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ARE WE AT THE END?



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Many believe the Son of God has already returned. In the deep wilderness of Northern Russia, there is a man who claims to be Jesus reincarnated. This man is Sergey Torop, an ex-policeman that had a revelation at the age of 29 that he was the reincarnation of Jesus Christ. Now, Sergey is known as Vissarion ("He who gives new life" or "life-giving") or Jesus of Siberia.

Sergey Torop founded the Church of the Last Testament and has around 4000 followers which are called Vissarionites, that live in the settlement and a further 6000 followers around the world.

His religious beliefs combines elements of the Russian Orthodox Church with buddhism, apocalypticism, collectivism, and ecological values. Torop founded the Church of the Last Testament in Krasnoyarsk, Siberia in 1991 just before the fall of the USSR. Sergey also predicted the end of the world with only his followers being saved.

Some might be asking the following sincerely: "Is this really Jesus?" Without a shadow of doubt, the answer to that question is No, Sergey Torop is definitely not the Messiah! Would you like to know how I can be so sure that this is not Jesus? This is because Jesus told us all we need to know about this very topic!

Before Jesus went to the cross, He spoke to His disciples about all the events that would be taking place in the earth before He returns again. One of the many things that Jesus said would happen is that many people will claim that they are Him.

"For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." – Matthew 24:5 KJV.

Isn't that interesting? More than 2000 years ago, Jesus predicted that this very thing will happen and it's currently happening.

A question that might be on the minds of many is this "How will a person know which Jesus is real and which one is fake?"

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When you hear the term "the end times" to some, it still sounds as if it's in the distance. When I say distance, I mean really way out there. The reason for that is very simple. Hollywood has had its fair share of contributing towards a distorted truth of what this "end times" should look like. However, besides Hollywood, there have been many other film makers, authors, and I even dare say preachers that have preached a really dramatic "end times" idea.

What people don't take into consideration is this, it doesn't turn chaotic overnight. What I'm saying is, not everything's going to be hunky dory one day and when you open your eyes the next day there's this anti-christ that now exists and cops knocking on your door to force a 666 mark on your wrist or forehead.

It's a gradual process...

So, when you mention "the end times" one can understand why people will disagree and why some will even go so far as to argue that we're nowhere near that time.

What if we didn't take the word of Hollywood, authors and many self-appointed preachers? What if we actually went to the original manuscript where all these prophecies were recorded?

Is it possible that Hollywood, authors and some self-appointed preachers could be wrong? I mean, what if by some small chance they turned out to be wrong and they were responsible for fashioning your mindset about the end, wouldn't you want to know the truth? If it genuinely were the last days, shouldn't we know about it? How would that information effect us? What would we do different?

With all the confusion with regards to the end times, we do need better solid information that could help us know where we are on God's timeline. That information can only come from one book – the Bible.

Now before someone goes off and quotes the only scripture they know about end times by saying "the Bible says no man knows the day or the hour" just hear me out for a moment. Yes it's true no man knows the day or the hour but that's referring to Jesus fetching His Church. My question to you

is this, are we in the "end times" right now? If so, how can we be so sure? The answer to that is very simple. Take a look at what the original manuscript says.

For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. Acts 2:15-17 **New King James Version**

Now, before we go any further, note that the Apostle Peter was quoting from the Old Testament? He was quoting from the Prophet Joel. So let's see what Joel said.

"And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions." Joel 2:28 **New King James Version**

What's the difference between these two verses? The one was a prophecy and the other was a recording of that prophecy manifested. It came time for the Spirit of God to come upon ALL FLESH and the Apostle Peter, by the Holy Spirit said "in the last days" but the Prophet Joel never mentioned that. In short, according to the New Testament; not Hollywood, not some random author, not some self-appointed preacher or our own ideas that may be contrary to what He said, but the Bible said the "last days" officially started on the day of Pentecost.

"Okay, but why is everything so normal?" You may ask.

Like I said, it's gradual, it's a process...

This truth **HAS TO BE ESTABLISHED FIRST** before the rest can make sense. That's what this newspaper is all about, to help you make sense of what all is going on and where we are on God's timeline.

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This is a very good question and Jesus once again, more than 2000 years ago answered that for you and I.

“Then if any man shall say unto you, lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; inso-much that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also

the coming of the Son of man be.” - Matthew 24:23-27 KJV.

So basically, if people have to say that they are Jesus, that is a clear indication that they aren't Jesus. When Jesus does return for those that are saved, the entire world is going to see Him at the same time like we all experience the change of seasons. For example: without even having a calendar and knowing the date, I wouldn't have to tell you when summer is here. You'll know when summer arrives as the sun comes up earlier and goes down later. I also wouldn't need to tell you when autumn is here as you'll see it for yourself when all the leaves of

your trees fall to the ground. When Jesus does return, nobody will have to tell you that He is here as you will already know.

The fact that false Jesus' are beginning to manifest says so much to us. The return of the real Messiah is upon us. Will Jesus be coming this year? Maybe, maybe not. Will Jesus be coming in the next five or ten years? Maybe, maybe not. Will Jesus be coming in our lifetime? I strongly believe so, based on His Word.

So, in the words of Jesus “watch and pray.” Matthew 26:41

WARS AND RUMOURS OF WARS



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People are so caught up in the news and following these different world events, that they have no idea that these are the actual “signs” of the world drawing to a close and the second coming of Jesus. What’s more, these “signs” are not isolated events. They have and are manifesting all at the same time, making Jesus’ answer about His return arguably true. In other words, there’s just no way we can ignore the evidence!

Here’s how He answered His disciples when they asked the following.

And as He sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto Him privately, saying, tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? Matthew 24:3 King James Version.

Note the specific question here? What is the sign of your coming and the end of the world.

Here’s how He answers them:

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 King James Version.

A year or so ago the Lord said to me “I want you to take a look at the political relationship between Russia and Israel.”

I thought, hmm that’s an interesting statement and I immediately jumped onto the net and started surfing the political news waves on my digital surfboard. I knew the direction the Lord was leaning towards but found little to no evidence of a “rocky relationship” between the two nations. For those who don’t know what I’m referring to, well let me fill you in. I’m talking about the infamous *End Times Gog and Magog War prophecy*. I know that Jewish Rabbi’s around the world are expecting that prophecy to take place any moment now.

I’ve read a few interesting headlines from their perspective.

By now, some might be scratching their heads and wondering who on earth is Gog and Magog? Gog is a person and Magog is an ancient name of a nation. Many Bible scholars believe Magog to be today’s Russia. If you place the ancient map over today’s map, it reflects the nation Russia as we know it in our time.

The Gog and Magog war is found in the book of Ezekiel in chapters 38 & 39. It’s a war that takes place between Russia and Israel. In fact, there are other nations involved who just so happen to fit perfectly in today’s Middle East political storm, i.e. Persia who sides with Magog. Persia is an old name that was recently changed to Iran in 1935. When you read these two chapters, you’ll see how God *has* to step in to protect Israel, because there’s just no way in the natural that Israel will be able to defend and hold their stance against Magog all on their own. That may come as a surprise to those who think God is finished with Israel.

Back to my watching these two nations. Can you imagine my disappointment when I went hunting through the vast digital dunes of media information, seeking anything that could remotely show evidence that points to the prophecy only to find nothing at the time? Even though I didn’t find anything serious at that moment, the two nations were now on my watchlist. I saw a statement in 2019 by the U.K. Express newspaper where President Vladimir Putin told then Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that their countries could have had “military clashes” had it not been for their close relationship.

I thought, hello! That’s pretty interesting. It’s not serious enough to raise eyebrows, but the intention is there. Talk about “rumours of wars” right?

Then the unthinkable happened. I definitely didn’t see it coming.

Israel had an election and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

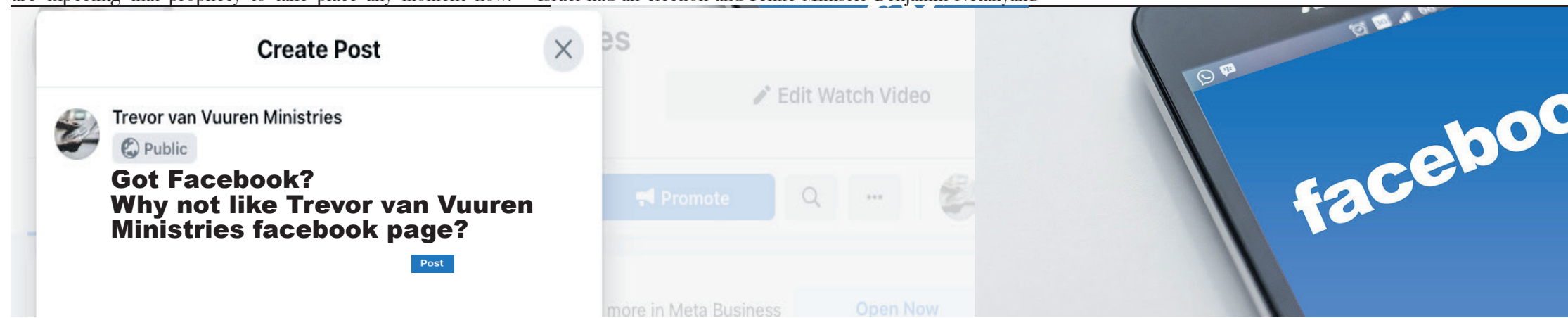
lost and a new party was voted in. Now *that*, really got my attention. The political game was changing; and I knew, like I knew, like I knew that President Vladimir Putin had no intention of maintaining the same relationship with Israel any longer that he shared with P.M. Netanyahu. The prophecy *has* to come to pass. Before I go any further, one may ask, is the Gog and Magog War prophecy the same war as Armageddon? The answer to that is no, the battle grounds are different. The Gog and Magog war will take place north of Israel and likely before The Great Tribulation starts, and the battle of Armageddon takes place in the valley of Megiddo and at the end of The Great Tribulation period. So battle grounds and time frames are different.



Fast forward to today, as you know Russia (Magog) had the world sitting on the edge of their seats when they sent troops and tanks down to the Ukrainian border. It was on such a large scale that it got the attention of world leaders. Here’s what they had to say:

“Hopefully we can prevent a third world war” Ukraine’s parliamentary speaker said in an interview to Israel’s channel 12.

President Biden: “If Russia were to move in with all those forces, it would be the largest invasion since world war 2.”





British Secretary of Defense: "The Russian invasion of Ukraine is highly likely. I fear that Putin's intentions will extend beyond Ukraine."

Meanwhile, Russia's (Magog's) attitude towards Israel changed abruptly. President Putin no longer has to remain loyal towards Israel. The change started with the Spokeswoman of the Russian foreign ministry who stated "Israel must stop its raids in Syria to avoid escalation in the region." Then, the Russian (Magog) army disrupted the GPS systems in Israeli airspace which endangered landings at Ben Gurion Airport. Then the Russian Defense Ministry reported that Russian and Syrian fighter jets toured the Syrian border including the Golan Heights area very close to the Israeli border. While he was sending soldiers and equipment to the Ukrainian border, he was equipping his base of operation in Syria.

It's reported that he sent over 10 000 military personnel, 60 aircraft, over a 1000 units of military equipment, 140 warships and support vessels all part of exercises. Remember, he said they were doing military exercises near Ukraine as well. *Then they went to full scale war!*

Where is Syria located? It just so happens to be north of Israel. Is this all just an outrageously accurate coincidence? Remember what the U.K. Secretary of Defense said? They fear this could go beyond Ukraine.

Persia, Magog and the other nations are accurately fitting the description of the Ezekiel prophecy. The relations to Israel checks out, the locations check out, it's all there.

How soon will it take place? That I cannot answer. It could take place in the next month, it could drag out over a period of two years. However, it's a sign.

So what is *the most important thing* in all this?

You are! Your salvation! It will always be the most important thing! These are "signs" for you! Jesus is coming and God has never intended on leaving you behind! He has done everything in His power to include you, to keep you aware.

While the world is in chaos, He stands ready with open arms waiting for you.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Revelation 3:20

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I don't know about you but there was a time in my life I felt so alone, everything was going wrong. I was anxious all the time to the point of feeling ill around people; escalating to feeling anxious, alone and waking up having a panic attack.

I was in debt, a single mom and no idea or direction for my life. I just felt like I had no purpose. One disastrous relationship after another. People were always walking out of my life. I felt like I was the only one who stayed and everyone kept leaving.

I became so angry and bitter, resentful and jealous. I complained about everything and everyone. All I wanted was to be loved and accepted, but those things seemed so far from reachable. I just wanted to feel good enough. I was tired of being judged, used and abused physically, mentally and psychologically.

I wanted so much for someone in my life that was dependable, loyal, caring, compassionate, I craved someone who considered me in all things, someone I was a priority to and was always there for me. You see, a lot of my friends hurt me and so I didn't trust

But was there actually someone out there like that? Was it possible to find someone who was able to fill that void in me?

The answer to that was a huge YES, there was someone who walked into my life who fit this list of requirements and so much more.

Let me introduce you to my best Friend, Jesus Christ! I realize a lot of people will turn up their noses to this and think "oh goodness please not this Jesus business." But if you knew me before Jesus you would undoubtedly agree that Jesus is real.

Like many, I grew up knowing about Jesus from all the stories we heard as children at school and Sunday School. However, we were never taught about having a relationship with Him because to us He wasn't real. Jesus is very real and when you allow Him to be real to you, then He will show you a life that is far beyond your wildest dreams. Nothing prepared me for the journey I would go on and the change that would come in my life.

Someone was sent by God to minister to me, to teach me about Jesus and about how He wanted to be apart of my life. He spent hours preaching and teaching me until one day I just knew it was the right time in my heart to commit to Him. I was never the same again and I don't regret any part of it.

Nothing in the natural changed in my life in the beginning. If I try to explain the peace that had come over me, you wouldn't believe me until you actually experience it yourself. There is something that happens when you say out loud "Jesus I make you the Lord of my life." I could feel something supernatural had happened but how do you put that into words for someone to relate?

Then I looked back on my life and I was shown all the places in the past where Jesus was always helping me and guiding me and I wasn't even aware of it. Do you know if you did that



right now and looked back at all that's happened in your life, you will see that there are moments you probably shouldn't have been here, but you are and today you are reading this. Nothing about God is a coincidence. He sets up every divine appointment down to the last split second. Everything about Him is right on time. He is never late, never early. **RIGHT ON TIME.**

I was a very depressed; anxious, unhappy, angry, bitter, resentful, sarcastic and lonely person afraid of people. I went to being full of joy, full of love and never having another anxiety/panic attack again. I haven't felt alone since Jesus came into my life because He filled that void, a void I tried filling on my own with every sin under the sun. There was no satisfaction in it at all and if there was it was only short lived because the guilt and shame followed. But with Jesus there is acceptance and love. No matter what mistakes I make, and I do still make mistakes, Jesus just tells me to dust myself off and get back on the horse "you will get it right next time." I used to be so afraid of people that I just wanted to throw up and my days were planned out to try avoid any surprises. But Jesus, He made me love myself and made me love people and gave me the courage to speak to many. I now have a job where I am working with sometimes hundreds of people at one time. I went from being alone to being married to the most amazing man (chosen by God I might add) and we are in ministry together preaching the Gospel. My goodness God is so wonderful.

But how do you get from where you are to where I am right now? You start off with asking Jesus to come into your heart and surrendering your life to Him. Then realizing that when you do that, Jesus wipes all your sins away. He forgives them and wipes them away as if they never existed. That's not reason to continue sinning but it's reason to keep living, a better version of life. The life He paid for you to have. Jesus loves you so much and He wants you to be happy and content and enjoying every minute of your life, never fearing anything and never worrying about anything. Sounds like a dream right?

But its true! You just need to pull out your Bible that's covered in dust or hidden in a box and make yourself a cup of coffee or tea. Pull out a note pad and pen and sit down expecting to learn something. Set some time aside, even if it's as little as 15 minutes a day to start off with, make time with Jesus. Let Him teach you and help you change your life to the life it was always meant to be. That's all He asks, give Him some of your time. I have been doing this for 12 years and I will never regret a second of it. Yes I lost a lot but sometimes the things you lose or people you lose, weren't meant to be in your life to begin with. Just make peace that God knows what He is doing.

I went from lost to found in a matter of seconds from one simple prayer. And you can have that same experience today if you will just accept Jesus today!

Say: Father, I come to you today to ask you to forgive all of my sins and I want to accept Jesus as my Lord and Saviour. Come into my heart Jesus and do something with my life. I receive your forgiveness of sins and I receive Jesus. I declare out loud that I am born again. Grab your Bible and write your new birth date in it, today is your day of salvation! Praise God!

If you are born again and have strayed from your faith or if you just feel stagnant, I encourage you to grab your Bible, note pad and pen and pray "Lord, I am here today to ignite that fire that once burnt for you, help me to do that. I am expectant to hear your voice to direct me, I hear you clearly and I obey you promptly in Jesus name" and then do what the Lord tells you to do.

Remember no one is so far gone that they won't be accepted and no one is so far back slidden that they can't find their way back.

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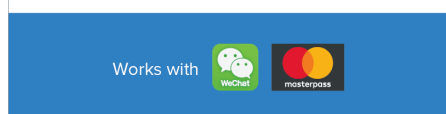
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