



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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"Truth Has Fallen In The Streets"!

These are the words of Isaiah, written around 700 B.C. about the southern Kingdom of Judah. The northern Kingdom, Israel, had been overrun by the Assyrians. Under Solomon's reign, Israel and Judah were one nation. Dependent on God, it was ruled by justice and righteousness and greatly blessed by Him! After Solomon's death, the northern Kingdom, Israel, broke away from the southern Kingdom, known as Judah. Judah was the location of Jerusalem and the Temple, once known for its majestic and glorious worship. However, a generation came in which appreciation for God became of little value. By Isaiah's time, the Judeans had become complacent, corrupt, immoral, and arrogant. Gone was the nation's dependence on God and its former glory. God Himself, very involved in establishing Israel and her glorious Temple, was forgotten. God's blessings were withdrawn. The nation broke apart and eventually was overrun by the Assyrians, then the Babylonians.

By comparison, The United States of America was founded with a recognition and a dependence on God. Godly principles were embraced in her Constitution. Her morality was guided by the Bible. Very much like Israel and Judah, two-hundred years later, we have a generation that could care less about what God thinks. He has been told to get out of our schools, our courtrooms, and our politics. He is not welcome in our public life or in most private home lives any more. We are a nation who has forgotten her heritage in God and just as it happened in Israel and Judah, "truth has fallen in the streets"! Nowhere is this more evident than in our media! As influential as our media is today, it is not regulated by truth. We can't even get truth about candidates running for public office and we call it "free press". We legislate the "right" to kill the unborn. We protect the rights of those who come to kill us, etc. We protect the "rights" of just about anyone except those who want to maintain what this country was originally founded upon, Godly principles based on the Bible. Once the Bible is rejected as authoritative, what serves as a guide post for morality and truth?

Rejecting God's authority and truth is a cancer that is eating away at our society! His authority is challenged at our colleges. It is challenged at our churches and in our courtrooms. Will our outcome be the same as ancient Israel and Judah? Israel's and Judah's only hope was to turn back to God. So is ours!

U.N. Wants To Repair Babylon- Associated

Press - November 13, 2008 - It was one of the world's first, greatest cities - a place where astronomers mapped the stars millennia ago and kings created an early code of law and planted what became known as the Hanging Gardens of Babylon. Yet little remains of the ancient capital, as seen by The Associated Press during a trip to Babylon last month...Now, for the first time, global institutions led by the U.N. are thoroughly documenting the damage and how to fix it...The U.S. also says it will help rehabilitate Babylon, funding an effort by the World Monuments Fund and Iraq's State Board of Antiquities and Heritage...

Comment: This is **huge news!!!** In Revelation 18, the Apostle John looked into the end times and saw a city named Babylon that would serve as a cultural and financial center for the world. Because Babylon laid in ruins for centuries, Bible scholars had the tendency to spiritualize the name "Babylon" as it referred to end times. Now there is discussion about rebuilding and revitalizing the real city of Babylon. The question remains, how could this same Babylon become a cultural and financial center? Would developing such a project take a long time? Actually, with the technology we have available today, it would not take long at all. The nuclear research facility at Oak Ridge, Tennessee was up and running with a 75,000 population in about 20 months and that was in 1942-1945. Likewise, new roads and buildings of all sorts could be built at the Babylon site today. World banking in the new Babylon could be set up in a matter of months. It would not surprise this author if we hear more plans about this and that Babylon start to look and sound like what John saw in Revelation 18, one more indicator that we are living in the end times and close to the return of Jesus.

There is some poetic justice in my writing this comment. I was raised in a denomination that, for a long time, lacked the luxury of seeing a physical Israel in place. Because they did not see that physical Israel in place, they spiritualized the prophecies about Israel in the end times, believing those prophecies must be about the church. However, in 1948 A.D., a physical Israel was re-established. Since then, this denomination insists on tradition rather than reality to believe the prophecies about Israel being re-established apply to the church and not about Israel.

In like manner, there has not been a physical Babylon being restored until recent history. The prophecies about it being this great cultural and financial center in the end times were thusly spiritualized by many. However, a real, physical Babylon is being restored today. Could not the prophecies about it come true as revelation predicts, just as the prophecies about Israel have literally come true?

Google Earth Lets You Tour Ancient Rome -

Foxnews.com - November 12, 2008 - The glory that was Rome is to rise again. Visitors will once more be able to visit the Colosseum and the Forum of Rome as they were in A.D. 320, this time on a computer screen in 3D. The rendering of the ancient city in Google Earth lets viewers stand in the center of the Colosseum, trace the footsteps of the gladiators in the Ludus Magnus and fly under the Arch of Constantine. The computer model, a collection of more than 6,700 buildings, depicts Rome in the year A.D. 320. Then, under the emperor Constantine I, the city boasted more than a million inhabitants, making it the largest metropolis in the world. It was not until Victorian London that another city surpassed it.

Comment: A bit eerie because Rome, according to Daniel 2 and Daniel 7 is due to rise again and be the major power on earth when Jesus comes to establish His Kingdom. Why this sudden interest in Rome? This will certainly make many more friendly with the idea of a restored Rome.

'Why Believe in a God?' Ad Campaign Launches on D.C. Buses

- Foxnews.com - November 12, 2008 - Ads proclaiming, "Why believe in a god? Just be good for goodness' sake," will appear on Washington, D.C., buses starting next week and running through December. The American Humanist Association unveiled the provocative \$40,000 holiday ad campaign Tuesday.

Under God' pastor dead at 97

- Associated Press - Nov. 30, 2008 - The Rev. George M. Docherty, credited with helping to push Congress to insert the phrase "under God" into the Pledge of Allegiance, has died at 97...Docherty, then pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, just blocks from the White House, gave a sermon in 1952 saying the pledge should acknowledge God...There was little effect from that initial sermon, but he delivered it again on Feb. 7, 1954, after learning that President Dwight Eisenhower would be at the church. The next day, Rep. Charles G. Oakman, R-Mich., introduced a bill to add the phrase "under God" to the pledge, and a companion bill was introduced in the Senate. Eisenhower signed the law on Flag Day that year.

Comment: The champions for Godly principles are getting old and dying. They are disappearing from America's landscape. A new landscape is emerging. It is a humanistic landscape that is making attempt to establish a society that has no official allegiance or recognition of the God of the universe. It is one that mocks at the Bible and does not want to be regulated by its principles. America is changing, but not for the better! She is slipping down a slippery slope toward corruption and immorality at a wholesale level. The outcome will not be pretty!

Majority think heaven is open to other faiths -

Associated Press - December 18, 2008 - Most American religious believers, including most Christians, say eternal life is not exclusively for those who accept Christ as their savior, a new survey has found. And 80 percent of people with this open view of heaven's gates listed at least one non-Christian group — Jews, Muslims, Hindus, atheists — who may also be saved, according to the survey, released today by the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life.

Comment: This is part of the end-time deception that the Bible speaks of (II Thess. 2:11-12). Anyone familiar with the Bible knows that Jesus said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man can come to the Father except through me"*. (John 14:6).

NYC Facing Loss of Status in World of Finance

-Foxnews.com-December07,2008-The New York City comptroller's chief economist, Frank Braconi, warned in October that the meltdown had "sped up the process of financial dispersion that was already under way," adding that "in coming years, New York will have to share the financial stage."...At the same time, places like London, Tokyo and Hong Kong have become global financial centers on a scale that some believe already rival New York...the financial sway of cities such as London has been growing faster than New York's. From 1997 to 2007, the new capital raised yearly in New York dropped by nearly one-quarter while in London the figure almost quadrupled, according to the World Federation of Exchanges.

Foreign economists urge 'global plan'

- Washington Times - October 1, 2008 - Leaders and economists from Western Europe to East Asia Tuesday urged the United States to go beyond reviving a failed domestic bailout and start working on a new global financial system...The Americans don't have a choice" they must absolutely have a global plan," Christian Noyer, head of the French central bank, said in Paris. ..The 27-nation European Union said Tuesday that the crisis "has become a global problem" and Washington has a "special responsibility" to resolve it.

Comment: The new global financial system that John foresaw in Revelation 13 becomes more of a reality each day. Eventually, everyone will be required to take a "mark" in order to participate. (Revelation 13:17). Stay tuned.

Target Israel? Iran Tests New Long-Range

Missile

- Foxnews.com - November 12, 2008 - Iran test fired a new, more accurate surface-to-surface missile, the country's defense minister said Wednesday, in a fresh effort to enhance Tehran's military might...A senior defense official at the Pentagon told FOX News that the missile suffered an in-flight problem, a possible engine failure, during the test, and the missile only traveled about 180 miles out.

Comment: The failure of this missile is reminiscent of the Scripture that says of Israel that *"no weapon formed against you will prosper"* (Isaiah 54:17).

God has a huge surprise for Iran! God is going to wipe out her army supernaturally when she makes the mistake of coming against Israel! Ezekiel 38-39 tells us that Russia will be in this great assault on Israel as well. God will rain down fire on the armies and feed the dead soldiers to the birds. For the first time in twenty centuries, those birds are gathering in Israel for this event. (See the Lion of Judah WEB Site article -

<http://lionofjudahministry.org/cm/content/view/41/1/>).

All the saber-rattling that is buzzing in the news among those listed in Ezekiel 38:6 (Russia, Iran, Libya, Ethiopia, and others), tells us that this great event is close at hand! Iran insists that Israel will be "wiped off the map". Actually, it is Israel that will be untouched and these evil armies that come against her will cease to exist. God declared through Ezekiel that He would make Himself "known in the sight of many nations" in this great event. This has become possible for the first time in history, through satellite television. How do you think the world will react?

Imagine a political world with the armies of Russia, Iran, and the others listed in Ezekiel 38:6 removed from the scene! A political vacuum will be left. The power bases left will be the West and the East. These are the powers listed as the major players in the Book of Revelation for the end times. A good time to be right with God!

From Zion Shall Grow Forth Produce -

Isrealnationalnews.com - October 27, 2008 - Preparations for Agritech 2009 - Israel's International Agricultural Exhibition - are well underway. In anticipation of the upcoming fair, scheduled for May of next year, a delegation of 40 journalists will arrive in Israel next month to meet with the directors of agricultural and water companies...Among the visiting journalists will be print and TV media representatives from countries that are among Israel's best potential customers for exports of agricultural products and knowledge. These include China, India, Turkey, Russia, Vietnam, Thailand, France, Ethiopia, South Africa, Brazil, Peru, Tanzania, Senegal, and others..."Agritech Israel has become a well-known brand name for showcasing the worldwide reputation of Israel's agriculture. Agritech Israel is regarded as one of the most important agro technological exhibitions in the world, a fact proved by the thousands of visitors from around the world at previous exhibitions."

Comment: Over and over in the Old Testament Scriptures, there is the recurring theme that the Land of Israel would be restored from being a dry and parched land to an agriculturally thriving one. Amos 9: 13-15 reads, "*Behold, days are coming,*" declares the LORD, "*When the plowman will overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows seed;... "Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, and they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them; They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, and make gardens and eat their fruit. "I will also plant them on their land, and they will not again be rooted out from their land which I have given them," says the LORD your God".* Ezekiel writing about the same subject says, "*And I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field; that you may not receive again the disgrace of famine among the nations".* (Ezekiel 36:30). Ezekiel 36:34-36 states, "*And the desolate land will be cultivated instead of being a desolation in the sight of everyone who passes by. And they will say, This land has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste, desolate, and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited. Then the nations left round about you will know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will do it".*

Did you get that last part? God is restoring Israel today to let the nations know that He is involved in restoring Israel and that He is able to do what He says. Thusly, **God is in the process of sending the world a message today.** It is so unfortunate that there are so many today who are ignorant about that message! There are others who have been theologically taught that Israel has become irrelevant, so in their minds, there is no message. There are others who just don't care about this major move of God in our world today. (Most in this category don't care about anything except making sure they keep cable TV and cell phones turned on and have plenty of security, prosperity, and entertainment). However, for those of us who understand, God bringing the Jewish people home to Israel and **restoring the Land of Israel is a major sign that the Lord is about to do something BIG!** (Ezekiel 36:22). Included in that "BIG" will be the appearing of Jesus, Israel's Messiah. For those of us who are looking forward to His return with great anticipation, it would be the greatest Christmas present of all!

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)

California Attorney General Asks State Supreme Court to Void Gay Marriage Ban -

Foxnews.com - December 19, 2008 - California Attorney General Jerry Brown changed course on the state's new same-sex marriage ban Friday and urged the state Supreme Court to void Proposition 8. In a dramatic reversal, Brown filed a legal brief saying the measure that amended the California Constitution to limit marriage to a man and a woman is itself unconstitutional because it deprives a minority group of a fundamental right.

Comment: In the Old Testament we have a record of how God dealt with homosexuality. Genesis 19:5 records that the men of Sodom wanted to "know" Lot's guests. God destroyed the cities, Sodom and Gamorrah for this sin and wickedness in general. In the New Testament, Romans 1 records more of how God feels about homosexuality. Here is what is recorded in Romans 1:26-27: "*For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error".* We are marching toward the world that Jesus said would exist just before His return, like the days of Lot. (Luke 17:28).

UK's Brown: Now is the time to build global society -

Reuters - November 9, 2008 - The international financial crisis has given world leaders a unique opportunity to create a truly global society, Britain's Prime Minister Gordon Brown will say in a keynote foreign policy speech on Monday. In his annual speech at the Lord Mayor's Banquet, Brown -- who has spearheaded calls for the reform of international financial institutions -- will say Britain, the United States and Europe are key to forging a new world order. "The alliance between Britain and the U.S. -- and more broadly between Europe and the U.S. -- can and must provide leadership, not in order to make the rules ourselves, but to lead the global effort to build a stronger and more just international order," an excerpt from the speech says..."...And if we learn from our experience of turning unity of purpose into unity of action, we can together seize this moment of change in our world to create a truly global society."

Comment: According to Daniel 2 and Daniel 7, the great power base of the world of the end-time will be the Roman Empire in its revived form, Europe. That final empire will extend to become worldwide. Its leader, according to Revelation 13, will regulate money all over the world. Notice who Brown believes are key to "forging a new world order", Europe and the United States. The world order that Daniel spoke of is very close to being organized! Daniel also asserted that it would be this revived Roman government that would be in place when the Messiah came to this earth to replace it with His own Kingdom. His Kingdom is therefore starting to come into view!

The citizenship of His Kingdom is being built and has been for a long time. However, the days of adding to that citizenship are nearing their prophesied end! If you are not a citizen of His Kingdom, now would be a good time to become one! Jesus told a man named Nicodemus one night that "*unless one is born again*" he will not "*see the Kingdom*". (John 3:1-3). How does one become born again? By turning in faith to Jesus and believing in Him with your heart (Romans 10:9). **Ask Him into your heart and life today!** Time is short!

The Church

The Church began as a Jewish **movement** in Jerusalem, became a **philosophy** in Greece, an **institution** in Rome, a **culture** in Europe, and a **business** in America.

This Quote Provided by Ronnie Jones of Longview, Texas.

How about your church? Has it become a business more than a ministry? How about the ministry outside your local church you have chosen to support? Do you know much about it? Does its leader live in an ivory tower accompanied by a lavish life-style? Does it spend lots of money on cars and airplanes or other luxuries unnecessarily? Is it a good steward of the money you send to invest in its stated purpose? Does it have a stated purpose? Is the ministry you support given to Godliness more than its own existence? Is it scandal-ridden? Does its leader have characteristics that include grace and mercy? Would it provide a financial statement if requested?

It seems that stewardship and accountability among ministries have greatly come into question these days! One popular ministry recently was discovered as having a twenty-thousand-dollar marble toilet. Another recently purchased a several-million dollar lake house. The reasoning was that God's ministers need recreation and relaxation. Another has a many thousand-acre ranch with a huge mansion and several airplanes with its own air strip, etc. Many of these ministries claim if their supporters send them \$1,000 dollars, God will reward them tenfold. If they really believe that, they should send everyone on their mailing list \$1,000 dollars or even more!

There are some great ministries out there today who invest most of their resources into God's Kingdom instead of their own. More than ever, we need to be sure the ministry/ministries we support are not just about business but are about God's business. In the time that we have left, how about if we invest in God's Kingdom instead of man's? Just something to think about..

Ezekiel 38-39 Fulfillment Draws Near

By far, the most popular message this ministry has ever produced is a commentary, starting in Ezekiel 33 and goes all the way to the end of the book. Ezekiel deals with the past, present, and future of Israel in these chapters. Included is the account of how God will destroy the Russian and Iranian armies and a review of evidence that this magnificent event is about to take place, followed by the return of Jesus to establish His Kingdom in Jerusalem. Get your CD copy today. See the next column.

Office Changes - Not only do we need help with our general fund, but we need to make some much-needed changes to the Lion of Judah Ministry office (remodeling for additional space and new computer and some DVD copying equipment) in the '09 year. These changes are necessary to continue the effectiveness of our outreach. We will continue to reach out through the WEB Site (www.lionofjudahministry.org) all over the world. We will continue to hold evangelistic meetings centered around end-time themes in churches. And we continue to circulate the newsletter that features current events and what prophecies are being fulfilled through them. Your faithful support helps us continue this enterprise of teaching that Jesus is coming soon. Your support in this effort would be much appreciated! **page 4**

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*Speaking Engagements -

- *Ninth Lion of Judah Tour of Israel - December 29th-January 7th
- *National Religious Broadcaster's Convention - February 7th-10th
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