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The Coming of Christ

18 Signs of His Return (The 2nd of 2 Parts)

This is the conclusion of my article on the many signs of the imminent return of our Savior, listing the final nine points. My desire remains that those who have already placed their trust in Christ will boldly proclaim His soon return and those that have not yet experienced the blessings of knowing Jesus on a personal, loving level will have their eyes opened. L'Chayim (To Life)

10. Temple Rebuilt - Daniel 9:27 and Matthew 24:15 tell us that the Anti Christ will desecrate the Temple in Jerusalem. This was not possible until Jerusalem was in Israeli possession, which occurred as a result of the War of June 1967. There are plans to rebuild the Temple;

11. Israel Hated by Neighbors - Psalms 83:4 *"They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance."* Ahmadenajad, the leader of Iran (AKA, Persia), has said these very words;

12. World burdened by Jerusalem - Zechariah 12:3 *"And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it."* We have seen a major shift of traditional allies of Israel away from Israel, to join those that would seek to dismantle and delegitimize Israel as a nation;

13. Signs in the Heavens - Luke 21:25 *"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars."* Since the UFO incident in Roswell, New Mexico in 1947, there has been an exponential increase in reported UFO sightings. Most of the founding members of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) considered these to be from other planets. The current consensus is that they are interdimensional spirit beings of an evil source.

14. Apostasy of Church - 1st Timothy 4:1 *"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."* The great apostasy, or falling away, of the church is well under way. Today we have main line "Christian" churches ordaining and/or marrying homosexuals, denying the Divinity of Christ, denying His bodily resurrection, and some even ordaining pastors that claim to be atheists.

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15. Rampant Homosexuality - Luke 17:28-30: *"Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."* In Lev. 20:13, God calls homosexuality an abomination. This is repeated by Paul in his letter to the Church in Rome. Although not *"politically correct,"* we are warned that this lifestyle will be rampant at the time of Messiah's return. Our sins are not measured against the sins of other people. Sin is sin. Our sins are measured against the sinlessness of Jesus. By that measure, I fail greatly, and am in need of my Redeemer.

16. Mark of the Beast - Revelation 13:16-17 *"And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."* A global economy, with implantable Veri Chip, or retinal scan technology, capable of tracking every participant in the economic system now exists, just waiting for the One World leader to enter the stage.

17. Two Hundred Million Man Army From the East - Revelation 9:16 *"The number of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand. I heard the number."* We are told that an army of 200 million men, from *"the Kings of the East,"* will march over a dry Euphrates River (in Iraq) on its way to Jerusalem for the Battle of Armageddon. In 2004, for the first time, the CIA Factbook estimated that the number of men in China available for military service reached 208,143,352. By 2006, that number has increased to 281,240,272 men.

18. Warning to be Ready - Luke 21:28 *"And when these things BEGIN to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."* If history were a football game, we are in the last two minutes of the game. All participants are warned that the rules are changed, allowing for faster and more offensive play. Often the outcome of the game is determined in the final two minutes.

These signs have already begun. We are told that no man knows the exact date. However, we are admonished to know the season.

Look up. Be ready. Are you?

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