

PROPHECIES are UNFOLDING QUICKLY

What to be watching for.

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BIG worldwide news events are happening so rapidly lately – half a dozen or more each day that are BIG stories – that my head’s spinning.

It’s hard to keep up with all the new news, as there are so many new, big, prophecy related news pieces. If you don’t see this same thing – of prophecy suddenly on the march -- you must be asleep. The foundations of Bible prophecies are being SET, soon to be ready to go, so to speak. We need people of God to understand the times we live in now and know what to do.

Issachar, one of the tribes of Israel, who had such people.

1 Chronicles 12:32

“of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred...”

Prophecies will start to happen in front of our eyes more and more. Understand that **God wants his children to know** His plans and what to LOOK for. *Yeshua/Jesus, after all, tells us to watch. Stay on top of events.*

Amos 3:7

**“Surely YHVH God does nothing,
Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.”**

But we also have to be on guard against false prophets and fake news. There are so many of them. But God does tell his family what his plans are.

*For example, God revealed His plans to destroy Sodom and the 4 other cities of the plain, to Abraham (**Genesis 18:16-33**) ahead of time.*

God also revealed to **MOSES some details ahead of time about the Red Sea** being divided and how Pharaoh’s army would follow (**Exodus 14:13-18**). He told Moses ahead of time the Red Sea would be opened up and they would all walk over on dry land (vs 16-17).

So this is why we’re told to WATCH, PRAY, and really KNOW God.

So greetings everyone. This is Philip Shields, host and founder of Light on the Rock.org. I totally appreciate that so many are **registering** with this website and that means a lot to us. I also appreciate those of you who

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But in the meantime, **in the Parable of the Ten Virgins** of Matthew 25, our Master Yeshua tells us that *all ten* virgins fell asleep as they waited for the Bridegroom. All the five wise as well as the five foolish **all fell asleep**. God's end time people are shown as slumbering. Check out my recent sermon on that. We must therefore wake up and repent of our lukewarmness that makes Jesus feel nauseous (**Revelation 3:14-17**).

The main points of this teaching today is to make these points:

- **Prophecy events are popping up more quickly** and powerfully than ever before. *So we need to be fully awake and know where to look. This teaching today will help you be aware of where to be watching.*
- **And a second point: Be willing to adjust our understanding of what we thought each prophecy meant.** We weren't always right. Don't insist on being dogmatic that this or that prophecy means this or that. *We don't always know.* Be humble enough to realize when and where we may be wrong.

I call this a willingness to **"ride loose in the saddle"** – and be willing to pivot, to adjust your position on prophecy.

But don't worry – we are **promised the WISE will understand**. God is the one who gives wisdom. But notice what was said to Daniel after so many prophecies were told to him, many of which he didn't even understand.

Daniel 12:9-10

And he said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed **till the time of the end.**

10 Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; **and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.**"

So pray you'll understand – but also pray that we be among those *accounted worthy to escape these things* coming upon the whole **world (Luke 21:36)**. **We won't be raptured away** before the tribulation, (see my sermon on

that), but I do *believe many of us will be protected* as **Daniel 12:1, Rev 3:10** and other verses say. (There are more things I say in the audio).

One more thing: don't be overly focused just on prophecy. Yes, prophecy IS important. The words or testimony of Jesus, after all, IS the "spirit of prophecy" (Revelation 19:10).

We should also be eager to learn about Christian living topics of love, showing mercy, living by faith, extending forgiveness, esteeming one another, reconciliation, understanding other doctrines – and not just be super focused just on what the Mark of the Beast is, for example. *So let's find the balance.*

As we watch, REALIZE these things:

- ***Don't over rely on news stories.*** *Apostles didn't have Fox News, CNN, BBC, etc. So they were told to watch. This has to more to do with watching our relationship with God and one another.*
- *Realize we're all hearing biased news anyway. The biggest news stories are ones we'll never hear, like ones being said behind closed doors.*
- *Understand there's a lot of FAKE news. Don't believe what you see on TV, You Tube, Facebook, X, etc. So much isn't even true.*
- *Elon Musk supposedly found a cure for diabetes, and that his life is endangered by big pharma for revealing it. But I verified it is a hoax. There are so many of these fake news that people fall for.*

With AI today – a video can be made of YOU or anyone – showing someone's voice, appearance, and so on. But it wasn't Elon Musk. It was all fake.

EVEN FROM The GOVT. Maybe I should say, "ESPECIALLY even what we're being told from the government." *A new report just came out about the truth about the Covid 19 pandemic and the Covid shots. Media won't even cover the new Report at all because it exposes how almost everything we were told about COVID 19 and pandemic was actually not true! Let that be a lesson.*

Here are examples:

- We were told if you got the Covid shot, even just one shot, you would not get covid. But even President Biden got FOUR shots, and still got covid
- We were **told the shots were safe** -- though many thousands died from the shots or had serious adverse effects. My own SISTER was

seriously paralyzed for four hours after her covid shot, for example. Any treated with Remdesivir drug were likely to get kidney failure and die.

- ***We learn NOW that there was NO NEED to close schools, churches, restaurants and businesses.*** Scores of thousands of small businesses were closed, many permanently – while big box stores and liquor stores stayed open.
- ***We were told to wear a mask. Now we're told that masks didn't help stop the spread! The virus is so small that a mask doesn't stop the virus from spreading.*** Trying to stop the covid virus by wearing a mask would be like trying to keep mosquitoes out of your back yard by putting up a chain-link fence!

So have your guard up as you watch the news. Realize you're not always getting the straight story!

So remember we have to “ride loosely in the saddle”. By that I mean: Be willing to pivot and adjust our thinking and our conclusions as events UNFOLD and we see more clearly.

FOR example: don't INSIST on where the location of Herod's temple was. GOD will authorize it where HE wants it to be. Its location is not worth fighting for ahead of time. Be willing to adjust thinking and ride loosely.

For example, the correct understanding of Daniel 7, 8, 11 – and king of the north and king of the south in end times – could be very different than we were taught. Be willing to be flexible. And most of all, be close to God!

So many prophecies – including by our group of Church of God – just did not pan out exactly when or how we thought they would in some cases. Ditto for many other churches. So we have to be willing to adjust our understanding.

God even allowed Apostle John to call his time the “last hour”. And Paul said, “those of us who are alive and remain shall be caught up with them”, and so on. The early apostles believed Christ would return in their lifetime – 2000 years ago – but He did not. Certainly we are 2000 years closer now. But let's learn the lesson. How many times over the decades have I heard ministers say, “Surely Christ is coming back within the next 5-10 years”. Then He didn't.

EIGHT MAJOR AREAS TO BE WATCHING

- 1. ALWAYS MAKE YOUR MAIN FOCUS BE on what's happening in and around Israel and Jerusalem.***

But we find other news distracts us away from Jerusalem, like the war in Ukraine/Russia. Or what China is up to and all the news about Trump's tariffs and how they're impacting the world and how they view USA under Trump.

I'll come back to all that, but understand **our main interest and focus on prophecy must be centered on Israel and Jerusalem** – not Ukraine, not Europe, not anywhere else as our primary focus. Jerusalem is where all prophecy will end up. That's where *God's* primary focus is!

What are we looking for in the nation called Israel?

- **Be looking for the sacrificing and burning of the 3 qualified red heifers for purification.** This is a huge event when or if it happens – or if it gets postponed.

They need to sacrifice and burn the red heifers to be able to use their **ashes to purify the area and the priests**, for sacrifices that will begin soon after that in Jerusalem. **See Numbers 19** to learn about the red heifers. **Simply put: without red heifer sacrifice and their ashes, there can be no animal sacrifices that can start.**

Of course we believers in Christ understand that HIS sacrifice eliminated the need for animal sacrifices and red heifers (**Hebrews 9:11-23**).

Jews can commence animal sacrifices even before the temple is built, as they did in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah and Haggai. But there WILL also be a real, edifice – **the actual 3rd temple** that will eventually continue the sacrifices.

But no sacrifices can start without the ashes of the red heifers first. So this event is a huge one. If the heifers are considered not qualified – then we all have to wait and that will be BIG.

- **Watch for actual construction of the THIRD TEMPLE in Jerusalem to get started.** Yes, there definitely will be a third temple and I'll prove in my upcoming sermon about the 3rd temple. The Temple Institute in Jerusalem opposite the Wailing Wall, has everything ready to go – except the temple building itself. They're already practicing!
- **Watch how Israel has been prosecuting their war on Hamas, Hezbollah and Syria. Israel has practically re-written the MAP of the Middle East by their powerful military successes.**

- ***IRAN has lost its proxy powers – fighting thru Hamas, Hezbollah, Yemeni Houthis and SYRIA, because GOD gave Israel power to get this done. Even much of Iran’s defensive power has been blasted away by Israel.***
- **Israel’s attacks on Syria is what drove out ASSAD**, who was not Sunni Muslim, **but is an Alawite Muslim**, hated by the Sunnis. (I mistakenly said Assad was Shia Muslim on audio. But either way he is not Sunni.) Assad was IRAN’S proxy against Israel. But a former Al-Qaeda terrorist leader named Gilani replaced Assad. **SO now SYRIA has become a proxy of TURKEY (Türkiye).**
- **Watch for Arabs and Muslims to come together finally** against Israel. **WE have PSALM 83 AND EZEK 38-39** wars against Israel. Read those chapters several times. But right now, Sunni Muslims – the majority – hate Shia Muslims and the Alawites, and they’re killing each other. But their hatred for Israel may bring them together.

Psalm 83 tells us of a huge war coming against Israel from many, many neighboring MUSLIM countries who will form a solid alliance against Israel. SOME of those countries had formerly formed alliances, but not all of those listed. That’s never happened before for all of them to come together.

They call for Israel to cease as a nation (Ps. 83:3-6), for example. Tyre would point to Lebanon/Hezbollah. Amalek and Philistia (Hamas refugees and Gazans), Moab, Ammon, Edom – mostly modern day Jordan. Hagrites were associated with Ishmaelites, which today is Saudi Arabia. They will come together to fight Israel. Watch for Arab and Muslim countries to form a solid alliance against Israel. I’ll post more but read only the first 5 verses of Ps 83.

Psalms 83:1-8

“Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold Your peace,
And do not be still, O God!

2 For behold, Your enemies make a tumult;
And those who hate You have lifted up their head.

3 *They have taken crafty counsel against Your people,*
And consulted together against Your sheltered ones.

4 *They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, That the name of Israel may be remembered no more."*

**5 For they have consulted together with one consent;
They form a confederacy against You:**

6 The tents of Edom and the **Ishmaelites**; Moab and the Hagrites;

7 Gebal [ancient Byblos – in Lebanon], Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; 8 Assyria also has joined with them; They have helped the children of Lot.”

Now I urge you to **also read Ezekiel 38-39** again. Another massive war.

So let's “**ride Loose in the saddle**”, as I say, and be watching it all, especially how world events and prophecy affect Israel and Jerusalem.

2. WATCH CAREFULLY HOW PRESIDENT TRUMP IS CHANGING the course of history and prophecy everywhere.

First understand I am not against President Trump, nor am I thrilled with everything about him. *It's clear that God has a purpose for saving his life.* GOD is the one who selects our leaders – good or bad (Dan. 4:17; Romans 13:1). But neither is this a guarantee that God will have Trump serve all four years. *He might, he might not. Ride loose in the saddle and allow for either decision from God. PRAY for Trump and all leaders.*

President Trump IS *causing* new stronger alliances in Europe/NATO – but potentially without him, without USA, which oddly enough is what Trump wants. Trump wants Europe to pay for more of their defense, but it could lead to a powerful new military Europe – one that doesn't need America. Right now Europe is very WEAK – but watch how Trump may affect Europe as a union.

EUROPEAN leaders are currently saying as of mid March 2025, that “***we can no longer rely on the USA*** and Trump, and must build our defenses without needing American military companies.” So they're building up their own defense systems.

Is he aware of all the positive and negative consequences of his words and actions? Perhaps. ***I'm not here to second guess him or his staff. But just be watching! He's turning off Canada too, with his calls that Canada should be our 51st state.*** That's insulting to many Canadians.

Note his comments about Greenland and the Panama Canal.

President Trump is playing a major role in prophetic world events – *certainly for as long as God chooses to keep him alive and*

influential. Trump has many enemies who would love to see him dead. Yes, he could be assassinated.

The death of world leaders can precipitate wars and sudden changes in world events.

Here's speculation: The very presence of Trump on the world scene COULD even be the reason we don't yet clearly see the end time Beast/AntiChrist identified. And no, I don't believe "the Beast" is President Trump. Be watching my 2 part sermon on The Antichrist. Just be willing to pivot when necessary.

Hopefully TRUMP is not assassinated. But if he does not live through his full term, that by itself can also accelerate prophetic events big time! Be praying for him and worldwide leaders.

There's an intriguing verse in 2 Thess 2 that says this below. Who is "he" who is "taken away"? We're not told.

2 Thessalonians 2:7-8a

"For the mystery of **lawlessness** is already at work; only **he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.** 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed..."

So someone is restraining the Lawless one (AntiChrist) from appearing. Many feel the one restraining is Jesus. But I don't see Jesus as being the one "taken out of the way" as 2 Thess. 2 says. Who's going to take Jesus away?

Speculation: *Could Trump be the one restraining the appearance of the Beast power, the Antichrist?* I don't know. And if Trump dies from any reason, could that be how he is "taken out of the way" – setting the stage for the Lawless one, the AntiChrist, to appear – as the new leader for the world?

For now, just "ride loosely in the saddle" – and be willing to see prophecies developing in ways that could be far different from what you used to believe would happen.

3. WATCH news from EUROPE and how they will probably powerfully UNITE. I've said this already in a way, but it needs to be a separate point. **Trump is bringing them together as never before by threatening not to defend Europe.** EUROPE – though weak right now – could become a huge powerful military force – apart from the USA. And faster than we might think!

So what are they doing: they're threatening to build their own military armaments and not just buying planes, tanks and missiles from the USA

Poland wants a half-million army and nuclear armaments from France.

Portugal and Canada have just cancelled HUGE orders for American F-35 fighter jets and will buy European instead.

Plus, with Russia's attack on Ukraine, Russia also gave Europe a huge reason to come together more than ever!

- Sweden and Finland joined NATO after Russia attacked Ukraine
- Germany, France and Britain are revving up their development of tanks and armored personnel carriers, missiles, and rockets.
- There's talk of putting European soldiers inside Ukraine, a thought completely rejected by Russia.
- Italy's Giorgia Meloni has just said maybe NATO should defend Ukraine!
- Türkiye is surprisingly even talking of defending Ukraine (at least at this moment, March 2025).

So be watching for Europe to be uniting strongly and doing so **WITHOUT the USA. Trump seems to WANT that,** but he could end up regretting it. That could "come back to bite us".

So also watch for all and any NEW ALIGNMENTS OF NATIONS.

4. BE WATCHING FOR A NEW CALIPHATE AND UNION OF MUSLIMS forming.

TURKEY (now spelled Turkiye) wants to lead a new caliphate. Be watching for that. Türkiye is now the power broker behind GILANI, the former Al-Qaeda terrorist leader but now the new head of Syria. Gilani just puts on a suit and tie and now is the accepted leader of SYRIA now; A proxy of Turkey. TURKIYE is using him and propping him up.

So – also be **watching what happens in TURKIYE** in every way. Türkiye headed up the long-standing **Ottoman Empire** and caliphate FOR OVER 600 YEARS. Thankfully Poland stopped their continued conquest of Europe in the **Battle of Vienna IN 1683** or Europe could be very different today. Also **Charles Martel in 732 stopped the Muslims** conquering western Europe.

I think most of us have focused on Western Europe and the Papacy – and not given enough thought to **Türkiye and the rise of their MAHDI, 12TH IMAM whom they seek to unite all Muslims,** divided right now between

Sunni, Shia and others. There are some strange teachings concerning the 12th Imam and what Muslims say about Jesus' role in the end. Very strange.

5. BE WATCHING FOR The COMING OF The ANTICHRIST or BEAST. I'll say much, much more about this in coming sermons. I don't think he'll suddenly appear as an all powerful leader, but will develop into that role over time. That's my speculation.

MOST believe he will be European and most feel the False Prophet will be the Pope. Others are looking for a Muslim AntiChrist/Anti-Messiah.

But perhaps we can end up watching a unifying of Europe while a unifying of Muslims will also occur – concurrently.

Whichever the Beast/AntiChrist will be, he will try his best to fully unite all the world under him, with the **aid of his sidekick the False Prophet**. But I don't think the hints in scripture reveal a suddenly powerful Beast leader – but more likely, I believe, one who GROWS into that spot of being the tyrant leader, using the opportunities of a world collapsing, world at war, and so on. HE will bring temporary peace and prosperity back, then sudden destruction.

Hitler did that too. He GREW into his position as someone who would restore pride and respect for Germany again, after their humiliating defeat in World War 1. It took Hitler 10-15 years to grow into his position of strength and dictatorial power.

I think it will be similar with the end-time AntiChrist/Beast. This end-time Beast I believe may already be alive and setting the stage for his eventual powerful introduction to the world. But I speculate. Ride loose in the saddle and watch.

6. BE watching also what's happening with the Papacy. Pope Francis, now 88 (born Dec 17, 1936) has been in a clinic for most of five weeks now (March 2025) with double pneumonia. He may not live long, or be able to function strongly. He's not been seen in public for a long time.

Cardinals are now openly discussing who could be a good successor. One of the times he went to the clinic, his blood sugar was 650, which should normally be between 80-120. That's just asking for a diabetic coma.

If Pope Francis resigns, retires or dies, a new pope will be worth watching. Could he become the Rev 13 second Beast, the False Prophet?

DON'T INSIST on that belief. IT MAY be right – or may not be. Just watch the Roman Catholic Church especially carefully.

There are already strong moves towards forming ONE WORLD RELIGION (Ecumenism). *Pope Francis has worked tirelessly already towards ecumenism – bringing all religions together. The stage for one world religion has been set. If you haven't realized that, you need to wake up. I will give a sermon hopefully soon on Ecumenism and how far it has gone.*

There's already a place in Abu Dhabi that has in one place, a CHURCH, a MOSQUE and a Jewish temple or synagogue – all as one.

7. BE WATCHING for TROUBLED currencies, including the US Dollar eventually. Be watching for eventual sudden collapse of economies around the world and collapse of the US dollar. Then watch for the world leader to start to “save” the world with a reviving economy, currency and peace.

Troubling times everywhere could set the stage for the world to seek a Savior – though a false Messiah, the AntiMessiah, to appear. He could be a problem solver, respected as someone who brings worldwide peace and **restores the worldwide economy – all under one New Order world government and one new worldwide digital currency, worldwide.** WATCH.

And all will agree – that to bring order out of chaos – everyone will have to come under this system. **Nobody will be able to buy or sell without using the System of the Beast power of Revelation 13.** *This means you won't be able to buy or own a home, or hold a job, or buy something to eat or to travel. But if you DO take the number and system of The Beast, you will receive God's wrath, which will be far worse.*

8. BE WATCHING FOR The MOST TERRIBLE AND SYSTEMATIC SLAUGHTER OF CHRISTIAN BELIEVERS.

And please, remember God allowed many thousands of his saints and prophets to be imprisoned, tortured, sawn in two, beheaded and hanged. **See Revelation 13:7; Hebrews 11:35-39; Daniel 7:21, 25; 8:24; Daniel 12:7.** Many saints in the last days I believe will be protected and delivered (**Daniel 12:1-2**). But many will have to prove their loyalty to God – to the death (**Revelation 20:4**).

If any believers die BEFORE this time, maybe that's God taking them from the troubles to come. We will all die eventually, so – though we're saddened, accept death as "part of life".

This is happening right now on a big scale, in Syria, Nigeria and even Pakistan and India. Pakistan seems to routinely falsely accuse Christians of blasphemy against the Quran and then hangs them – or tries to. PRAY for these believers willing to go through anything, to be able to still say they believe in Jesus Christ and God our Father.

In Syria, right now – Mid March 2025, Gilani is wiping out thousands of non-Sunni Muslims – the ALAWITES, as well as thousands of CHRISTIANS. He has his soldiers mowing down with their machine guns whole families of Syrian Christians. **Revelation 13** speaks of beheading any who don't come under central authority.

But the West remains silent so far. Under the Beast system of Rev 13, anyone not bowing down to him will be beheaded. Even early believers were killed if they didn't acknowledge Caesar as lord. If you're not taken to some place of Safety by God, this could well be you as well.

The point I'm making is this: MOST important of all – wake up spiritually. You will be called upon to stand up for truth and for Jesus Christ. Pray more than ever. Be faithful to God more than ever.

And watch world events carefully and realize prophecy is moving on swiftly. Be willing to be less dogmatic, but keep watching.

I'm not saying it's all going to wrap up in 3-5 years. I'm not saying that. But if it all does wrap up soon, be ready. If it doesn't, accept that too. We're still waiting for the Messiah to return. Certainly the stage is being set for end-time events to come together.

And be willing to realize that some of our preconceived ideas on prophecy – and how everything will work out – may be off a bit and may need some adjusting. Be WILLING to make adjustments in your thinking.

And watch for the coming sermons on this website having to do with the AntiChrist/Beast of Rev. 13, the coming 3rd Temple, and other prophetic sermons.

CLOSING PRAYER.