

Prophecy is Coming to Pass

Prophecy is literally all around us. It is coming to pass whether we like it or not. God's word says, the ruthless will come to an end, and the scoffer will be finished (Is. 29:20). God's word clearly reveals to man what is good and what is evil, and imparts to man sound judgment and sound teaching. These are principles we are meant to obey, in order to be considered righteous. In Noah's day, God looked down on the earth and Noah was the only righteous one (Gen. 7:1). May history not repeat itself!

The Apostle Paul clearly stated in the New Testament that sinners are ungodly, lawless, irreverent, profane and rebellious people. He gave examples of those who are included among the sinners in 1 Timothy 1:9-10. These people practice what is contrary to sound doctrine according to the gospel. They are living by their own way, their own will and their own human nature (Prov. 12:15). God says we reap what we sow and vengeance belongs to Him and Him alone (Rom. 12:19; Heb. 10:30; Gen. 50:19 AMP, Is. 40:23).

Satan is seeking those whom he may devour with confusion and delusion (1 Cor. 14:33; Jer. 10:8; 2 Thess. 2:11). Most people can't tell the truth from a lie and many don't even care anymore. Human nature is in a feeding frenzy to gobble up anything that fuels division and hate (Mark 3:24 AMP). Common sense and decency has been lost (Prov. 8:5; 12:16 AMP). Many are using God as a front, but their deeds deny they are of God (Rom 16:18 AMP, Titus 1:16). Today, truth is called a lie and lies are called truth. What was once considered good is now considered evil, and what was considered evil is now

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considered good. It is more obvious than ever, Satan rules this earth!

Lawyers are taught it doesn't matter whether or not their clients are guilty; rather, it is the lawyers' duty to manipulate the law and win the case for their clients. Plea bargaining is a fancy word for lying, just like bad karma is used to replace sin in the Eastern religions. Lawyers may tell their clients to take the guilty plea, to trust in confusion and speak lies, so the judge might go easy on them. They are conceiving mischief that brings forth iniquity - so says God's word (ls. 59:4) And, what if they're not guilty? It makes no difference -they are told to lie about it. These clients will then be in league with many of the judges and lawyers who will soon be judged by the Lord Himself. I've talked to lawyers who graduated, and then refused to go into their profession because it was too dishonest. I talked to a police officer who guit his job, because he couldn't stand the double standard he saw in his department.

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We are living in the day and age when good character, honesty and morality are not requirements for holding any public office (Prov. 11:1-3 AMP; 1 Cor. 15:33). We are called to pray for such people in authority, knowing God has put them there for His purposes and to fulfill His prophecies for this world (1 Tim. 2:1-4; Rom. 13:1 AMP). We may not know or understand what God is doing, but we have to trust in God. We know that those who love Him and keep His commandments, will inherit what is good if they endure to the end (Rom. 8:28; John 14:15; Col. 3:23-25 AMP, Matt. 24:13).

"The great Judge is coming soon."

To the judges of the earth I say, "The great Judge is coming soon." Indeed, all who are intent on doing evil will be cut off. All who cause a person to be indicted by a word and defraud the one who is right, through the use of meaningless arguments, will come to an end, those who pervert justice and entrap people by what they say (Is. 29:20-21 AMP).

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Neither a senseless person (one who has no knowledge of God's word) nor a stupid man understands this: When the wicked sprout up like grass and all who commit iniquity (do wrong) flourish, it is only that they might be destroyed forevermore (Psalm 92:6-7).

So, expect things to get much worse, and for more things that are good to be called evil, and more things that we know are evil to be called good (Is. 5:20). It is a sign of the end of the age and the end of man's rule on this earth!

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Prophecy is surely coming to pass!

It doesn't matter if you do or you don't believe in prophecy, you are fulfilling prophecy of the Bible every day that you live.

God says He knows the beginning and the end (Is. 46:10). He says that He stands watch over His prophecies to fulfill them (Jer. 1:12). Let's see where you fit in to Bible prophecy.

"The people of the earth are being held captive by Satan to do his will, which is evil human nature."

God's word says, in 2 Timothy 2:26, that the people of the earth are being held captive by Satan to do his will, which is evil human nature. God says in His word that anyone who is not living for Him daily by practicing righteousness towards others remains a son or daughter of Satan (1 John 3:10). The Bible also says that the god of this world, Satan, has blinded the minds of those who won't seek God by studying His word by subject daily—so they cannot understand what the Bible says (2 Cor. 4:3-4).

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Jesus told the Pharisees that they were of the devil—that Satan was their father and their desire was to do Satan's will. This holds true for those people in the world who do not know or seek God (John 8:44). The people in the world, who do not live for the Lord daily, are considered spiritually dead (Matt. 8:22). Jesus did not put His trust in man, because Jesus knew what was in man—Satan's nature (John 2:24-25; Rom. 16:20).

So far, we have shown that the people of the world are sons and daughters of the devil, they have Satan's nature in them, they are

considered spiritually dead in that state, even though they are physically alive, and they are being held captive by Satan into doing his will, which is worldliness. Human nature, with all its satanic traits, is mentioned in Galatians 5:19-21; Mark 7:21-23; Romans 1:25-32; 1 Timothy 1:9-10 and Jeremiah 17:9.

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Now, there is another state most humans are in, about which the Bible has a lot to say. They are the religiously deceived. These are the people who "got religion" by shopping for the church of their choice. They are the ones who enter a church, become members of that church and then trust that their minister is telling them the whole truth about God, His plan of salvation and what God requires of them to be saved. They trust their minister and they love their church. These people did not come to Christ to be saved; but rather, they went to a church to be saved. They listened to the minister and did what he told them to do to be saved (John 5:39-44).

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Most do not study God's word daily. They do not even bring their Bibles to church. They do not check to see if what their minister says corresponds with what God's word says, as the Bereans did (Acts 17:11). They are on the broad road that leads to religious destruction (Matt. 7:13). They put their trust in man and, as a result, they are cursed (Is. 2:22; Psalm 146:3; 118:8). They are following the prophecy of those who are on the broad way that leads to destruction (Matt. 7:13). One prophecy, about which very little is understood, is found in Matthew 13:37. Jesus had just finished giving a parable in Matthew 13:24-30. Jesus' disciples did not understand the parable, so in verse 36 they asked Jesus to explain it to them. Remember, Jesus explained the parables He was giving very clearly to His own disciples in private (Mark 4:34). I say this so you can expect what Jesus says about His followers; they are the ones God appoints to know His Will. Matthew 13:37 says: "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man [Jesus]." This can be clarified in John 6:44 and 65, among other Scriptures. Jesus was saying, I called you to be My disciples-My followers. The Father drew you to Me and granted you to be called at this time. Today is your day of salvation (Hebrews 3:7, 15). Everyone who is called to hear the truth listens to Jesus Christ's voice and pays attention to His call (John 10:16). He calls them by name (John 10:3). He is allowing them to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, which many preachers and righteous men desire to hear and understand but cannot (Matt. 13:11-17).

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The rest of the people who are seeking Jesus Christ, but going to man instead of coming to Him personally, have been sown by the devil (John 5:39-44). They are the tares (Matt. 13:24-30). They joined the church of their choice, instead of finding the narrow Way, which few find (Matt. 7:14). They are taught by ministers (plants) whom the Father did not personally teach (Matt. 15:13; John 6:45; Luke 6:40). Those whom the devil sowed, who called themselves followers of Christ but were not, are called dogs in the word of God (Phil. 3:2). It was because they received the false circumcision—the false gospel. The Apostle Paul said to beware of them. Why? John 16:2 says that an hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think they are doing God a favor! The tares, then, fulfill the Scripture found in the King James Version of Titus 1:16, which says: "They profess to know God, but by their works they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good works."

So far we have covered these points:

- What God's word says about people who don't know Him, don't seek Him and are not being called by Him at this time.
- 2) Who the false Christians (tares) and the true followers of Jesus Christ (wheat) are.

Let us reflect through Scripture what God's word says about the wheat. They are doers of God's word (James 1:22). They are overcomers (Rev. 2:26). They imitate God daily in thought, word and deed (Eph. 5:1; 1 Peter 4:11). They are putting the evil deeds of the flesh to death daily with the help of God's Holy Spirit (Rom. 6:13; 8:13). They are zealous for what is good (1 Peter 3:13). In all things, they show themselves to be examples of good works for God (Titus 2:7; 1 Peter 2:12). They are persevering in doing good, because they are seeking glory and honor and immortality, eternal life (Rom. 2:7). Jesus preached that we should repent to enter the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 4:17). That kingdom, which Jesus was speaking about, is within a person's heart. It is inner conversion, according to the King James Version of Luke 17:21, which says: "Nor will they say, 'Lo here,' or 'Lo there.' For behold, the kingdom of God is within you." It is entered by practicing righteousness towards others daily (which is God's Will) until it comes from your heart (Matt. 5:20; Eph. 6:6).

The Pharisees were doing their righteous acts to be seen of men, instead of doing them for inner conversion (Matt. 23:5). Because of this, they did not enter the kingdom within (Matt. 23:13; Luke 11:52). Jesus warned His true followers to practice righteousness in the right way, with the right attitude, or they would not become converted to His new nature or receive a reward (Matt. 6:1). Many will strive to live this way, but few will continue living it until they are converted (Luke 13:23-24).

Many will be hung up on some problem that eventually overtakes them. This is why Jesus gave the parable in Matthew 5:29-30. When the tribulation starts, many will fall away from the faith (Matt. 24:10, 12-13). This is why Jesus calls those who have endured a little flock (Luke 12:32). They are called and they are chosen, because they remain faithful to Jesus Christ until the end (Rev. 17:14).

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Practicing righteousness towards others is the directions to inner conversion, which is how one enters the kingdom of heaven within. Then, it only stands to reason that if you are wholehearted, in doing good for God, remain zealous for what is good and don't become weary, this is the fastest way to become converted (Rev. 3:10; 1 Peter 3:10-11, 13; 2 Thess. 3:13; Gal. 6:9). This change is what a follower of Jesus Christ hopes to reap as mentioned in Galatians 6:9 and 4:19. You are, then, waiting to become a partaker of the divine nature by escaping the corruption that is in the world by lust (2 Peter 1:4). This divine nature, which the Lord has waiting for each and every one of His children, is having Christ's divine nature formed in you. It says in Galatians 4:19: "My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you." When this happens, you have crucified your old sinful nature, with the help of God's Holy Spirit, and put to death the evil deeds of the body by not getting weary in doing good for God (Gal. 5:24; Rom. 8:13; Gal. 6:9; 2 Thess. 3:13). Now you can understand the urgency in the New Testament for doing good or good works (Titus 2:7, 14; 3:1, 8, 14; Heb. 10:24)? The worst thing that can happen to you is that you slow down in your conversion process and become lukewarm (Rev. 3:15-18; 2:5).

So you see, if you are going to be a saint of God, you must have righteous acts (Rev. 19:8). This "righteousness issue" is so important that you see it mentioned everywhere in the New Testament (1 Peter 2:12, 15; 3:16). Now can you understand why anyone who practices righteousness (does good) for the Lord is welcome to Him (Acts 10:35)? Dorcas was a good example of someone who continually did good (Acts 9:36). According to 1 John 2:29, this is how a person is truly born again or born of God. It says: "If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him."

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If you seek God with all your heart by studying His word daily by subject to please Him, if you are continually doing good for others, as Jesus said we should, and if you are praying to Him daily for others, as well as for your own needs, you will be called by God (Rom. 3:10-12; Psalm 14:1-3). You will be blessed by God, forgiven by God and saved by God, because this is how you do God's Will on earth as it is being done in heaven by God (Matt. 6:10; 1 John 2:17; Matt. 7:21). This is also how you fulfill all the Scriptures of the righteous that are in prophecy-and this is also how you are saved. If it is with difficulty that the righteous (those who do good for God daily) are saved, where are you in prophecy (1 Peter 4:18)?

Second Peter 3:8 warns true disciples of Jesus Christ not to let one fact escape their notice; with the Lord, one day is as 1,000 years, and 1,000 years as one day. The subject being discussed in Second Peter is the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Bible tells us Jesus Christ will reign on this earth for 1,000 years. Notice how 1,000 years is mentioned in Revelation 20:3-7, so it is not a mistake. Jesus Christ must reign until He has put His enemies under His feet (1 Cor. 15:25). The thousand-year reign of Christ will be a rest to the world, a time of joy and peace, when the mountains and the hills will break forth into shouts (Is. 55:12). It will be a time when the wolf and the lamb shall graze together, and the lion will eat straw like an ox (Is. 65:25; 11:6-9). Nation shall not lift up sword against nation or learn war anymore (Is. 2:1-4; Micah 4:1-3).

God's overall plan is laid out in the creation week, which contains six days and a seventh day for rest.

There is a dual parable here. In the old covenant, God required the Israelites to keep a physical day of rest (Ex. 20:10-11). In the new covenant, we keep it in a spiritual way by resting from all our evil works of the flesh (Heb. 3:18-19; 4:10). We do this by completely dying to our old ways and living by God's new and living way that was inaugurated for us by Jesus Christ's sacrifice (Rom. 6:18-19; Heb. 10:20). We keep the covenant by zealously keeping the sayings of Jesus Christ in our daily walk with Him (1 Peter 3:13; John 12:47; Rom. 12:21; Titus 2:14).

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years, represented as six days in the Bible, for man to rule; but the seventh day of the creation week was to represent the thousand-year reign of Christ. This is the mystery of 2 Peter 3:8. It is not new knowledge, but withheld knowledge.

The 1957 Haley's Bible Handbook (pg. 33) under The Millenium-Sabbath Theory, talks about The Epistle of Barnabas, in the beginning of the Christian Era, that even as there had been 2,000 years from Adam to Abraham and 2,000 years from Abraham to Christ, so there would be 2,000 years for the Christian Era. The Epistle of Barnabas 15:3-5 says, "Give heed, children, what this means; He ended in six days. He means this, that in six thousand years the Lord will bring all things to an end; for the day with Him signifies a thousand years; and this, He Himself bears me witness, saying; "Behold, the Day of the Lord will be as a thousand years." Therefore, children, in six days, that is, in six thousand years, everything will come to an end (Psalm 94; 2 Peter 3:8).

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Who was Barnabas? The Lord Himself set apart Saul and Barnabas for His work (Acts 13:2-3). Barnabas was just as much an apostle of the Lord as were Paul, Peter and James (Acts 14:14). According to the Companion Bible, Adam was created in the year 4004 B.C (Companion Bible, Appendix 50, p. 43). There were 4,000 years from Adam's creation to the birth of Jesus Christ. Add 4,000 years to where we are now and don't forget to add four more years, as Jesus Christ was born in 4 B.C. Then simply subtract from man's allotted 6,000 year rule and you can see the time of our Lord's return is imminent.

It is truly later than we think (Luke 21:34-36). You can scoff at this and fulfill some other Scriptures, or you can redeem the time and prepare now to meet the Lord who is coming shortly (2 Peter 3:3; Jude 16; Rev. 1:3; Matt. 24:44).□

Dear Whole Wheat Readers,

People seem to be so unaware of the times we are in. As our founder says in the podcast, *How to Draw Close to God*, people just keep living out their days totally ignorant of what God is doing, It makes me want to shout to the world with all my soul and strength: *Wake up! God's kingdom is coming!*

"Teacher, when therefore will these things happen? And what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" And He said, "See to it that you are not misled; for many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and 'The time is near.' Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end does not follow immediately. Then He continued by saying to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.

The verses above, from Luke 21:7-11, are all dire warnings from the Lord, for those at the end of the age. Throughout the Bible, He warns us in many ways: watch yourselves, stay awake, be sober, do not be led astray. We are told to: Keep on the alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man (Luke 21:36). Our founder used to remind us of this continually. When was the last time you prayed this prayer?

So many do not realize the unseen kingdom of God is here now, and entered by the way we live our lives each day for the glory of God. This is what actually protects us in the future as God's own chosen people (Rev. 17:14). However, there is a kingdom that is coming and will be seen with the eye and will be preceded by signs, as a warning to humanity (John 15:8; Rev 1:7; Matt.17:20; Mark 1:15; John 14:29).

Many times in the past, man thought he was living in the last days. I believe what makes this time so different is technology. Now the whole world is connected as never before. Therefore, many Scriptures are now possible. What people don't realize they really need, is to be connected to God like never before, drawing away from the world and preparing themselves spiritually, so they are ready. This will keep them from being led astray, as talked about in the article Our Only Hope, and more importantly will give them the ultimate protection from all that is coming on this world. There are so many warnings from God in Scripture: Take heed; be separate; do not be filled with dissipation; be on the alert.

It is my heartfelt desire that this issue of *Whole Wheat,* and all the Biblical information found on <u>wholewheatonline.com</u>, will help everyone prepare and wake up. Our mission, from the very beginning, has been to prepare a people ready to meet the Lord and give understanding to those who want to be one of God's sheep. This world is temporal, yet God's kingdom will have no end (Ps. 145:13). Let's put our treasure in what lasts, rather than what rusts, and have the eternal peace that surpasses all understanding (Matt. 6:19-20; Phil. 4:7). Don't waste one more minute friends, get ready, for the Lord will come (Rev. 3:3)!

In His Love,

Scott



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The Bible tells us there will be a global war in which nation will fight against nation (Matt. 24:7). This war will come from Satan, to weaken the nations and sell them on the idea of world peace. The peoples of the world will be so weary of war they will be ready to accept any solution.

Before there is a world war, there will be the emergence of a world figure who will come up from obscurity (from nowhere). He will bring a proposal of peace to the world and he will come with flair (Dan. 11:17). He will call himself the Christ and he will claim to be the God of all peoples, all creeds and all religions (Matt. 24:5; Dan. 11:36-37; 2 Thess. 2:4). He will go forth for a time, preaching his message, and then will be brutally murdered by a deadly blow to his head (Rev. 13:3).

War will then come, a time of distress such as has never occurred since the nations began (Dan. 12:1). After the war has been going on for a time, this personage who calls himself the Christ will come back to life again. Everyone on the earth will be amazed and will follow after him (the beast), thinking he is the Messiah (Rev. 13:3,14). Another religious leader will bestow honor on this beast, and commission a statue in the likeness of this beast. Then, all the people of the earth will be required to bow before it (Rev. 13:14-15). Everyone on the earth will worship this beast—and take his mark, everyone, that is, whose name has not been written in the book of life of Jesus Christ, the Lamb (Rev. 13:8).

This beast who claims to be the Christ will have a message that sounds so similar to the truth that, if possible, even the elect will be deceived (Matt. 24:24). Just as we are told in Romans 16:18, he, like others, will use smooth and flattering speech to deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.

How can we prepare ourselves so we are not among the deceived? We are told in God's word to draw near to God and He will draw near to us (James 4:8). We are told to study, pray and be about doing good works at all times for the glory of God. We are told to seek the kingdom first, by living a life of repentance, by doing righteousness for God's glory every day (Matt. 6:33). Overcome evil by doing good, be zealous and wholehearted, so you will not fall for Satan's tricks. It is truly our only hope!



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