

# AWAKEN SERIES

PROPHETIC TEACHINGS ON THE CURRENT EVENTS OF 2013

## ISAIAH 46:9-10

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**THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:**

### **THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CHRISTIAN**

*developing and maintaining a watchful eye and an expectant heart.*

**SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:**

**Awaken, Watching, Waiting, Prophecy, Update**

**Introduction to the Text;**

**Isaiah 46:9-10**

#### **Isaiah 46:9-10**

Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, **10** Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, "My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,"

Did you know that as a Christian, you have what

others do not have? - - like the assurance of salvation, or the time-tested veracity of the scriptures. Or the continuity of what the Bible has to say about the observable universe and the known sciences we study today. Yet in all these things - - there is literally nothing greater or of more significance than the Bible's "perfect" ability to predict the future and future events.

### **But Why?**

**Why Would This Doctrine of Eschatology be So Important?**

(1) According to God, He has declared that He alone is able to tell, in advance what will happen (2) and that what will happen has massive significance for those living in the days of fulfilled Biblical prophecy. (3) and that prophetic, biblical, doctrine exposes false teachers, false prophets and false religions.

### **BEING THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CHRISTIAN**

You're living in a time when **marriage and family are in decline.**

You're living in a time when **humanism & secularism is in control.**

You're living in a time when **there are more wars and rumors of wars.**

You're living in a time when **logic & reason no longer make sense.**  
You're in a time when **lies have become easier to believe than the truth.**

**Matt. 24:4-12,24-25,42 NLT**

Jesus told them, "Don't let anyone mislead you, 5 for many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah.' They will deceive many. 6 And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately. 7 Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. 8 But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come. :9 "Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are my followers. 10 And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other. 11 And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people. 12 Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold... **Matt. 24:24-25** - For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform great signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God's chosen ones. 25 See, I have warned you about this ahead of time...**Matt. 24:42** - "So you, too, must keep watch! For you don't know what day your Lord is coming.

**BUT WHY SHOULD THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CHRISTIAN  
Care or Be Interested In This Kind of Bible Stuff?**

**2 Peter 3:11-12**

Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be (1) in holy conduct and (2) godliness, 12 (3) looking for and (4) hastening the coming of the day of God,

**"Boys, Your Father Will Be Home Soon,  
You had better straighten things up!"**

**THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CHRISTIAN**

**1.) We are expected to know God's Word better now**

(1) According to God,  
He has declared that He alone is able to tell, in advance what will happen

**THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CHRISTIAN  
IS TO KNOW GOD'S WORD BETTER THAN EVER**

**1a.) Chronology is in our favor**

In the words of the great philosopher, Mick Jagger  
**"Tiiiiiiiiime Is On My Side, Yes It Is"**

# But for the Christian, it truly is.

As time passes, we are closer to the beginning of eternal life.

But why? – Chronos, Chronology, time has only served to prove the Bible to be Perfectly Reliable

**Eccl. 3:11b**

He has planted eternity in the human heart,

## Time has given us the opportunity

To examine what the Bible has asserted for millennia. over the ages and in every discipline and in every science, God's Word is there waiting for us to arrive at the unchanging truth of God's Word.

**Isaiah 9:6**

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, **Everlasting Father = (Keeper of Time)** Prince of Peace.

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### 1b.) **Discovery** is to our advantage

What Does The "Created Universe" have in Common with "Biblical Prophecy"? - - Answer, The Same God Has Authored Both "**Arguments**"

**The God Who Says;**

"Israel will become a nation a second time in the last days"

**Is The Same God Who Says;**

**Lev. 17:11**

For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'

**The God Who Says;**

**Isaiah 40:22**

It is He who sits above the circle of the earth,

## Is The Same God Who Says;

**Job 26:7**

He (I) stretches out the north over empty space; He (I) hangs the earth upon nothing.

## The God Who Says;

**Job 38:31-33**

“Can you bind the cluster of the Pleiades, or loose the belt of Orion? 32 Can you bring out Mazzaroth in its season? Or can you guide the Great Bear with its cubs? 33 Do you know the ordinances (laws) of the heavens? Can you set their dominion over the earth?”

## Is The Same God Who Says;

**Psa. 19:1-4**

The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. 2 Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,

## All of the true sciences align with the scriptures.

That’s why the **religion of evolution** doesn’t agree with God. It’s bad science and it’s a bad religion.

(ps. **Evolution is the religion of atheism. Atheism is the foundation of communism and communism has killed more people in history than all other religions combined.**)

**The More We Probe and Search the Greater the Knowledge  
And the greater the revelation of the God of the Bible.**

**Sir Isaac Newton, When Making His Scientific discoveries, saw the need to write what is no doubt the greatest scientific publication in history, “Principia Mathematica” – where he explains that Scientific Discovery leads to a deeper understanding of God.” – Science doesn’t explain away God, it leads us closer to God.**

"There is a strange ring of feeling and emotion in these reactions of scientists to evidence that the universe had a sudden beginning. These feelings come from the heart whereas you would expect the judgments to come from the brain. Why? I think part of the answer is that scientists cannot bear the thought of a natural phenomenon which cannot be explained, even with unlimited time and money.

There is a kind of religion in science. For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountain of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries.

*Dr. Robert Jastrow, Director Goddard Space Center. NASA*

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## 1c.) **Theology** is our strength

### John 17:1-3

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: **“Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, 2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may KNOW You, the only true God, and (KNOW) Jesus Christ whom You have sent.**

### Ephesians 1:17-18

*(Paul's Prayer for the Ephesians)*

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints

## The *Westminster Shorter Catechism*

Q. What is the chief end of man? A. Man's chief end is to **glorify** God, and to **enjoy** Him forever.

**“To glorify God and enjoy Him”**

this creed assumes a huge presupposition = **that God is knowable**

From Man's Beginning, He has had an Audience with God.

### Gen. 3:8

And they ***heard the sound of the LORD God walking*** in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves ***from the presence of the LORD*** God among the trees of the garden. :9 ***Then the LORD God called*** to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?”

**Christianity is the Only Faith in the World Whose  
“God Has Come Down to Walk and Talk Among Us”**

### 1 John 1:1-3

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

**John 1:1,14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... :14  
And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of  
the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth...

## **THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CHRISTIAN**

### **2.) We are expected to recognize current events**

(2) and that what will happen has massive significance for those living in the days of fulfilled  
Biblical prophecy.

## **THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CHRISTIAN IS TO RECOGNIZE CURRENT EVENTS**

### **2a.) Relevance – we are in touch with God**

**it is no stretch to say that**

“The Christian today is to be the most effective and controversial source  
for information and deliberation in the world.

**Because Our Bible Has Equipped Us  
for Every Possible Issue.**

**Truly Being Relevant – – is Us Answering This Generation.**

**1 Peter 3:15**

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone  
who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

**Luke 12:11-12**

“Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry  
about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. **12** For the Holy Spirit will  
teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

## **THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CHRISTIAN IS TO RECOGNIZE CURRENT EVENTS**

### **2b.) Vigilance – we are in touch with the world**

## Biblical Christianity Answers;

The immigration issue. The issue of war. Child abuse. Equal rights. Racism, Economics, Law and Order, Government (its creation and its implementation) Justice, Welfare, ObamaCare...

## And What of Our Current Events - Today

Attack Syria or Not = No one can enter into the middle east in war without paying a grave price or even destruction. I have this question - Mr. Obama, have you prayed about it. You're about to enter the bible land (Syria).

Syrian President Bashar Assad has said that if Syria is attacked, he would order Hezbollah to strike Tel Aviv Israel with Chemical weapons.

Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu said; "We will answer Damascus"

I would not be surprised if ISRAEL ATTACKS DAMASCUS ANY DAY NOW.  
( they would have the worlds opinion in their favor UNTIL..... )

### Is. 17:1 **ESV**

An oracle (*massa*), *mas-saw prophecy*) concerning Damascus.  
Behold, Damascus will cease to be a city and will become a heap of ruins.

### Psalm 83:2-5

For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; And those who hate You have lifted up their head.  
3 They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, And consulted together against Your sheltered ones. 4 They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, That the name of Israel may be remembered no more." 5 For they have consulted together with one consent; They form a confederacy against You:

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### 2c.) Preparedness – we are in touch with heaven

#### Matt. 24:44

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

#### Hebrews 10:24-25 **NLT**

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

## THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CHRISTIAN

### 3.) We are expected to **discern the false from the true**

(2) and that prophetic, biblical doctrine exposes false teachers, false prophets and false religions.

## THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CHRISTIAN IS TO DISCERN THE FALSE FROM THE TRUE

### 3a.) **Immerse** yourself in the Bible

nothing can substitute for, or make-up for “Biblical Knowledge”.

Have you all noticed that the cults  
Demand that you blindly believe. Ask no questions.  
Follow without question?

2 Pet. 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;

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

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### 3b.) **Expect** to be resisted

2 Peter 3:3

**knowing** this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming?”

1Th. 4:13

But I do not want you to be ignorant,  
*(a willful rejection of knowledge or information) – a non-engagement attitude*

We are privileged to what’s about to happen - always

1Chr. 12:32

The sons of Issachar who had **understanding of the times,**  
**knew what Israel ought to do.**



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**3c.) Give yourself to following Jesus Christ**

**James 5:8**

You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

**Is. 45:21-22**

Declare what is to be, present it — let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and Savior; there is none but me. :22 “Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.

>>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<<  
*Come Forward for Prayer*

————— *End of Study* —————

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