

“The Time Of The End” Part 2

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Last week we began our new series, “The Time Of The End”. There are several events taking place that God already told us from the beginning of time what would be happening as a “tip off” at the end of time to when the “Time Of The End” would take place.

The events that are happening in Iraq and Syria are prophetic and I believe that this is the beginning of the building for the foundation of the future antichrist. I believe, because of God’s Word, that the antichrist will be Muslim and his headquarters will center in the Iraq/Syrian/Lebanon/Iran area.

We are going to look at how the current events, specifically ISIS, and how it is laying the foundation for the antichrist in the nation of Iraq. Why are we doing this?

We are commanded to do so in Matthew 24 and Luke 21. Jesus said there would be a “Time Of The End” when these “things”, (Bible prophecy) would be fulfilled. I believe, that we are entering into the “Time Of The End”, or “The End of The Age”, or “The End Times”. Jesus used the phrase in Matthew 24 along with several other references from writers of the Bible.

Matthew 24:14 King James Version (KJV)

*14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; **and then shall the end come.***

Matthew 24:14 Amplified Bible (AMP)

*14 And this good news of the kingdom (the Gospel) will be preached throughout the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, **and then will come the end.***

What is “The End” or “The Time Of The End”? “The Time of The End” is a phrase found in the book of Daniel. Remember, the book of Daniel is “Apocalyptic Literature” or revelation. That speaks of the time right before Jesus meets the church in the clouds or the Rapture of the Church and the seven year tribulation period.

Daniel 8:17 King James Version (KJV)

17 So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision.

Daniel 11:35 King James Version (KJV)

35 And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.

Daniel 11:40 King James Version (KJV)

40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

Daniel 12:4 King James Version (KJV)

4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Daniel 12:9 King James Version (KJV)

9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

This is the time frame, prophetically, that is set up prior to the return of the messiah, Jesus Christ, to set up His Kingdom.

Last week we looked at five significant events, which is not an exhaustive list, that have taken place in recent history.

1. The Valley Of The Dry Bones Vision

Ezekiel Chapter 37

2. The Restoration Of Israel As A Nation

Isaiah 66:8 King James Version (KJV)

8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

Isaiah 66:8 predicted that this would happen in one day.

3. The Six Day War

This took place in June of 1967 when Israel went to war with Egypt, Syria and Jordan was pulled into this as well. After the war ended (in 6 days) Israel had now gained the area which is now called the “West Bank”. This area in the ancient days was called Judea and Samaria. Israel also gained the area of the “Golan Heights” which in ancient times was called the Bashan area which today borders the areas of Lebanon and Syria.

4. The Rise Of Israel’s Enemies

Ezekiel Chapters 38 and 39

The Bible predicts, especially in the book of Ezekiel, the rise of certain enemies in the last days that are going to create a war called the war of Gog and Magog.

5. The Return Of The Jews

Jeremiah 16:14-16 King James Version (KJV)

14 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be said, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

15 But, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

16 Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

Isaiah 43:5 King James Version (KJV)

5 Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;

We concluded week #1 with:

Positive Signs We Are In The Time Of The End.

and

Negative Signs We Are In The Time Of The End.

Tonight we are picking up right where we left off, proving we are in the...“The Last Days”, “Time Of The End”, “End Times”.

The rabbis called these days, when the prophecies are beginning to be fulfilled... the footsteps of the messiah or the birth pains of the messiah. This is what is going to happen according to the book of Hebrews.

Hebrews 12:26 King James Version (KJV)

26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

Hebrews 12:26 Amplified Bible (AMP)

26 Then [at Mount Sinai] His voice shook the earth, but now He has given a promise: Yet once more I will shake and make tremble not only the earth but also the [starry] heavens.

Matthew 24:6 King James Version (KJV)

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

Matthew 24:6 Amplified Bible (AMP)

6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened or troubled, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.

There is going to be wars and rumors of wars that are going to begin the shaking of the nations. The nations are going to be shaking to the point that borders are going to collapse.

For example, ISIS which is an acronym for Islamic army or Islamic state that has formed in the Middle East, they have taken away the border of Syria and the border of Iraq. Next, they want to go into Lebanon and do the same thing there. In other words, they want to control the entire territory.

This is what is going to happen in the near future, there is going to be wars and rumors of wars to the point that borders are going to collapse.

1. Borders Will Collapse And Countries Will Merge

We can prove this by...

Revelation 16:12 King James Version (KJV)

12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

Revelation 16:12 Amplified Bible (AMP)

12 Then the sixth [angel] emptied his bowl on the mighty river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to make ready a road for [the coming of] the kings of the east (from the rising sun).

Revelation 9:16 King James Version (KJV)

16 And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.

Revelation 9:16 Amplified Bible (AMP)

16 The number of their troops of cavalry was twice ten thousand times ten thousand (200,000,000); I heard what their number was.

There is going to be this army from the kings of the east. A two hundred million man army, and this could be China, India or it could be an Islamic army that's in the southern part of Russia. As of 2014, research tells us that there are over 200 million Muslims in the world.

2. 10 Nation Coalition Led By The Antichrist

When you look at the book of Revelation, the book of the apocalypse, or the revealing of the final mysteries... there is going to be a ten nation coalition led by the antichrist.

Revelation 17:12-13 King James Version (KJV)

12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

Revelation 17:12-13 Amplified Bible (AMP)

12 Also the ten horns that you observed are ten rulers (kings) who have as yet received no royal dominion, but together they are to receive power and authority as rulers for a single hour, along with the beast.

13 These have one common policy (opinion, purpose), and they deliver their power and authority to the beast.

3. Kings Will Oppose The Antichrist And His Army

The Kings of the North and the Kings of the South will be pushing against the antichrist and his armies.

Daniel 11:40 King James Version (KJV)

40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

Daniel 11:40 Amplified Bible (AMP)

40 And at the time of the end the king of the South shall push at and attack him, and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots and horsemen and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries and shall overflow and pass through.

The time will come when there will be an Islamic army, a kingdom of the beast or kingdom of the antichrist. This army will be so vicious that the Bible says, “who can make war against the beast”?

Revelation 13:4 King James Version (KJV)

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, ‘Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him’?

Revelation 13:4 Amplified Bible (AMP)

4 They fell down and paid homage to the dragon, because he had bestowed on the beast all his dominion and authority; they also praised and worshiped the beast, exclaiming, ‘Who is a match for the beast, and, Who can make war against him’?

There will be kings who submit their kingdoms to the antichrist. They will capitulate to him in order for their kingdom or nation to be spared from the destructive power this individual will have and the weapons he will have in his hands.

I believe we are seeing the early stages, not the completion, not the entire fulfillment of, but the early stages of the kingdom of the antichrist taking shape. The Bible teaches in Revelation Chapter 17, that the last empire on earth, the last kingdom to rule here on earth before the Messiah comes back to step foot on the Mount of Olives and it gives details about that kingdom.

Also, according to what I understand as well as other commentaries, by gathering all the evidence throughout the Old and New Testament, this kingdom appears to be as we understand it today as a radical Islamic Caliphate. This entity is going to be reformed in the Middle East and be given power for 42 months to control much of the world. When you look at what the prophets had to say about this kingdom that is coming, this radical Islamic Caliphate fits what they were speaking as we can best see as of today.

There is a kingdom coming, that is the most violent and most dangerous coalition in the future headed up by one man called the antichrist.

This is what Daniel said in chapter 7:7

Daniel 7:7 King James Version (KJV)

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

Daniel 7:7 Amplified Bible (AMP)

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast [the Roman empire]—terrible, powerful and dreadful, and exceedingly strong. And it had great iron teeth; it devoured and crushed and trampled what was left with its feet. And it was different from all the beasts that came before it, and it had ten horns [symbolizing ten kings].

This kingdom is described as having iron teeth, devouring and stamping the nations out with its feet. Now, the feet represent marching into these nations and defeating anything that gets in its way.

Here's another prophecy from the New Testament...

Revelation 13:4 King James Version (KJV)

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

Revelation 13:4 Amplified Bible (AMP)

4 They fell down and paid homage to the dragon, because he had bestowed on the beast all his dominion and authority; they also praised and worshiped the beast, exclaiming, Who is a match for the beast, and, Who can make war against him?

The antichrist and his coalition will violently overthrow nations and overtake them to the point where no one will be able to make war against this system/entity which is coming.

Here in Revelation chapter 20, there is another clue to this radical Islamic connection...

Revelation 20:4 King James Version (KJV)

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image,

neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Revelation 20:4 Amplified Bible (AMP)

4 Then I saw thrones, and sitting on them were those to whom authority to act as judges and to pass sentence was entrusted. Also I saw the souls of those who had been slain with axes [beheaded] for their witnessing to Jesus and [for preaching and testifying] for the Word of God, and who had refused to pay homage to the beast or his statue and had not accepted his mark or permitted it to be stamped on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived again and ruled with Christ (the Messiah) a thousand years.

People will be beheaded who are of another religion, it doesn't matter if they're Christian, Jewish or any other religion. If they don't submit to the religion of this system which will rule for 42 months (the back half of the tribulation), they will be beheaded. We know that there is one religion that does that, that is Radical Islam.

I believe that what is about to happen is that there is going to be a reforming of Iraq, Iran, Syria and eventually Lebanon. They will join together under a radical leadership and a radical Islamic army and it will have millions of followers.

This is very possible because if they take over Iraq, Iran, Syria and Lebanon. They are not going to identify it as a multi-nation coalition, but it will be called Babylon.

Someone will come up with the idea of calling it Babylon because that is the name that is used in the book of Revelation for this empire. Mystery Babylon and the word Babylon is used in prophecy as the place this leader will rise from.

Revelation 17:5 King James Version (KJV)

5 And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon The Great, The Mother Of Harlots And Abominations Of The Earth.

Revelation 17:5 Amplified Bible (AMP)

5 And on her forehead there was inscribed a name of mystery [with a secret symbolic meaning]: Babylon the great, the mother of prostitutes (idolatresses) and of the filth and atrocities and abominations of the earth.

Remember, the tower of Babel was in Iraq (found in Genesis Chapters 10 and 11). It was the first kingdom that had a rebel by the name of Nimrod that was ruling at that time. Today, in these territories, they are led by rebels which are rising up just like Nimrod, who was the first rebel to rise up against God during the tower of Babel.

This radical Islam is on the move, they are killing Christians and anyone who rejects their beliefs in Nigeria, Kenya, Syria, Egypt, Africa, UK and Iran. There are more nations being attacked , expanding this list almost daily, even the attack in the United States just 2 months ago.

Let's go into the scriptures and look at what God's Word says to help us understand what is about to happen next. According to the Bible, found in the history of God's Word, there has been six major prophetic empires that have affected Israel and the Jewish people.

1. Egyptian Empire - Abraham to Moses

Israel was connected to Egypt for 400 years.

2. Assyrian Empire - 1 & 2 Chronicles and 1 & 2 Kings

They fought Israel and 10 northern tribes were captured and scattered.

3. Babylonian Empire - Daniel

Jerusalem and the Holy Temple were destroyed by King Nebuchadnezzar - the Jews were taken captive for 70 years. Then they were allowed to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the city.

4. Medes / Persian Empire - Esther

Gave Israel favor to rebuild the temple and bring their treasure out of Babylon back into Jerusalem.

5. Grecian Empire - Intertestamental Period

This was the period of time following the writings of the Hebrew Prophet Malachi up until the time of John the Baptist that you read about in Matthew 3. This Intertestament Period had one man by the name of Antiochus Epiphanes who rose to power and for 42 months desecrated Jerusalem and desecrated the temple and had to be defeated by the Maccabees (Jewish rebels). This is where the story of Hanukah originates - during the Intertestament Period.

6. Roman Empire - New Testament

In 70 AD they destroyed the Temple and Jerusalem and the Jews were scattered.

When the Roman Empire controlled Israel during that time, the Jewish people were scattered and the city was destroyed, it was then renamed the area of Palestine. They wouldn't even call the area of Jerusalem by its name any more and in 70 AD they put salt all over the hills in Jerusalem and around the temple area so nothing would grow there.

This time, called the Imperial Roman Empire, continued for hundreds of years until 476 AD. The Imperial Roman Empire headquarters was in Rome, Italy. But, during the time of Constantine who was an Emperor, a "new Rome" was built in which we now know as Turkey.

That “new Rome” at that time which was called Constantinople, later, it would be known as Istanbul. This is the same area with two different names historically.



In 476 AD, Rome and the Western branch of the empire collapsed, but the eastern portion of the Roman Empire rose to power. That area was known as the Byzantine Empire...(this is a whole lot of history in a small amount of space).

The Byzantine Empire was predominantly Christian and they ruled that empire for 1,000 years. But, in the 1500's the Muslims began to reemerge in that part of the world. They came into Turkey and took over Constantinople, which once again is Istanbul today. They took over Saint Sophias Church which is a massive beautiful building and turned it into a mosque.



The Ottoman Turks and the Ottoman Church ruled from 1517 until 1917 in what was called Palestine. Remember, we are using the names that were used at that time which is now Israel but then was Palestine.

The Turks ceased Constantinople and they formed an Islamic Caliphate for 400 years, from 1517 to 1917. It actually started a little before that, but the peak or big push started in 1517 when they went into Africa and Palestine.

Note: An Islamic caliphate is a form of Islamic government led by a caliph. A caliph is a person considered the political and religious successor to the prophet Muhammad and a leader of the entire Muslim community.

This was a huge Islamic Empire in the east. It spread over 3 continents and over 35 different regions. When the Byzantine Empire fell after 1,000 years, the Muslims came in and took over. The Byzantines fell because of wars and couldn't defend themselves any longer against the Islamic armies.

So, what was called the Ottoman Turkish Empire for 400 hundred years was very strong in the southern part of Russia, Turkey, edge of Greece, northern parts of the Middle East, Syria, Lebanon and all the way into Palestine.



Rome still continued and the Byzantines considered themselves Romans and under Roman rule even though the Western Empire fell.

This continued all the way up until the the Holy Roman Empire or the Roman Catholic Church which was still prominent and ruling the kings out of Rome. The Pope and the church had allot of power until Napoleon broke his power out of France and that is when you see major transitions begin to take place all over the world.

This is what the Bible predicts... The Roman Empire continues to the End of Days. The Imperial Roman Empire time goes into the Byzantine Empire then to the Holy Roman Empire/and the Catholic Church which was prominent from the 6th Century to today throughout Europe for the most part. So all of this will continue to the “end of days” or “time of the end”.

This is where we are going and you need to understand this. There is a seventh empire that is coming.

Revelation 17:10-14 King James Version (KJV)

10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

11 And the beast (this is the system of the antichrist) that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, (meaning the 8th empire) and is of the seven, (meaning he comes out of one of the 7 prophetic empires that we just named -which is either Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece or Rome) and goeth into perdition. (which is destruction)

12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

Revelation 17:10-14 Amplified Bible (AMP)

10 And they are also seven kings, five of whom have fallen, one still exists [and is reigning]; the other [the seventh] has not yet appeared, and when he does arrive, he must stay [but] a brief time.

11 And as for the beast that [once] was, but now is no more, he [himself] is an eighth ruler (king, head), but he is of the seven and belongs to them, and he goes to perdition.

12 Also the ten horns that you observed are ten rulers (kings) who have as yet received no royal dominion, but together they are to receive power and authority as rulers for a single hour, along with the beast.

13 These have one common policy (opinion, purpose), and they deliver their power and authority to the beast.

14 They will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will triumph over them; for He is Lord of lords and King of kings—and those with Him and on His side are chosen and called [elected] and loyal and faithful followers.

There is going to come two empires for a short period of time. One will be called #7 for a short time and then #8 will come from one of the previous 7 empires in Bible prophecy/history. That 8th empire will rule for 42 months. One empire has total control for the first 42 months and the the next empire has total control for the last 42 months of the Tribulation.

Isaiah 46:9-10 King James Version (KJV)

9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,

10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

Isaiah 46:9-10 Amplified Bible (AMP)

9 [Earnestly] remember the former things, [which I did] of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me,

10 Declaring the end and the result from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose,

Luke 21:28 King James Version (KJV)

28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Luke 21:28 Amplified Bible (AMP)

28 Now when these things begin to occur, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption (deliverance) is drawing near.

We will pick this up next week with the “Time Of The End” signs that show and prove we are living at that time.

Ecclesiastes 1:9 King James Version (KJV)

9 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 1:9 Amplified Bible (AMP)

9 The thing that has been—it is what will be again, and that which has been done is that which will be done again; and there is nothing new under the sun.

Numbers 23:19 King James Version (KJV)

19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Numbers 23:19 Amplified Bible (AMP)

19 God is not a man, that He should tell or act a lie, neither the son of man, that He should feel repentance or compunction [for what He has promised]. Has He said and shall He not do it? Or has He spoken and shall He not make it good?