



The Trumpeter

Ezek 33:3 If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people;

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Headlines = God's Warnings?

Apocalypse Now: Floods, Tornadoes, Locusts: Weather of Biblical Proportions Sets Off Debate Among Theologians and Scientists - ABC News - Jun 13, 2008
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CDC: Salmonella-tainted tomato illnesses reach 228 - USA Today - Jun 13, 2008
Bad news travels downriver fast - Missouri braces for flooding - USA Today - June 13, 2008
U.S. Foreclosure Filings Surge 48 Percent in May - Fox News - June 13, 2008
Iowa flood evacuations rise, losses seen in billions - Reuters - June 13, 2008
Lightning Sparks Up to 400 Fires in California - FoxNews.com - June 22, 2008

Comment: The United States is a nation that is enduring the discipline of the Lord! A Scripture that is relevant here is "to whom much is given, much will be required" (Luke 12:48). We are a nation that once honored God from our very foundations. Today we are spitting in His face and demanding that He get out of our schoolrooms and courtrooms. The issue that has placed us over the line is our recent policy as a nation of pressuring Israel to give up land that God has promised to Israel. Joel 3:2 warns that God will retaliate against any nation that persecutes the Jewish people or "divides His land".

We have very little going for us as a nation with God! We were once a great moral nation, leading the world in the causes of righteousness and strong support for Israel. God makes it plain in Amos 4:6-11 that He can send natural disasters to get a nation's attention to call them back to Him. Is that why our headlines read like they do? Our morals are greatly compromised today, but our **greatest trespass with God is pressuring Israel to give up their land in the interest of making peace!**

Wake up America! Return to the Lord as it was in the days of this country's founding fathers. Let us also abandon the suicidal policy of pressuring Israel to give away her land for **He that touches Israel touches the apple of God's eye** (Zechariah 2:8).

Recent News and Bible Prophecy

Tornado season deadliest in a decade - USA TODAY - May 12, 2008 - The USA has been ravaged through mid-May by a near-record number of tornadoes that has pushed the death toll including 47 killer twisters over the weekend to a 10-year high. The deaths of 98 people attributed to tornadoes this year has made 2008 the deadliest year thus far for tornadoes since 1998 and the seventh deadliest since modern record keeping began in 1950, The Weather Channel said.

Brush Fires Force Hundreds to Flee Homes in Central Florida, Shut Down I-95 - Fox News - May 12, 2008 - Brush fires forced residents to flee more than 500 homes in central Florida on Sunday and closed a major interstate, authorities said. A fire in Volusia County has burned approximately 1,900 acres and caused road closures and home evacuations, state Division of Forestry spokesman Timber Weller said. About 400 homes in the neighborhood near Daytona Beach were under a mandatory evacuation order and 200 more homes were under a voluntary order.

Gas prices hit 5th straight record - CNN - May 12, 2008 - Retail gasoline prices increased for the sixth straight day and hit their fifth consecutive record, auto group AAA's Web site showed Monday. The national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline rose to a new all-time high of \$3.718, up 1 and one-tenth of a cent from the previous day. Drivers now pay 21% more for a gallon of gas than they did a year ago, when a gallon of gas cost on average \$3.064, according to AAA.

Comment: Fires, record numbers of tornadoes, floods, sluggish stock market, slowing economy, are the kinds of things mentioned in Amos, chapter 4, in which God makes it clear that these are the kinds of things that happen when God is calling for a nation's attention. There is also an increase in crime, earthquakes, illegal drug usage, monetary inflation, an increase of smut and foul language with which we entertain ourselves, and the general sense that things are not well. With all of these things going on, it seems inappropriate that we are insisting that God get out of our court houses, schools, and public places, and have no voice in our public policies. Whether one thinks judgments from God are in place, or we're just falling on bad times, it would be a good time for America to reconsider her ways and return to the God of her heritage!

Ahmadinejad Calls U.S. 'Satanic,' Israel 'About to Die'

- Foxnews.com - June 02, 2008 - Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad predicted that Muslims would uproot "satanic powers" and reaffirmed his prediction that the **Jewish state will soon be wiped off the map**, the Agence France-Presse news agency reported Monday. "I must announce that the Zionist regime (Israel), with a 60-year record of genocide, plunder, invasion and betrayal is about to die and will soon be erased from the geographical scene," Ahmadinejad said. "Today, the time for the fall of the **satanic power of the United States** has come and the countdown to the annihilation of the emperor of power and wealth has started," the hard-line president said.

Comment: Ahmadinejad is wrong about Israel! The God of all creation has declared that when Israel returns back to their land, they will never again leave it (Amos 9:15). Israel isn't going anywhere! Actually Iran is the one with the questionable future. God spoke through Ezekiel 2,500 years ago and said that Iran (Persia) would come against Israel and He would miraculously kill the Iranian army Himself and feed the dead army to the birds. (See Ezekiel 38 & 39). This will probably happen very soon because the birds necessary for this operation are already showing up in Israel. (See www.lionofjudahministry.org for detail discussion on this subject).

Presbyterians Divided on Gay Ordination Ahead of Major Meeting

- www.christianpost.com - May. 30 2008 - Leading up to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s biannual General Assembly next month, Presbyterians are evenly divided on the highly controversial issue of homosexual ordination, which is expected to hit the debate floor again. This year, 22 proposals have been submitted by presbyteries regarding the church's sexual standards for ordination. Eleven of them support the current ban on practicing homosexuals and 11 oppose it.

Comment: It is a tragedy that this issue is being discussed at all, especially in the church! If the Bible is the standard by which to judge this issue, it condemns homosexuality, not only among leaders, but throughout the church. (See 1 Corinthians 6:9-11). Of course, if the Bible is not used as a standard for morality, which seems to be the way the world is going, then anything goes.

Tree Grown From Ancient Seed Found in Jewish Fortress

- Foxnews.com - June 13, 2008 - Scientists have grown a tree from what may be the oldest seed ever germinated. The new sapling was sprouted from a 2,000-year-old date palm excavated in Masada, the site of a cliff-side fortress in Israel where ancient Jews are said to have killed themselves to avoid capture by Roman invaders. Dubbed the "Methuselah Tree" after the oldest person in the Bible, the new plant has been growing steadily, and after 26 months, the tree was nearly four feet (1.2 meters) tall. The species of tree, called the Judean date, (*Phoenix dactylifera* L.), is now extinct in Israel, but researchers are hoping that by reviving the plant they may be able to study its medicinal uses.

Comment: This tree can be looked at as a symbol. The Jewish people have been scattered from the land and the land has laid desolate. But now, after almost 2,000 years, the Jewish people are reclaiming the land and the land is producing phenomenally! God said it would in Amos 9:14-15 and many other places in the Bible. Amazing that this little seed has laid dormant in its hiding place until the Jewish people come back to the land and plant it. Now it grows like the rest of Israel is doing after 2,000 years.

Oh Jerusalem! America drafts plan to cut in Two

- WorldNetDaily.com - April 11, 2008 - The United States, which has been mediating negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority here, has proposed a plan to **divide Jerusalem**, WND has learned. The plan, divided into separate phases, among other things calls for Israel eventually to forfeit parts of the Temple Mount, Judaism's holiest site...the sources said the plan was delivered earlier this month by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice during her trip to the region to push Israeli-Palestinian negotiations started at last November's U.S.-backed Annapolis summit, which aimed to create a Palestinian state before the end of the year...The U.S. is "very deeply involved" in all aspects of the negotiations, according to a top diplomatic source.

Comment: This is very risky politics! God says that in the last days He "will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured" (Zech. 12:3). Also, Joel 3:2 says that God will retaliate against those who divide His land. Makes one wonder as we insist that Israel negotiate over Jerusalem and divide her land, why the US is having such disastrous weather, fires, \$4:00 per-gallon gasoline, slowing economy, sluggish stock market, etc. Many who study Bible prophecy are hearing God through these natural means saying, "**US, get your hands off of My Land**".

Assad: 'We won't cut Iran or Hizbullah ties'

- Jerusalem Post - May 10, 2008 - Syrian President Bashar Assad rejected Israel's demand that Syria cut its ties with Iran and Hizbullah. He said that detaching his country from the two was "irrelevant" to reviving peace talks. In an interview published Friday with the Italian magazine L'Espresso, Assad went on to emphasize that his country was offering peace in return for the Golan Heights - captured from Syria in 1967 and then again in 1973 after recurrent Syrian cross-border attacks. The Syrian president said it would be possible to advance the peace process when the new US president was elected. Syria maintains ties with both Hizbullah and Iran, an extremist Shi'ite terror organization and a dominantly-Shi'ite state respectively, which both seek Israel's destruction.

Comment: That the Syrian President believes that detaching from Iran and Hizbullah is "irrelevant to reviving peace talks", is laughable, seeing that both are vowed to Israel's destruction!

Syria: We'll Get Golan, One Way or Another

- IsraelNationalNews.com - June 14, 2008 - Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister Fayssal Mekdad said in an interview Saturday that his country would get the Golan back from Israel - by force, if not by negotiation. "The Israelis must know that the Golan is Syrian and they are not to raise their children and families there... they will not benefit from living in the Golan." He added that Syria had the means to force Israel to return the Golan using "non-peaceful" means. "What is preferable - liberating the Golan through peace and without bloodshed or liberating the land through war?" he asked rhetorically.

Comment: Just as God has spoken about the future of Iran, He has also spoken about the future of Syria. Through the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 17:1), God stated that a day would come when Damascus, capital city of Syria, would be reduced to rubble. Will the Syrians soon challenge Israel militarily concerning ownership of the Golan Heights? Will this event be the catalyst that brings fulfillment of the destruction of Damascus as stated in Isaiah 17:1? Time will soon tell.

Gay Rights Advocates Score Wins in N.Y., Calif.

- FoxNews.com - May 29, 2008 - Gay rights advocates had reason to celebrate on both coasts Thursday, with New York set to recognize same-sex marriages performed elsewhere and California preparing to begin issuing marriage licenses to gay couples on June 17.

California ushers in gay wedding era as marriages begin

- AFP - June 16, 2008 - Amid cheers and tears, gay and lesbian couples began tying the knot in California on Monday, as a historic court ruling legalizing same-sex marriage in America's most populous state took effect.

Comment: Some would call it Sodom and Gomorria. Jesus predicted a day just "as it was in the days of Lot" in Luke 17. The predominant sin was homosexuality. To the surprise of many, a wave of homosexuality is sweeping across the world. Jesus said that this wave of homosexuality would be yet another sign (Luke 17) that we are living in the season of His return.

Foreign firms investing in Iraq

- USA TODAY - June 17, 2008 - European and Asian companies are beating their American rivals into Iraq now that security has improved the investment climate, Iraq and U.S. officials say. "It's starting to turn and the people who are getting in on the ground floor are not American," said Paul Brinkley, the Pentagon official who is leading U.S. efforts to help Iraq rebuild its economy. "It's ironic." Foreign companies, including U.S. investors, have committed to deals worth about \$500 million so far this year and Brinkley expects at least \$1 billion in foreign investment by the end of the year.

Comment: Revelation 18 talks of a city called Babylon being a great financial center in the end-times. It says the merchants of the world will mourn over her destruction. Ancient Babylon was in what we now call Iraq. Will it soon be rebuilt to its former glory and become a great banking and trade center?

Israel wins significant EU upgrade

- Jerusalem Post - June 17, 2008 - Despite intense lobbying by Egypt and the Palestinian Authority, the European Union on Monday - in a sign of vastly improved European-Israeli relations over the last few years - agreed to a significant upgrade of relations. The upgrade was announced in Luxembourg during the annual EU-Israel Association Council meeting, headed by foreign ministers, which conducts the bilateral relations between Israel and the EU.

Comment: But of course! Daniel 9:24-27 speaks of a European leader that "confirms" an agreement for Israel to use the Temple Mount for daily sacrifice during the coming seven-year Tribulation. Closer relations with Israel places Europe in a better position to negotiate, or possibly impose, the agreement discussed in Daniel 9:27. After almost two thousand years, the Jewish people are back in Israel and desire to use the Temple Mount for worship. That is not possible today because the Jordanian Muslims control the Mount. Some agreement is necessary. Not just any agreement, but one "confirmed" by a European leader according to Daniel 9. It is logical that closer relations develop between Europe and Israel. Just another piece of the puzzle is starting to fit into place!

Famous Quote:

"About the time of the end, a body of men will be raised up who will turn their attention to the prophecies of the Bible, and insist on their literal interpretation in the midst of much clamor and opposition." Sir Isaac Newton (AD 1643 - 1727)

7.2 Japan Quake Leaves At Least 6 Dead - CBS

- June 14, 2008 - A magnitude 7.2 earthquake ripped across the mountains and rice fields of northern Japan on Saturday, killing at least six people as it sheared off hillsides, jolted buildings and shook nuclear power plants. At least eight people were missing.

Deadliest Earthquake in China

- KGMB9News-May 12, 2008 - It's being called the deadliest earthquake in China in more than 30 years. At last count the death toll in the Sichuan Province was more than 10,000 and that number has been rising all day. Scientists with the U.S. Geological Survey now say the quake measured a magnitude 7.9. And since then, there have been four aftershocks ranging from 4.8, to 5.6.

Comment: Sure does seem that earthquakes are getting more frequent these days! According to the US Geological survey, they are! As posted on the USGS WEB Site, the number of earthquakes worldwide in the year 2000 was 22,256. The number of earthquakes worldwide in 2007 was 29,689. (See <http://neic.usgs.gov/neis/eqlists/eqstats.html>). Jesus said that earthquakes would be increasing in the time of His return (Matthew 24:7, Mark 13:8, Luke 21:11). They are! Our hearts and prayers are with the victims of these horrible, natural disasters!

Temple Mount '100% Islamic' Warning: 'Any action that offends holy site will be answered by 1.5 billion Muslims'

- Jerusalem and the Temple Mount belong to the Muslims and any Israeli action that "offends" the Mount will be answered by 1.5 billion Muslims, declared the chief of staff for Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. "Jerusalem is Muslim. The blessed Al Aqsa mosque and Harem Al Sharif (Temple Mount) is 100 percent Muslim. The Israelis are playing with fire when they threaten Al Aqsa with digging that is taking place," said Abbas' chief of staff Rafiq Al Hussein.

Comment: The Muslim claim to Jerusalem and the Temple Mount was predicted 2,500 years ago by Ezekiel the prophet. Ezekiel 35:10 says this: *"Because you have said, 'These two nations and these two lands will be mine, and we will possess them,' although the LORD was there"*. The rest of Ezekiel 35 promises a bleak future to the Arabs who have tried to claim the Mount as their own! Jesus will return to that Mount and we will crown Him King of Kings and Lord of Lords. On that day, there will be no more dispute over it. Every one will know to whom it belongs! That day draws close at hand!

U.S. Commission Finds Troubling Texts at Virginia-Based Saudi Academy

- Foxnews.com - June 14, 2008 - Textbooks at a private Islamic school in northern Virginia teach students that it is permissible for Muslims to kill adulterers and converts from Islam, according to a federal investigation released Wednesday. Other passages in the school's textbooks state that "the Jews conspired against Islam and its people" and that Muslims are permitted to take the lives and property of those deemed "polytheists." The passages were found in selected textbooks used during the 2007-08 school year by the Islamic Saudi Academy, which teaches 900 students in grades K-12 at two campuses in Alexandria and Fairfax and receives much of its funding from the Saudi government.

Comment: Islam has been from its early days a religion that supports subjugating the world by the sword if necessary. It is part of the great end-time deception (II Thess. 2:10-12) to believe otherwise, as many do today.

Americans: My Faith Isn't the Only Way to

Heaven - FoxNews.com - June 24, 2008 - America remains a nation of believers, but a new survey finds most Americans don't feel their religion is the only way to eternal life—even if their faith tradition teaches otherwise. The findings, revealed Monday in a survey of 35,000 adults, can either be taken as a positive sign of growing religious tolerance, or disturbing evidence that Americans dismiss or don't know fundamental teachings of their own faiths. Among the more startling numbers in the survey, conducted last year by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life: 57 percent of evangelical church attenders said they believe many religions can lead to eternal life, in conflict with traditional evangelical teaching. In all, 70 percent of Americans with a religious affiliation shared that view, and 68 percent said there is more than one true way to interpret the teachings of their own religion.

Comment: Jesus said of Himself, "no one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). I Timothy 4:1 says, "But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons". Many ways to God is a doctrine (teaching) of a demon spoken of here.

The Rapture

The following sign appeared in our last newsletter. We got so many comments about it, I decided to show it again. Not only will the Rapture separate the church from the state, but it will separate the church from a world that is going to Hell "in a handbasket", as they say. The Rapture is the Christian's great hope (Titus 2:13)! The Lord said that "if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:3). This statement by the Lord assumes that there are people looking forward and anticipating this great event. Many are! However, there are those who claim to be Christians who don't care much. If a person has a spouse who leaves on a business trip and the remaining spouse shows little interest about the return of the spouse on the trip, we would conclude that the relationship has some real problems! So, what do we conclude about those who claim to have a relationship with the Lord, but don't really care about His return?

The most important point I want to leave you with is this: *The Trumpeter* newsletter is about showing that we are living in the season of the Lord's return. We should be rejoicing that we are getting close to seeing our Lord face-to-face! Jesus said, "But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." (Luke 21:28). Look up Christians!

The Rapture could take place any day now!



Not sure you're going in the Rapture? Do what is recorded in Romans 10:9 today and you can be sure. Ask the Lord into your life today!



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Our general fund is way too low! **If you've considered making a special offering, now would be a good time! We need your help!**

*Speaking Engagements -

- *Day of Pentecost Celebration - Victory Free Will Baptist Church - June 8 - Springfield, Tennessee
- *Lamb & Lion Prophecy Conference - Princeton, Texas - June 27-28
- *Redemption Draweth Nigh Conference - First Baptist Church - Broussard, LA - August 15-16 - Contact Al Gist at - 337-725-6209
- *First Baptist Church - Broussard, LA - August 17 - 337- 837-1125
- *Southland Christian Church Men's Retreat - Lexington, KY - September 25, 26, & 27 - Contact Lion of Judah office for details.

***Let's Have An All-Day Seminar** - Many of my speaking engagements for the last couple of years have been all-day seminars mostly in churches. The goal of these seminars is to equip those attending to learn how to "connect the dots" as to how Bible prophecies are being fulfilled and how close we are to the return of Jesus. These seminars usually feature dinner on the grounds, lots of fellowship, are intellectually stimulating, uplifting, and encouraging. Let's have one at your church. Call 615-591-8036.

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