

THE GET READY SERIES A PROPHECY UPDATE 2007

A LOOK AT THE CURRENT EVENTS OF THE MIDDLE EAST
IN LIGHT OF BIBLE PROPHECY

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

THE GET READY SERIES: “WHY SHOULD WE CARE ABOUT BIBLE PROPHECY?”

UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES AND KNOWING WHAT TO DO

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Prophecy, Middle East, War, Faithfulness, Being Ready

Introduction to the Text:

Whenever Something of Global Significance

Occurs or Whenever There's an Event in The Middle East,
The World Turns to the Bible

Rather than fading away, the Bible and it's relevancy to our lives is increasing and more people are asking, "What does the bible say about this or that?"

But Why the Bible?

No other book in the entire world compares to the bible,
Even more, all other books are "knock offs," flawed counterfeits of men's desire.

2Peter 1:19

And so we have **the prophetic word confirmed**, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

The Bible and its "Effect" upon the Modern Day Reader
Is to be that of Comfort, and Confidence, of Peace and Expectation.

The Bible Predicts the Future with Perfect Accuracy,

And That Science is Called Eschatology or Prophecy,
meaning that the Lord of the Bible has the ability of Telling us the Future
in Advance... History Before it Happens if You Will!

**THIS MORNING WE INTERRUPT
OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED SERVICE
TO LOOK AT SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE
TAKING PLACE.**

Today, September 9th, 2007 - At This Hour;
Israel has been placed on its Highest State of Alert
and is prepared for an Imminent attack

**Why is this the Situation This Morning,
and why should we care?**

Update: Russia

Several Months Ago Russia's Vladimir Putin Authorized
the Shipment of a New Surface to Air Missile to Syria.

These New Russian Missiles are known to be the Most Advanced SAM's in the
World and Believed to be Impossible to Avoid.

On Friday, Syria Launched 2 of these Missiles on 2 Israeli F-16's
... and Missed!

This past Wednesday, Russia flew 8 bombers near Norwegian Airspace.
England scrambled four Euro-Fighter Interceptors and Turned the bombers away
- Why?

and just this past April, Russia flew 2 of it's TU-160 super-stealth bombers from
northern Russia across Canada without being detected by Canadian or U.S.
radars until they were seen heading home.

Why is Russia Flexing It's Arm?

And why is Russia Flexing It's Arm in The Middle East?

A weapons treaty with Iran / weapons to Syria

And these new Super-IED's that have caused horrific death and damage to
our troops are Russian made and sent to the Insurgents.

It's the Bible That Says at Some Point in the Future, when Israel is Back in Her Own Land, that the Russians will be Coming.

Ezekiel 37:25

Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children,

Ezekiel 38:1-7

Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, :2 “Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, :3 and say, “Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Behold, I *am* against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. :4 I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company *with* bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords. :5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them *with* shield and helmet; :6 Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah *from* the far north and all its troops—many people *are* with you. :7 “Prepare yourself and be ready, you and all your companies that are gathered about you; and be a **guard** for them.

Guard

מִשְׁמָר mishmar, *mish-mawr*´

the supplier, the defender, the mother

Ezekiel 38:8-9

After many days you will be visited. In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword *and* gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely. :9 You will ascend, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud, you and all your troops and many peoples with you.”

Ezekiel 38:14-16

“Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, “Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘On that day when My people Israel dwell safely, will you not know *it*? :15 Then you will come from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army. :16 You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes.”

The Question

Why Should We Care About Bible Prophecy?

Why Does The Bible Use Prophecy?

What Good is Bible Prophecy?

WHY SHOULD WE CARE ABOUT BIBLE PROPHECY ?

1.) Bible prophecy has been **proven reliable**

The “history” of the Bible is this - -
you can rely upon the bible to tell you the future. // It’s
Scientifically, Reproducible

27% of the Bible is directly Prophetic

WHY SHOULD WE CARE ABOUT BIBLE PROPHECY ?

2.) Bible prophecy **predicts the future**

The bible speaks with “specifics” about the future.

The rise and fall of nations.

i.e., Egyptian, Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Grecian & Roman empires.

It’s specific about Israel, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Arabia, global economies, world weather events, earthquakes, volcano’s, wars, diseases and famine, - even “global warming”

HEAT WAVE

They Ain’t Seen Nothing Yet

Revelation 16:8-9

I saw the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. :9 And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God

Matthew 24:5-12

For many will come in My name, saying, “I am the Christ,” and will deceive many. :6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. :7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. :8 All these *are* the beginning of sorrows. :9 “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. :10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. :11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. :12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

Luke 21:25-26

“And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; :26 men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

WHY SHOULD WE CARE ABOUT BIBLE PROPHECY ?

3.) Bible prophecy is key to survival

It’s bible prophecy that explains to us what’s coming.

It encourages what to prepare for.

It warns us about what to avoid and how.

It prepares us.

John 14:29

“And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.

Matthew 24:25

Behold, I have told you beforehand.

Luke 21:36

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.”

To stay awake, sleeplessness,

WHY SHOULD WE CARE ABOUT BIBLE PROPHECY ?

4.) Bible prophecy exposes false messages

Satan cannot produce accurate prophecies.

Those who knowingly or unknowingly work for him, are false prophets - their messages are not biblical and what they “prophecy” fails.

Deuteronomy 13:1-3

If a prophet, or one who foretells by dreams, appears among you and announces to you a miraculous sign or wonder, :2 and if the sign or wonder of which he has spoken takes place, and he says, “Let us follow other gods” (gods you have not known) “and let us worship them,” :3 you must not listen to the words of that prophet or dreamer.

WHY SHOULD WE CARE ABOUT BIBLE PROPHECY ?

5.) Bible prophecy is to be understood

It's God desire to have you know and understand
what the bible is saying

Daniel 9:25

"Know therefore and understand,

Revelation 1:19

Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which
will take place after this.

WHY SHOULD WE CARE ABOUT BIBLE PROPHECY ?

6.) Bible prophecy reminds us of who's in control

Isaiah 46:9-10

"Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God,
and there is no one like Me, :10 Declaring the end from the beginning And from
ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be
established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';

Daniel 12:4

But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll **until the time of the end.**
((Many will travel here and there to increase knowledge.))

WHY SHOULD WE CARE ABOUT BIBLE PROPHECY ?

7.) Bible prophecy causes us to be ready

Matthew 24:44

Therefore you also be ready.....
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

How Exciting Is This.....

Matthew 24:42

Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

Watch;

being vigilant, on guard, at your post, at the ready. a sentry

WHY SHOULD WE CARE ABOUT BIBLE PROPHECY ?

8.) Bible prophecy **creates** anticipation

We're Not Fatalist – *really we're not*

But when we see things happening that are written in the bible or things that could lead up to a biblical event - - we get excited...

Not about the Event

– but about our God who spoke of the event.

1Peter 1:7-8

for the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested now by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory **at the revelation of Jesus Christ**, :8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you **rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory**,

The “totality” of our salvation is “arriving” when Jesus Christ comes for us, He will conclude that final act in our redemption, the transformation of our human bodies.

Galatians 5:5

For we through the Holy Spirit **eagerly** wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

That Reality Excites Us

and creates in us a deep and longing anticipation

Revelation 22:20

He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.” - Amen. ***Even so, come, Lord Jesus!***

Hebrews 9:28

so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

WHY SHOULD WE CARE ABOUT BIBLE PROPHECY ?

9.) Bible prophecy **produces** godly living

Romans 13:11-14

And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed. :12 The night is far spent, the day

is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. :13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. :14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts.

1John 3:2-3

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. :3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

WHY SHOULD WE CARE ABOUT BIBLE PROPHECY ?

10.) Bible prophecy brings us hope

Do you remember those goofy clown's with the sand in the bottom? You punch it and it bounces right back.

- That's the Christian, a goofy clown to the world, but we keep popping up, bouncing back – because we have real hope !!!

1Thessalonians 4:18

Therefore **comfort** one another with these words.

Titus 2:13

looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

It's bible prophecy that announces the hope of;
your salvation / being reunited with those who died in Christ /
forgiveness / heaven / eternal life...

So where are we on God's Biblical Timeline?

These Are My Top 10 End Time Indicators

1. I am Currently Watching Jerusalem/Israel
2. I am Currently Watching Damascus/Syria
3. I am Currently Watching Moscow/Russia
4. I am Currently Watching The Rise of Islam
5. I am Currently Watching the Strengthening Euro Dollar

6. I am Currently Watching Turkey
7. I am Currently Watching the Weakening of the United States
8. I am Currently Watching Global Weather (judgments)
9. I am Currently Watching the Unification of Europe
10. I am Currently Watching the Decline of the Church

Right Now

It's Russia & The Middle East-Muslim Countries

vs.

Israel, and the God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob.

end.