



“For such a time as this” Spiritual & World Politics



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1. Our emphasis of Jesus' warning in Matthew 24 still stands: "See to it that no one misleads you."
2. Last week we reviewed 2 of the 6 categories of signs Lamb & Lion Ministries lists:

1. Nature
2. Society

We pointed out how these signs are increasing in frequency and intensity, following the principle of birth pangs (Matthew 24:7).

3. There are two things most people say should never be discussed in polite company: faith (spiritual matters) and politics. We are going to discuss both today, and will find that the Bible tends to link them quite unapologetically.

Spiritual Signs

- This category abounds in both positive and negative examples

Positive

- Sharing of the Gospel
- Outpouring of the Holy Spirit
- Localized revivals
- Davidic praise and worship
- Timely understanding of prophecy

Negative

- Cults and false prophets
- Rise in Heresy and Apostasy
- Secularization (rise of the “nones”)
- Satanic deceptions
- Dramatic increase in persecution

4. Some Christians are particularly distraught about the apparent retreat of godly and good as darkness rises (or descends upon) the world.

But, to quote Pastor Adrian Rogers, “It’s getting gloriously dark!

- What did he mean? _____

Scripture makes it clear that the world will grow more violent and wicked as the End draws near.

World Politics

1. This category might seem ill-matched to discuss back-to-back with “Spiritual Signs,” but it is a consistent alignment in Scripture.
 - Nimrod, who aspired to disregard God’s command and establish a “one-world government” on the Earth long before modern aspirants even thought about doing so (Genesis 10:10, and Jewish historian Josephus)
 - Moses, who called on Pharaoh (leader of a great empire in the ancient world) to “let My people go”



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- Esther, who was able to intervene “in such a time as this” on behalf of her people
- Prophets like Nathan who prophesied to kings, declaring, “Thus saith the LORD!”
- John the Baptist (and Jesus), who decried the ungodly politicians of their day

2. The Bible would be much shorter/thinner if all the “political narratives” were removed.

3. Bible prophecy has much to say about the world’s political circumstances in the End Times:

- Israel will be “reestablished”
- The Roman Empire will be “revived” (the toes of Nebuchadnezzar’s statue)
- World attention and animosity will be redirected toward Israel and Jerusalem
- The world will clamor for a unified government under the authority of a single leader (what the Germans called a “Führer”), even as threats of war multiply

4. Evidence of all those things is right before our eyes:

- Israel came back into existence in 1948
- It repossessed its ancient capital of Jerusalem in 1967
- Antipathy (hostility) and Antisemitism have been growing ever since
- World elites have been advocating for a one-world government for years
 - Every “crisis” (real or manufactured) has been leveraged to feed that trend
- Satan undoubtedly has his man standing by and ready—as he has in every generation, since he does not know the timing of the Rapture

5. Where does America fit into the global political scene from the perspective of Bible prophecy?

- We will be among “all nations” that come against Israel in the End Times
- Until then, we have been a fickle friend (and frequent “frenemy”) of Israel
- It is quite likely that the high point of America’s role in Bible prophecy occurred in 1948, when Harry Truman recognized Israel as a modern sovereign nation
- Since then, America has been both a blessing and a curse to Israel, *even in its military and diplomatic support*
 - God declared a “woe!” on the rebellious children of Israel for looking to Egypt for shelter and deliverance, instead of turning to Him (Isaiah 30:1-5)

We still have two more categories to go: Signs of Technology and Israel! Join us next week!