

# A CURRENT EVENT UPDATE

ADDRESSING THE EVENTS OF OUR TIME IN LIGHT OF BIBLICAL PROPHECY

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**“BELIEVER OR NOT”**

**A CHALLENGE TO CONSIDER THE RELEVANCE OF TODAY’S  
CURRENT GLOBAL EVENTS IN LIGHT OF BIBLE PROPHECY**

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

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**We are living in interesting days to say the least.**

**I would argue that these are increasingly “Epic days” and of that I have no doubt.**

I can be fully confident that this statement is not only true but will prove to be more true as the days ahead of us unfold. How can I say that?

**It’s because the things of our day are what I would call “Biblical Days Interest”.  
These are things that seem to be aligned in accordance with the revealed Biblical  
timeline of events.**

**Yet, there is need of an exhortation to all this morning:  
That is the (Teaching of Bible Prophecy) just might be at an all-time low in the church  
today and that is telling.**

**First of all “Christian” seminaries are not teaching it.  
“Pastors” are willing to ignore it and “Christians” don't want to hear it – and for this,  
Satan loves it!**

**John 13:19**

Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am *He*.

**There are “Christian Quacks” out there that are teaching false doctrine  
and seek to rob you of your joy and crown:**

**“Teaching that the church needs to hunker-down and prepare for the Tribulation  
Period of the Last Days and that you ought to be looking around for the Antichrist  
instead of looking up for Jesus Christ.”**

**(Understand this – according to the Bible, their numbers will increase.)**

**2 Peter 2:1**

But there were also false prophets among the people, **even as there will be false teachers  
among you**, who will secretly (by stealth) bring in (inject) destructive heresies, (teachings that  
are off course).

## First of all - Jesus has given us His word...

### Revelation 3:10

Because you have kept My command to **persevere**, I also will **keep you from** the hour of trial which shall come upon **the whole world**, to test those who dwell on the earth.

## The Prophetic Nature of God's Nature

### Isaiah 46:9-10

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...

### 2 Peter 1:16

For we did not follow **cunningly devised fables** when we made known to you the **power and coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were **eyewitnesses of His majesty**.

### 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—

It would be very easy these days to be swallowed up by fear and discouragement, if you at this time are without the knowledge of God's word regarding what's coming.

To be a good Biblical "kind-of-a-believer", we're going to want to employ some good investigative methods to our message today and to the days in which we live. A good detective is going to want to ask some questions and the best questions to ask have always been the same, and here they are:

- 1.) There is the "Who" question.
- 2.) There is the "What" question.
- 3.) There is the "When" question.
- 4.) There is the "Where" question
- 5.) There is the "Why" question.
- 6.) There is the "How" question.

## Believer or Not?

### 1.) Is Biblical doctrine paramount to you? - Believer or Not?

#### Matthew 5:17-18

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. **18** For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

**2 Timothy 3:16**

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God,

**2 Peter 1:20-21**

knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

You might be thinking, “Why should you care?”

**Believer or Not?**

**2.) Is the world proving God’s point? - Believer or Not?**

**Luke 17:26-30**

And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: 27 They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; 29 but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

**Matthew 24:4-12**

And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 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.

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**Rioting / Lawlessness in America**

[https://si.wsj.net/public/resources/images/BN-OE710\\_0525ca\\_GR\\_20160525193531.jpg](https://si.wsj.net/public/resources/images/BN-OE710_0525ca_GR_20160525193531.jpg)

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**San Jose, CA Rioting / Lawlessness**

<http://www.independentsentinel.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/this-is-mexico.jpg>

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**Yesterday, ISIS attacks Nineveh**

<http://www.iraqnews.com/iraq-war/islamic-state-drones-kill-wounds-13-civilians-nearmosul/>

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**3.) Is a third world war in the making? - Believer or Not?**

We must all be very careful to not jump to meaningless assumptions.  
You cannot show a Bible verse that directly predicted WW-1 or WW-2.  
I say that because WW-3 or 4 is a possibility....

**Petraeus: U.S. Facing 'Unprecedented Threat' from China, Russia, Iran, Jihadi Groups**  
<http://www.breitbart.com/national-security/2017/02/01/petraeus-u-s-led-international-order-unprecedented-threat-china-russia-iran-jihadi-groups>

### **North Korea Threatens with War**

<http://www.ibtimes.com/north-korea-war-us-10-times-kim-jong-un-threatened-america-2491655>

### **Kim Jong Un**

"The commitment of the US and South Korea to a new missile defense system is pushing the Korean peninsula to the "brink of a nuclear war," North Korea warned on Friday.

### **Mattis to North Korea 'Not on my watch'**

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/02/03/asia/mattis-us-north-korea-thaad-missile-defense/>

You might be thinking, "Why should you care?"

The statement coincided with the visit by new US Defense Secretary James Mattis to Seoul, where he pledged to deploy THAAD -- the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system -- to protect US and South Korean troops. Mattis promised an

**"overwhelming response to any attack mounted by North Korea against South Korea."**

### **BBC World News Service:**

"Most recently, a former North Korean diplomat who defected to South Korea said in an interview to the BBC "that Kim Jong Un could **"press the button" and launch a missile attack against Los Angeles.** When asked if Kim would carry out an attack against the West Coast of the U.S. knowing that the Pentagon would retaliate with overwhelming power, Thae Yong-ho, North Korea's former deputy ambassador in London, replied: **"Yes!"**

## **Believer or Not?**

### **4.) Is the world on the cusp of an event? - Believer or Not?**

**There's a growing atmosphere of unrest in America.**

In the world today, ever since the change in US policy in this last election, the Socialists are upset, the leftists are in a rage, North Korea is threatening us and now the Iranians, "We're going to attack the US."

**Why? Because for the last eight years all of those groups and more have had carte blanche to do what they wanted to do to advance their cause.**

The light's been turned on and the bugs are scattering...

You might be thinking, "Why should you care?"

### **Daniel 9:27a**

Then he (the Anti-Christ) shall **confirm** a covenant with many for one week; (7 years) But in the middle of the week (3½ years) He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.

Confirm heb. gabar, gaw-bar'  
to be stronger or to make more strong. to make to prevail, put to  
more power to something already existing. to strengthen.

I find this significant in light of this weeks meeting  
between Benjamin Netanyahu and President Trump.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmfseeZt5fA>

Could these two longtime friends work something out?  
(Could Trumps "deal making" skills create a peace plan for the Middle East?)

A Conjecture to Consider:

Lets remember – if Trump has it his way, ISIS and the other terrorist organizations are going  
to be destroyed – if that were to happen, then a peace could come to  
the Middle East.

It appears that the Anti-Christ strengthens a pre-existing  
peace deal in his day

David Petraeus Meets Lieberman

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/liberman-proposes-anti-terror-coalition-as-path-to-peace/>

VP Mike Pence Speaks to NATO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dC4yEfEkNbg>  
13:53 to 15:33

Believer or Not?

**5.) Is evil increasing in our world today? - Believer or Not?**

You might be thinking, "Why should you care?"

Believer or Not?

**6.) Is there talk of The End everywhere? - Believer or Not?**

**The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientist**  
They manage the famed "Dooms Day Clock"

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/01/26/world/doomsday-clock-2017/>

<https://daily.jstor.org/doomsday-clock-menacing-metaphor-nuclear-age/>

Believer or Not?

**7.) Is what's going on provoking you? - Believer or Not?**

You might be thinking, "Why should you care?"

Believer or Not?

**8.) Is there hope for you in these days? - Believer or Not?**

You might be thinking, "Why should you care?"

Believer or Not?

**9.) Is the intervention of God needed? - Believer or Not?**

You might be thinking, "Why should you care?"

Believer or Not?

**10.) Is your life ready to get right with God? - Believer or Not?**

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It's noteworthy that for the first time in human history,  
the three largest faith's on earth agree on one thing - - that the Last Days or the  
End of Days are upon us. It doesn't make it true. It's just a first!

Many Jews believe that Israel's Messiah is soon to arrive to deliver them from the tyranny and  
persecution of the world and confirm a Jewish nation.

The Muslim's believe that any day now a global conflict is going to erupt that will usher in the  
coming of the Islamic Messiah who will war against the world, slay all Jews, Christians, and  
infidels and establish his world rule (the Anti-Christ).

The Christian believes that the Biblical indicators are aligning & amassing and that the season  
of Christ's RETURN is near at hand.

**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 End