

“End Times Trends for the Future”

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Scripture

Revelation 12:13-17

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Last Week

We looked at Russia’s place in the future

This Week

We want to look at current trends in the world and compare them to what the Bible has for prophecy

Events over the Last Week

Feast of Booth or Tabernacles this week in Israel

Nationalistic festival based on the harvest time

Many pilgrims come into Jerusalem for the holiday

Christians persecuted by ultra-nationalists – spitting on them while carrying a cross

Estimated 15,000 Christians in Jerusalem

Ultra-nationalists paraded into the Temple Mount to march and pray -> Muslim areas

- Escorted by Jewish Police
- Warning by the Palestinian authority

Sabbath day attack early Saturday morning -> not necessarily in response, although:



Attack well planned in advance

50th anniversary of the Yom Kippur war

Israel taken by surprise

Israel is a pagan nation at the moment

The Rise of Antisemitism

Jesus and the disciples are at the Temple Mount

The same location as where the ultra-nationalist Jews were marching this week

He is asked about the buildings, Jesus responds:

Matthew 24:1-2

“Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. And He said to them, **"Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down."**

This event occurred in A.D. 70 -> the Romans came and destroyed the Temple area

The disciples ask about the End times:

Matthew 24:3-14

As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, **"Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"** And Jesus answered and said to them, **"See to it that no one misleads you. "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many. "You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. "But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.**

9"Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and **you will be hated by all nations because of My name. "At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. "Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. "Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. "But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved. "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come."**

Wars and rumors of wars

We've seen a lot of that and it's on the increase

- Ukraine
- Israel
- Serbia/Kosovo

This prophecy is for the Tribulation period, the 7-year period of time, Daniel's 70th week

“you will be hated by all nations because of My name” -> **The Jews will be hated**

Antisemitism is on the rise:

According to the Anti-Defamation League, more than 2,000 anti-Semitic incidents were reported in 2020, the third highest year on record. In recent years, Jewish institutions nationwide have ramped up security, including training for their community.

“Last year’s report found that 2021 set a new high for antisemitic incidents, with the coronavirus pandemic fueling a worldwide rise in antisemitism. This year the researchers said that “2022 did not mark a universal reversal of the trend, and in some countries, most alarmingly the United States, it intensified.”

After a Texas incident with 4 being held hostage in a synagogue:

“The data doesn't lie. Despite the fact that Jews are less than 2 percent of the U.S. population, 60 percent of the faith-oriented hate crimes target Jewish communities across the country. So, they are feeling vulnerable right now to violence. They are worried. And so, all of us are just in a state of shock.”

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Lawlessness is on the increase

Paul told the Thessalonians that lawlessness is being restrained now:

2 Thessalonians 2:3-8

“Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God. Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things? **And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.** Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming”

The Holy Spirit is currently restraining evil

Without His influence, the love of God will decline

Jesus said it will grow cold

I think we are seeing that more and more in modern times

We will see it escalate as the pressure gets ramped up during the Tribulation

Jesus said, “At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another”

We will see people turn in believers to the authorities

As the Antichrist’s government ramps up its attack

False believers who hang out in churches turn in the true believers

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At the 3½ mark, Satan is kicked out of Heaven (as we discussed two weeks ago)

"He persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child"

Persecution will come to Israel's doorstep -> Jesus said a blessing would come to those who are persecuted:

Matthew 5:11-12

"Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

"two wings of the great eagle...so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place"

John records that the people of Israel are carried into the wilderness

On the wings of an eagle -> planes take the people away from the city?

"where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time" - the last 3½ years -> Great Tribulation!

Jesus called it the Great Tribulation:

Matthew 24:21

"For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will."

Extreme antisemitism and antagonism toward Israel

"the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman"

Satan will attempt to flood out Israel

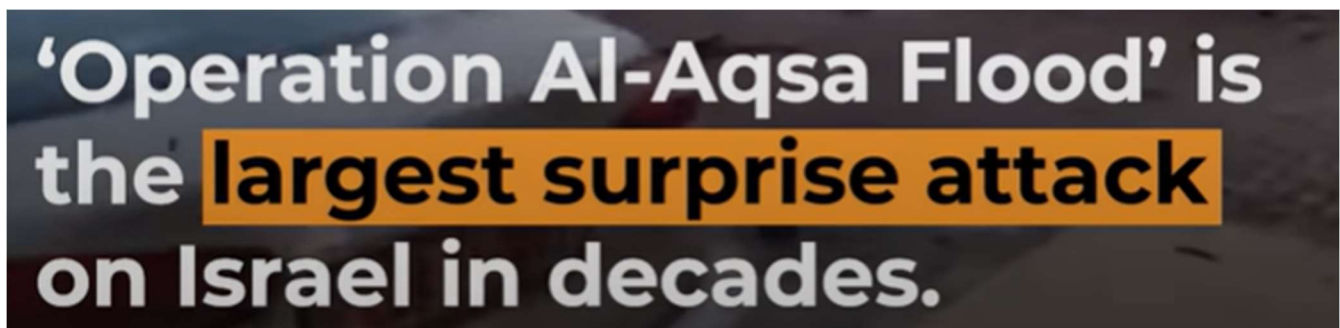
Is it a literal flood of water or a flood of fighters going at the Israel?

There are a number of dams in Southern Israel, so it's possible it could be literal water flood

We certainly saw that in the Ukraine with Russia blowing up a dam to flood out Ukrainians in the South

More likely, though, a flood of fighters attacking in Israel looking for Jews in hiding

Hamas called yesterday's attack in Israel a "flood", for example



That matches what Jesus said about people betraying one another

“the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth”

In response to the flood, God opens the earth to swallow up the flood of fighters

Most likely, an earthquake causes attacking fighters to be unstable

“So, **the dragon was enraged with the woman and went off to make war with the rest of her children**”

God causes the Earth to handle the attack of Satan

Satan realizes that he cannot get to Israel

So, he goes after “the rest of her children”

All believers in Jesus, regardless of nationality will be attacked

How does he find them?

All Satan’s minions are caused to have the mark of the beast, right?

Are non-Jewish believers living during the Great Tribulation period?

Matthew 24:22

“Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; **but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.**”

The Tribulation days have been “cut short” -> “for the sake of elect”

So, we know believers are around during the Tribulation

Revelation 7:9-14

“After these things I looked, and behold, **a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb**, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”

13Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “My lord, you know.” And he said to me, “**These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**”

So, we know that believers of all nations, tribes, people, and tongues will be in the last 3½ years of Tribulation

We’ll talk about the Rapture in a future Sunday evening session

Prayer

Benediction