

# “THE GET READY SERIES”

A REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS THROUGH THE LENS OF BIBLICAL PROPHECY

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*The motivating issue is the U.S. defeat in Iraq to the ISIS militants. Simultaneously Israel launches attacks against the Iranian supported terrorists that are amassing along Israel's Northern and Eastern borders.*

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## WITH COMPASS IN HAND

*Considering The Relevance of Current Events In the Light of Biblical Prophecy*

**As Christians we wanna be careful to not misrepresent** the Lord or the Bible in any way. The God of the Universe has announced to mankind that He has a specific plan and He has revealed that plan in advance.

*(btw = He requires of you and I to know that plan as revealed in His Bible)*

1 Peter 4:7

But **the end of all things** is at hand; **therefore** be **serious** and **watchful** in your **prayers**.

**It's remarkable for us to know that 2,000 years ago the Apostle was encouraging His readers to be “informed and ready”.**

**serious**

σωφρονέω **sophroneo**, *so-fron-eh'-o*;

to be of sound, sane, reasonable mind. To be thinking correctly.

**watchful**

νήφω **nepho**, *nay'-fo*;

to be clear of sight and discerning of mind. To be vigilant and observing.

**prayers**

προσευχή **proseuche**, *pros-yoo-khay'*;

“prayer-worship” – to be walking, living, thinking, acting in a state of communication with God. To be speaking and to be listening.”

**the end of all things**

τέλος **telos**, *tel'-os*; or τέλλω **tell'o** = to set out for a definite point, harbor or landing. The desired termination point of. The conclusion of act, period or journey. The end of a predetermined prophetic course or word. The successful completion of a predetermined plan.

**– But why?**

**Because “they” – just like us, need to know what's happening in our world and how we're to be living in light of it.**

And So,  
**WITH COMPASS IN HAND**  
*This is What We Know...*

**Amos 3:7**

Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals His **secret**  
*(that which He is about to do)* to His servants the prophets.

**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,"

**John 14:29**

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

**As Christian's – we hold our Bible's open as we discern the events of our days in light of what the Bible says.**

**!!! Can we agree on this – it will be easy !!!**

**For the first time in human history**

*we have a great amount of global situations that are only increasing.*

There is a global vacuum of leadership // Worldwide economic dilemmas  
Increase in violence around the world // Rosh, Meshech and Tubal is on the rise//  
Rome is inviting the world religions to unite // the USA is fallen

**1 Peter 4:7b**

**...therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.**

Why do you need to know **'What' you're watching for?**

What are you to do **with 'What' you know?**

How will you, knowing **these things, affect you** and your family?

What if **you're not "ready"** regarding these things?

**We are to be witnesses to those around us. A witness gives answers to the facts.**

**The people you know in your life who do not know Jesus – they do not have the peace of God.  
They need hope and they need a **compass** at this time.**

We have a front row seat to **History** happening **now**;  
**"the stage is being set".**

And so **WITH COMPASS IN HAND** I know That

## 1.) The Rise of an Islamic Caliphate

ISIS or ISIL has captured 1/3 of Iraq as of this morning.

But What Does This Mean To Me Being A Christian?

## 2.) The Destabilization of the Middle East

### Let's Check Our Compass

**Mark 13:7-8**

But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet. **8** For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. These are the beginnings of sorrows.

The flash point in the Middle East isn't oil. It isn't a lack of land or natural gas or anything else – but one small trinity of reality,  
The Nation of **Israel**, The City of **Jerusalem**, and the **Jew**.

As the destabilization of the Middle East increases,  
the reason behind it all is Israel.

**Zechariah 12:2-3**

Behold, I will make **Jerusalem** a cup of trembling unto all the people (*nations*) round about, when they (*nations*) shall be in the siege both against **Judah** and against **Jerusalem**. **3** And in that day will I make **Jerusalem** a burdensome stone for all people (*nations*): all that burden themselves with **it** shall be cut in pieces, though all the people (*nations*) of the earth be gathered together against **it**.

## 3.) The Isolation of the Jewish State of Israel

### Let's Check Our Compass

**Joel 3:1-3a**

“For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, **2** I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land. **3a** They have cast lots for My people,

## 4.) The Rising Super Power of the Middle East

### Let's Check Our Compass

**Isaiah 27:6a**

Those who come He shall cause to take root in Jacob;  
Israel shall blossom and bud, And fill the face of the world with fruit.

## 5.) The Decline of the Christian West

*“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.” – President Ronald Reagan*

**WHAT NONE OF US PLANNED ON WAS IT BEING LOST  
IN ONE ELECTION = WHICH PROVES THAT WE FAILED TO RAISE UP A GENERATION OF  
CHILDREN TAUGHT TO UNDERSTAND FREEDOM**

But What Does This Mean To Me Being A Christian?

### Let's Check Our Compass

**Matthew 24:12**

And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

## 6.) The Need to Forgive International Debt

## 7.) The Apostasy of the believer

**The World Council of Churches**

*(Which hold to a pro-Muslim, anti-Israel Middle-East)*

**Ecumenicalism**

*(Which hold to a pro-Muslim, anti-Israel Middle-East)*

**Christian Palestinianism**

*(Which hold to a pro-Muslim, anti-Israel Middle-East)*

The Sabeel Conference & Christ at the Check-Point

**Chrislam**

*(Which hold to a pro-Muslim, anti-Israel Middle-East)*

## Let's Check Our Compass

**1 Timothy 4:1**

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times **some will depart** from the faith, giving heed *(audience)* to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

### 8.) The Advent of a Global - Universal Faith

But What Does This Mean To Me Being A Christian?

**Historically - Universalism** Has Been The Hammer of Persecution

## Lets Check Our Compass

**John 16:33**

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

### 9.) The Call for Global Leadership

### 10.) The History of America

I'm going to read you something and you judge weather it should be a private or public sentiment.

Suppose a nation in some distant region should take the Bible for their only law book and every member should regulate his conduct by the precepts there exhibited. What a Utopia – what a Paradise would this region be!

- **John Adams**

I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Savior (Jesus) of the world is communicated to us through this book. But for it we could not know right from wrong."

- **Abraham Lincoln**

"So great is my veneration for the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it, the more confident will be my hopes that they will prove useful citizens to their country and respectable members of society."

- **John Quincy Adams**

"The Name of the Lord is a strong tower, Let us secure His favor and He will lead us through the journey of this life and at length receive us to a better."

- **Samuel Adams**

“Religion is as necessary to reason, as reason is to religion. A reasoning being would lose his reason in attempting to account for the great phenomena of nature, had he not a Supreme Being to refer to.”

– **President George Washington**

“We account the Scriptures of God to be the most sublime philosophy. I find more sure marks of authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history *whatever*.”

– **Isaacs Newton**

## Let's Check Our Compass

**Luke 21:34-36**

“Be careful, because your hearts could be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of this life, and that day will close in on you unexpectedly like a trap. **:35** For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. **:36** *Be always on the watch, and pray that you may **escape** all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.*”

## Let's Check Our Compass

**John 14:1-3**

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. **:2** In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. **:3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

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>>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<<<

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