online - these two valuable books to everyone on the mailing list.

In addition to the above books, my Foundation Building Study Guide: *"Israel, The Church, and The End Times,"* is now available for downloading. Hard copies are still available to those who desire the original, spiral-bound edition.
