



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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What Is Happening in the Middle East?

Uncertainty abounds in the Middle East! Rioting around the region is toppling leaders. There is unrest and protests in Sudan and other north African nations. At this writing, fighting continues in Libya. Iran has sent warships into the Mediterranean Sea via the Suez Canal. There are still problems brewing in Lebanon, Iran, violent protesting in Syria, the U.S. military is still in Iraq to maintain "peace". Yemen has had an overthrow of its leader, and Jordan is having protests of her own. The president of Egypt has resigned as a result of protests there and the future of Egyptian leadership is uncertain. All of these countries listed have two things in common, hatred for Israel and they all surround Israel. The question really is, does the Bible have anything to say about what we see developing in the Middle East?

Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 35 are Scriptures that reveal an Arab world that hates Israel, closely surround Israel, and desire to shed Israel's blood. With the reestablishment of the nation of Israel in 1948 among hostile Arab neighbors, this is precisely the Middle East we see in place today. Will the current protests and removal of current leaders result in an Arab coalition that finds itself able to unite under the common cause of destroying Israel? Many students of the prophetic Scriptures are watching with earnest. Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 35 both predict that eventually an Arab coalition will come against Israel to destroy her. God will intervene and He will supernaturally judge and devastate those Arab nations involved for all the world to see (Ezekiel 35:14).

As a backdrop, recent earthquakes have devastated Christ Church, New Zealand and Japan. The world is still stunned by the devastation caused by a 9.0 earthquake and subsequent tsunami in Japan. Financial woes are challenging the world leaders. Prices of basic goods and services are rising sharply. The arms race is back on among many nations including Russia and China. Natural disasters are striking in various locales around the world. These are what Jesus called "birth pangs" in Matthew 24. They all mean one thing, the **return of Jesus is near!** It is a good time to be right with God! Romans 10:9 gives instructions to believe in Jesus in one's heart. **Do it today!**

Bible Prophecy and Current Events

From Iran to Senegal, Protests Dominate - CBS News - February 18, 2010 - As thousands of Egyptians packed Cairo's Tahrir Square to celebrate the one-week anniversary of former President Hosni Mubarak's ouster, protests they helped inspire continued to rage throughout the Middle East and North Africa. Violent clashes between anti-government demonstrators and security forces broke out in Bahrain, Yemen and Jordan Friday; In Senegal, a man in a military uniform set himself on fire near the presidential palace; In the tiny East African nation of Djibouti, thousands gathered calling for their president to step down; Iraqis protested for better public services and jobs; And in Iran and Libya, pro-government rallies were held in contrast to recent opposition demonstrations.

Comment: The Middle East is in turmoil. It is too early to accurately assess things happening there. Ultimately, according to Bible prophecy (Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 35), there will emerge an Arab coalition that will be judged by God for coming against Israel.

Migrating Birds - eTeacherHebrew Official Newsletter (Issue #101 - 09/10) - ...The land of Israel functions as a bridge, or a flight corridor. Our location creates a tube-like wind channel, a natural flyway that funnels birds into the country's airspace. Hundreds of thousands of birds stop here to refresh themselves and refuel, after flying thousands of kilometers...The migrating birds also damaged the Israeli agriculture – eating the crops in the fields and the fish in the ponds. This was partially taken care of by creating alternative feeding areas for the birds.

Comment: According to the Jewish Virtual Library, "Israel, located at the junction of three continents, is crossed by migrating birds on a scale unparalleled anywhere". This definitely has prophetic implications. Why? The Bible predicts a day when Russia comes with a coalition of nations including Iran (Eze. 38:5) to threaten Israel in Ezekiel 38 and 39. In Ezekiel 39:4, Scripture says that God will supernaturally kill the armies and feed the dead soldiers to the birds. We are at the place in history when the countries of Ezekiel 38 are all in place, hostile against Israel, and now the birds are showing up (about 500 million to 1.5 billion each year). Many of these are birds of prey. They are getting ready for Ezekiel 38 and 39.

Nasrallah: Throw the Jews Out -

www.israelnationalnews.com - December 16, 2010 - Hizbullah chief Hassan Nasrallah said in a speech Thursday that the removal of Jews from the Land of Israel and conquering the land by Arabs was a principle that the Arab world could not surrender on. Speaking at a Shi'ite religious event, Nasrallah said that "we will bring thousands of martyrs" to kill Jews in Jerusalem. "We will never recognize Israel. We will not surrender a grain of Palestine's sand."

Abbas Demands that PA State be Jew-Free -

israelnationalnews.com - December 25, 2010 - Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas said Friday that there would be no Jewish presence in any future state run by the Western-backed PA in Israel's Judea and Samaria regions. "When a Palestinian state is established it will be empty of any Israeli presence." Abbas also rejected the possibility that an IDF presence would be positioned along the borders of such a state.

Turkish document defines Israel as 'central threat' -

Jerusalem Post - Oct.-30-2010 - The Turkish National Security Council approved a few days ago significant changes in a document which contains threats against Turkey claiming that Israel is now a major threat to the country, Turkish media reported Saturday...At the same time the Council decided to remove Syria, Bulgaria, Georgia and Armenia from the list of countries that pose a threat to Turkey. Iran, which was previously a major threat to Ankara was also removed from the list of countries.

Comment: A more hostile Arab world toward Israel is definitely emerging as is in keeping with Ezekiel 35 and Psalm 83!

Turkey, Iran Open new border gate, declare 'eternal friendship' -

todayszaman.com - April 18, 2011 - Iranian and Turkish officials opened a new border crossing over the weekend, as the Turkish side highlighted the presence of a friendship for eternity between the peoples of the two countries... Said foreign minister Ahmet Davutoglu, "We are declaring to the world that Turkey and Iran will remain friends for eternity".

Comment: Turkey and Iran are listed as allies in the coming Ezekiel 38 battle (Ezekiel 38:5). Their "friendship" is no surprise.

Israel Eyes Iran Warships in Suez With Worry-

Associated Press - February 21, 2011 - Iran's first attempt in decades to send warships through the Suez Canal into the Mediterranean... could further destabilize the Middle East, a region already reeling from an unprecedented wave of anti-government rebellions. Egypt's new military rulers, who took power from ousted Hosni Mubarak a little more than a week ago, have granted two Iranian warships passage through the strategic waterway -- something Israel has made clear it views as a provocation..."Iran wants to say to the world, to the U.S., Israel and other countries in the Mideast that it has reach not only in areas close to it but also farther away, including in the Mediterranean," said Ephraim Kam of the Institute for National Security Studies in Israel. He said Iran is also signaling to Israel that it is prepared to protect its allies Hamas in Gaza and Hezbollah in Lebanon on Israel's northern and southern flanks.

Comment: Considering Iran is one of the allies to threaten Israel in Ezekiel 38:5, it is sobering to see her flexing her military muscles and sending warships so close to Israel's border. Also, Arab hatred for Israel is nothing new, but to see the mentioned Arab alliances coming together, we know that the war of Psalm 83/Ezekiel 35 and the battle of Ezekiel 38-39 are both drawing near.

How Israel Could Revolutionize the Global Energy

Sector - Jerusalem Post - March 11, 2011 - New data suggests Israel may not only have much larger gas resources than believed, but also the 3rd largest deposit of oil shale in the world...First, the gas discoveries in the Eastern Mediterranean, which began to produce commercial quantities of natural gas in 2004, are generally well-known. The Tamar field, which should begin production in 2013, is expected to supply all of Israel's domestic requirements for at least 20 years. The Economist suggested in November 2010 that the recently discovered Leviathan field, which has twice the gas of Tamar, could be completely devoted to exports...What is less well-known, but even more dramatic, is the work being done on this country's oil shale...A new assessment was released late last year by Dr. Yuval Bartov, chief geologist for Israel Energy Initiatives, at the yearly symposium of the prestigious Colorado School of Mines. He presented data that our oil shale reserves are actually the equivalent of 250 billion barrels (that compares with 260 billion barrels in the proven reserves of Saudi Arabia)... Israel is uniquely situated by its geographical position and is able to direct its energy exports to either Europe or China and India.

Comment: In the coming Ezekiel 38-39 battle, a question is asked to the invaders, "have you come to capture spoil"? An oil strike of the magnitude described would certainly provide incentive!

Quake in New Zealand kills at least 65, traps

more - Associated Press - February 21, 2010 - A powerful earthquake struck one of New Zealand's biggest cities Tuesday at the height of a busy workday, toppling tall buildings and churches, crushing buses and killing at least 65 people in one of the country's worst natural disasters. It was the second major quake to hit Christchurch, a city of 350,000, in five months, though Tuesday's 6.3-magnitude temblor caused far more destruction than a stronger September quake that struck before dawn on a weekend.

Japan's earthquake shifted balance of the planet

- Yahoo News - March 14, 2011 - Last week's devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan has actually moved the island closer to the United States and shifted the planet's axis. The quake caused a rift 15 miles below the sea floor that stretched 186 miles long and 93 miles wide, according to the AP. The areas closest to the epicenter of the quake jumped a full 13 feet closer to the United States, geophysicist Ross Stein at the United States Geological Survey told The New York Times. The 9.0 magnitude quake (the fourth-largest recorded since 1900) was caused when the Pacific tectonic plate dove under the North American plate, which shifted Eastern Japan towards North America by about 13 feet. The quake also shifted the earth's axis by 6.5 inches, shortened the day by 1.6 microseconds, and sank Japan downward by about two feet. As Japan's eastern coastline sunk, the tsunami's waves rolled in.

Aftershock Rattles Japan on One-Month Mark -

CBN.com - April 11, 2011 - Another strong aftershock rattled northeast Japan Monday, exactly one month to the day when a massive 9.0 earthquake and resulting tsunami devastated the island nation. It was the second major aftershock in less than a week. The 7.0 quake triggered a tsunami warning for the already crippled coast...

Comment: As the old Jerry Lee Lewis song goes, "there's a whole lotta' shakin' goin' on"! The U.S. Geological Survey report on their website that there were 22,256 total earthquakes recorded for the year 2000. They report 31,777 earthquakes for the year 2008. Earthquakes are definitely on the rise and Jesus said they would be before His return (Matthew 24:7).

Amazon Backing Down? 'Pedophile Guide' Listing Unavailable After Outrage

- FoxNews.com - November 11, 2010 - An e-book for sale on Amazon.com entitled "The Pedophile's Guide to Love and Pleasure," was no longer available from the retailer late Wednesday after shocked consumers across the nation called for a boycott.

Comment: The sadness of this story is that this was allowed at Amazon to start with!. Our country has lost its moral direction!

After Controversy, Christian University Changes Gay Policy

- Religion News Service - January 31, 2011 - A Christian university in Nashville, Tenn., has amended its nondiscrimination policy to include sexual orientation after a recent controversy involving a lesbian former soccer coach. "We are a Christian community that is welcoming, loving and inclusive of everyone," said Belmont University President Bob Fisher in a Wednesday (Jan. 26) statement. The change comes a month after the university's soccer coach, Lisa Howe, left her position after revealing that she and her lesbian partner were expecting a child. In his announcement, Fisher said that sexual orientation was not a consideration in "hiring, promotion, salary or dismissal decisions" during the 11 years he has been president. Howe hailed the policy change in a statement reported by The Tennessean.

Comment: The Bible's position is that you are welcome to the church as you are, but you cannot stay as you are. This is what the Bible means in 1 Cor. 6:10-11 where it gives a list of those who will not inherit the Kingdom of God. It concludes that such "*were some of you*" the key word being "were". The Bible predicts a day when "*they will not tolerate sound doctrine*" (1 Tim. 4:1). That day evidently has arrived.

Obama Administration Drops Legal Defense of 'Marriage Act'

- ABC News - Feb. 23, 2011 - President Obama has instructed the Justice Department to stop defending the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act, which has since 1996 banned federal recognition of same-sex unions.

Obama signs repeal of 'don't ask, don't tell' policy

- CNN.com - December 22, 2010 - President Barack Obama brought the long political struggle over the military's controversial "don't ask, don't tell" policy to a close Wednesday, signing legislation that will bring an end of the ban on openly gay men and women serving in the armed forces.

Comment: It is not only so surprising to have a sitting president who refuses to uphold an existing law of the land, but is working hard and fast to recreate Sodom and Gomorrah.

Military indoctrinated on gays kissing, behavior

- WashingtonTimes.com - March 23, 2011 - Four branches of the military have begun sending training material to 2.2 million active and reserve troops as a prelude to opening the ranks to gays, with instructions on, for example, what to do if an officer sees two male Marines kissing in a shopping mall.

Comment: Our country has stooped to a new low as our Federal Government and the U.S. Military seek to legitimize a lifestyle that the Bible calls sin! Do we hate homosexuals? No! We do see them caught in a lifestyle that will destroy them not only in this life, but in the one to come. The Bible states that no homosexuals will inherit the Kingdom of God (1 Cor. 6:9). I believe God means what He says.

More tornadoes expected on top of April record

- USA Today - Apr 25, 2011 - A severe weather forecast this week is expected to heap more tornadoes into a month that already has seen a record number of twisters that have wrecked an airport, destroyed homes and killed scores of people... The 292 confirmed tornadoes so far this month are more than the previous April record of 267 in 1974 and almost twice the April average of 163, says severe weather expert Greg Forbes of The Weather Channel.

Monster Storm Kills 43 Across U.S.

- Foxnews.com - April 17, 2011 - A devastating storm that spawned tornadoes, flash floods and hail as big as softballs has claimed at least 43 lives across the U.S. while roaring through the South and gaining steam in North Carolina and Virginia. Emergency crews searched for victims in hard-hit swaths of North Carolina, where 62 tornadoes were reported from the **worst spring storm in two decades** to hit the state.

Texas Wildfires Continue Widespread Destruction, Evacuations

- Associated Press - April 15, 2011 - Wildfires sweeping across hundreds of thousands of acres in parched Texas killed a firefighter, forced hundreds of evacuations -- including an entire town -- and destroyed dozens of homes on Friday, officials said. Strong winds were fueling fires that spanned about 655 square miles, according to the Texas Forest Service. Some of the fires have been burning for a week or more, including three in West Texas that have charred a combined 400,000 acres.

Plains states endure a season of weather extremes

- USA Today - April 13, 2011 - What Bob Dillard of Fort Davis, Texas, saw last weekend when a wildfire broke out was "unbelievable, just horrific. There were horses on fire, buildings on fire, houses on fire." Meanwhile, hundreds of miles to the north, North Dakota Gov. Jack Dalrymple described the floods in the eastern part of his state on Monday: "The area from Harwood to Argusville is under siege, more than it probably has been in history."...While parts of the northern Plains this week slog through what the National Weather Service called "unprecedented" flooding — with flood warnings posted in nine states — hundreds of miles to the south, the southern Plains have been scorched with raging wildfires and bone-dry conditions not seen since the Dust Bowl of the 1930s.

Mississippi River Flooding

- HuffingtonPost.com - May 17, 2011 - As a massive surge of water continues to make its way down the Mississippi River from intense rainfall and snowmelt, the southern U.S. is being inundated with historic floods, the likes of which haven't been seen since 1937 in some areas...Heavy rains have left the ground saturated, rivers swollen, and have caused widespread flooding in Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Arkansas.

Comment: Amos 4 makes it very clear that God uses natural disasters and specifically drought and flood, to get the attention of a nation. The USA has kicked God out of the schools, courtrooms, and public life. Why should He not remove His hand of protection? Also, it is very redeeming to know that the Bible promises that one day soon, when Jesus reigns on this earth (see Zechariah 14), all the power that is on display in nature today will be released in blessing. What an incredible day it will be! All are welcome!

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)

Deception is Sweeping The World!

One of the most sobering conditions predicted for the end-times world was predicted by many of the Bible prophets. One of those prophets was Jesus Himself. Jesus prophesied in His famous response to His disciples' questions about the end-times in Matthew 24 about **deception**. They specifically asked what would be the "sign of His coming" and the sign of the "end of the age" (Matthew 24:3). His response was very interesting. He listed the very first sign by saying, "*see that no one deceives you*" (Matthew 24:4). Again He said that "*false christs and false prophets would arise to "deceive" many*" (Matthew 24:11). The caution about deception is repeated in Matthew 24:24. The word, "deception", that Scripture uses here means deliberate misleading. There is so much of it around us in our world today!

One of the most likely places to find gross deception today is in the press. The press is one of the most unreliable places to get truth today! Why? The main goal in the press today seems to be, not reporting the truth, but sensationalizing enough to keep the ratings up. "Freedom of the Press" should not include the license to spread lies. We have deceived ourselves about this issue so much in the Western World that the Press will often take liberty to circulate a lie about a political candidate in an important election and influence the voters with little accountability.

Another area of gross deception is in politics. Nowhere is this principle more visible than in the "peace process" between Israel and the Palestinians. Israel is surrounded by countries who have vowed Israel's destruction and the world wants Israel to negotiate and make concessions to "make peace". Sadly, the United States has taken a leading role in this nonsense. As Carolyn Glick, writer for the Jerusalem Post puts it, "By calling for Israel to cede the Jordan Valley to the Palestinians, US President Barack Obama is ignoring the most fundamental reality of the Middle East: Israel is besieged by its neighbors who seek its destruction." (Jerusalem Post - Nov. 5, 2010). Deception is affecting our politics of today in a big way both at home and abroad!

Some other impacting deceptions in our world today that are making huge impact:

- 1). We are evolved from some primordial goo that changed over millions of years into humans, instead of being created by God as the Genesis account of the Bible records.
- 2). The homosexual life-style is normal.
- 3). Abortion is good for society.
- 4). Islam is a religion of peace.
- 5). Man is basically good. (The Bible says opposite).

Much harm has been brought into the world by the above mentioned deceptions and much can be said about these deceptions later. For now, it is worthy of mention that Jesus warned of these deceptions and He said, "*if possible, even the elect would be deceived*". People of God should not be buying into these deceptions today. They should be more interested in truth. In this regard, a redeeming day is coming when the King of this earth will rule with truth. He said, "*I am the way, the truth, and the life*" (John 14:6). The deception in the world today indicates that the great day of His return is near. Today would be good!

"A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting its shoes on". - Mark Twain



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