

GOD'S HOUSE OF PRAYER IS A HOUSE OF PREPARATION

PART 01 • AN OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLICAL END-TIMES NARRATIVE

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I. Understanding the End Times Biblical Narrative in Context with Current Events

- A. It's vital that we understand the sweep of God's perspective regarding His end-times storyline.
- B. We must give ourselves to a living understanding of the Word of God regarding the Lord's return.
 1. There are more than 150 chapters in the Bible that speak of the last days before the Lord's return.
 2. The Lord exhorts the people of God to understand the signs and be prepared.
Then He also said to the multitudes, 'Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, A shower is coming; and so it is. And when you see the south wind blow, you say There will be hot weather; and there is. Hypocrites. You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time?' (Luke 12:54-56)
 3. In preparation for the hour of His coming, Jesus urges us to be people who *watch* and *pray always*. *Take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing (sin), drunkenness (intoxicants), and cares (anxieties) of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.* (Luke 21:34-36) (See also Matthew 16:3; Matthew 24:42, 44; Matthew 25:13; Luke 21:7-33)
 4. Understanding the Lord's narrative is also vital to us being found "*worthy*" (Luke 21:36) to *stand with Him* at His return.

II. God's End-Times Storyline Simplified

There are nine or ten major features to God's end-times storyline. Understanding that these are God's major points will help us *not* stumble through the crises that will explode in the nations during this hour of history.

- A. The Father is zealous for His Son's glory. He has promised to establish Him as King of the whole earth in a reign of perfect love and righteousness.
- B. The Lord is preparing people all over the earth to transition from 8000 plus years of the curse, to a new age where the curse is completely banished under the reign of God's righteous King.
- C. The Holy Spirit is preparing the Church to co-rule with Jesus as He reigns over the nations.
- D. The Holy Spirit's chief objective is to fill God's people with a preeminent zeal for Jesus' glory that corresponds to the Father's zeal for His Son's glory.
- E. Our Bridegroom is at the door of human history. He is returning very soon.
- F. When He returns He will eradicate the curse of unrighteousness (that which is in rebellion to His reign) wherever, *and* in whoever it's found.
- G. He will banish the consummate icon of satanic-empowered humanity (Revelation 19:11-21), and all who align themselves with the devil, his angels (demons); those who object to the Son's reign.
- H. Those who make covenant with Him (the Church) will reign with/under Him and His righteous administration of earth.
Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am. (John 17:24)
- I. Jesus and His Church will administrate the Kingdom forever by the means of intercession. They will co-rule the nations through intimate dialogue with each other, and intimate consultation with the Father.

III. The Character of the King: God's Chosen One

The centerpiece of the Father's plan is not a "timeline". It's a Man.

- A. He's the Father's choice to be the Leader of the whole earth. (Psalm 2:6)
- B. He's the Promised Leader the prophets have told us about.
- C. He's the Leader Who will rule every nation, tongue, tribe and family. He's the only One worthy to hold the title deed of the whole earth. (Revelation 5:9)
- D. He is Jewish. And He will rule from the geographical city of Jerusalem, in the nation of Israel.
- E. He's the Leader Who is bringing us (His Bride) into administrative partnership with Himself.
- F. He's the One True Perfect Leader. (Psalm 45:2-4)
- G. He's perfect in love. In fact, He's the enemy of every enemy of love.
- H. He's perfect in justice. (Revelation 15:3; 16:7 & 19:2)
- J. He's perfect in delegation of resource. He's perfect in His care of all creation.
- K. He knows how to bring out the best in each of us, individually, nationally, and collectively. He's filled with passion for each of our unique cultural distinctives.
- L. He's perfectly selfless. He laid down His own life for each of us. (Romans 5:6-11)

- M. His character of perfect love and holiness is precisely what our hearts have always longed for in a Leader.
- N. He is perfect integrity.
- O. He's glorious. It's only right that it be *His glory* that fills the earth. (Habakkuk 2:14)
- P. He's filled with longing and passion for His Bride to "co-rule" with Him.
- Q. He is perfectly meek and humble (Psalm 45:4) and will reign with a Bride who is meek and humble, just *like Him*. (Matthew 5:5 and Matthew 10:28-30; 1 John 3:2,3)

When we focus on the Son, the Father's centerpiece of the end-times, the Holy Spirit empowers a voice within us to cry out with clarity and unction: ***"Prepare the way of the Lord! Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain & hill brought low. The crooked places shall be made straight, and the rough ways will be made smooth... The glory of the Lord is about to be revealed. All flesh shall see it together."*** (Isaiah 40:3-5)

IV. Two Central Questions All of Humanity Must Confront

Through the intensity of this hour, all 7.4 billion of us must prepare ourselves to answer two colossal questions in order for u to stand strong through the winds of calamity. It's essential that these questions be answered *both* with understanding, and with tested and approved, heart conviction.

- A. Who do you say that the Jewish God/Man Jesus of Nazareth is?
Will you cultivate loving jealousy for His preeminent glory on the earth?
- B. Will you take shelter in this Man, and through the many temptations of the storm, (through the great offense, and the many demonic temptations to sin)
Will you obediently take up your cross to follow and manifest your faith in Him?

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