

"As America Collapses, Israel Must Fill the Vacuum"

NEWS IN BRIEF

What Do We Do Now?

David James, missionary, author, professor, and long-time Bible scholar, shares his thoughts on how we can best deal with these troubled times. "Everyone knows 2020 was a very tough year. I've been concerned that 2021 could be even worse." Thinking about the attack on the Capitol, "I wondered out loud if we may have passed the tipping point. People all across the country are tired, they're frustrated. We aren't on a good trajectory. People have been locked down, they have been isolated and sick and some have had businesses and livelihoods destroyed."

"The book 'Balancing the Christian Life' by Charles Ryrie might be helpful in a time like this to find a balance because we can move to extremes and we are moving through a minefield in this pandemic with this social unrest and political craziness. Jesus said to be wise as serpents but innocent as doves. So on the one hand Romans 13:1 says let every soul be subject to the governing authorities where there is no authority except from God. But in Acts 4 where Peter and John had been arrested for preaching they said whether it's right in the sight of God to listen to you more than God, you judge for we cannot speak but the things we have seen and heard. As Christians we are to blame for the national mess we're in for we have left the light of Christ and let His word grow dim in our culture."

Much of what's happening in our world today is because of Christians, that's you and me, not following God's manual for today. 1 Timothy 2 says pray for those in authority so that we can live a quiet, peaceable, and Godly life. Jesus said in 2 Peter 3:9 that He will keep His promise of the Rapture but that He wants more people to get saved, and dear friend that's our job.

In recent times, America is widely seen by the world as being in decline. Mass shootings, the Capitol break-in, skyrocketing prices, rising unemployment, ongoing civil unrest, half a million COVID deaths... What many around the globe see is the US imploding from within. Broadcast partner David Dolan from Jerusalem stated "The fading as it were of the US is being counted everywhere. The Iranians were boasting about that this week, the Turks were, the Russians were, the Chinese were, the North Koreans were. It's clear that there are huge internal problems in the States." In the wake of these problems, a leading Rabbi in Israel wrote a proposal for the Jewish Nation to take America's place as a world leader.

Rabbi Shmuel Eliyahu, the Israeli Orthodox Chief Rabbi of Safed and a member of the Chief Rabbinate Council, says that we are witnessing the beginning of the end of the US as a superpower, thus paving the way for Israel to take its place in guiding civilization forward. "With great sadness we can remember [the storming of the Capitol] as part of the process of America descending from the stage of history. It's a sad moment, but it's happening," the Rabbi wrote in an op-ed piece in Israel National News. He then compared what is happening in the United States to the collapse of Rome, the Turkish Empire, the USSR, European colonialism, and ancient Egypt.

He then stated that Israel has "been called to fill this [power] vacuum," Eliyahu claimed,

"Israel is sound and is called upon to take its place in the world's leadership in values... This is the outline that God promised our ancestor Abraham. "And all the families of the earth will be blessed through you and your seed." ... The time has come for us to remember our destiny. We must prepare for it so that we can fulfill it with all the necessary responsibility."

The Israeli Rabbi may be incorrect on the timing of Israel's superpower status however, the Rabbi is correct on the ultimate destiny of the Jewish state. God's promise of land to Israel includes real estate ten times larger than what they have today and the kingdom with Jesus as King of Kings in that forever kingdom, 2 Samuel 7:16.

Earth is Warming, But "It's Not the End of the World"

Dr. Don DeYoung is the Chairman of the Department of Physical Science at Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana. Dr. DeYoung is also on the faculty of the Institute for Creation Research, San Diego. Courses taught include physics, astronomy, and mathematics. He speaks on creation topics and believes that the details of nature are a powerful testimony to the Creator's care for mankind.

Dr. DeYoung was asked if he believes global warming is real. Here is his response. "It appears that we are on the front end of a slight warming of the earth's surface. We do have a couple of decades now of this kind of data. But the thing is the world's climate is always making adjustments, some decades a little warmer and some decades a little cooler. There are a lot of variables involved and the changes are always going on."

Dr. DeYoung continues, "We do know also that in the post-flood centuries there was an ice age on the earth. During that time, the temperature dropped around a half dozen degrees and the earth was cooler. Today again the temperature seems to be warming up just a degree or so. It is so amazing that you have this kind of a population on the earth there's an amazing stability of the earth's climate the temperature only changes by a degree or two. It just shows that when God set up this world He built-in stability anticipating the world's population. It's just surprising how constant the temperature is over the world."

Dr. DeYoung was then asked if this warming trend will lead to a worldwide catastrophic event. His reply was that was not even a possibility. "Scripture gives us the promise the seasons will follow during this

whole age that we live in. Certainly, mankind though we're not neutral we do add to the system but there are so many variables. The sun can either cause warming or cooling, so can the oceans. Multiple factors going on but again the integrity of the climate is that this earth system will continue to study the earth and manage it. And then that way we don't trash the place. We don't ignore even changing climate. We do what we can but not go overboard. It's not the end of the world."

Dr. Don DeYoung, a scientist with 50 years of experience, does, indeed, believe that global warming and climate change are happening in our world today although it is almost unnoticeable. God's word in Genesis 8:22 tells us that God is in charge. The seasons, heat, cold, and even night and day will not cease. Remember God is always in control.

Prophecy is Practical

**The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem;
and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people,
and the strength of the children of Israel.**

- Joel 3:16 (For further study - Joel 3:9-16)

The ancient Jewish prophet Joel, in the first two chapters of his prophecy, introduced a very significant prophetic phrase, the Day of the Lord. The definition of this phrase is any time in history when the Lord intercedes in the affairs of man, personally on the earth.

In Joel's description of the Day of the Lord he starts, as does a Jewish day, with the evening and night first and then the full day to follow. Thus the prophecies in this book are described with the darkest of events first, followed by the more encouraging prophecies. As we come to Joel 3 we see that the Lord is warning the people that war is approaching and they must get ready.

This passage does give us insight into the Lord's mind and it reveals that there is justification for war for the believer. The Lord tells the Jews to prepare war. Notice He does not say prepare for war but prepare war. In other words get ready right now.

The mighty men are to take their farming implements, their plowshares and turn them into swords. These men must turn their pruning hooks into spears. The Jews, in the last days, are to be always ready for going to war.

It seems by Joel's statement that the battle will take place in the area of Jerusalem, the Valley of Jehoshaphat. The Valley of Jehoshaphat is the Kidron Valley located between the Temple Mount in Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives to the east of the Temple Mount. At the time of this war, Jerusalem will be the main focus for all wars. Zechariah 14:2 says all the nations of the world will gather at Jerusalem for the beginning of the Campaign of Armageddon which is the first phase of the Battle of Armageddon.

This mother of all wars actually begins in the Valley of Jehoshaphat in Jerusalem. Joel 3:16 says that the Lord shall roar out of Zion (Jerusalem) and the heavens and earth shall shake. The truth is that before the Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah, roars out of Jerusalem He roars into Jerusalem, Zechariah 14:4. The Messiah comes to Jerusalem to the Valley of Jehoshaphat to judge the Gentiles and then become the hope of His people, the Jewish people.

The days described in Joel, the days during the Day of the Lord could well be describing the days we are living in today. There is the threat of war in almost all of the Middle East and much of it is focused on Jerusalem and the Jewish people. As the days of Joel's prophecy play out in our world today the voice of the Lord will be uttered from Jerusalem, Joel 3:16. The way that the Lord will deal with His people, the Jews, is that His voice shall be heard throughout all the land and, in fact, all of the world. His voice, His word, will go forth from Jerusalem as His prophecies are fulfilled.

By the way, with the Middle East as it is today, the Lord's warning for war is appropriate. That war is coming soon. Jesus is also coming back to Earth, soon. However, before Jesus returns to Earth He will shout and call all Christians up to be with Him in the Heavens, and that could happen today, keep looking up.....Until,

Jimmy DeYoung

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me Lord, to understand the days I'm living in and with so many current events setting the stage for Bible prophecy to be fulfilled, help me to be ready for that coming and warn others of these days and their prophetic significance.

Political Leaders Are Influenced By Spiritual Forces

Daniel 10 talks about political leaders who were influenced by Satan and made choices that were opposed to God's will. Scripture also states that God has the heart of princes in His hand and can turn them wherever He wants. Former Pennsylvania State Senator, Sam Rohrer, shares that it is important for Christians to pray that our political leaders would not be allowed to be influenced by the devil, but rather influenced by God.

Mr. Rohrer explained, "When I pray as you do when we teach about civil authority the purposes of civil authority is to enact justice which hinges on truth. So you praise those who do well. The government is to do that for those who do that which is according to ultimately God's law and to pun-

ish those who break God's law. If your civil law mirrors which our Constitution does Biblical law then everything works together.

So I pray that those who are in office now and wherever they are that they would understand their purpose before God because they will all give an account to God. How they deal on that purpose that God sanction I pray that they would understand and seek the truth. That they would make their votes and decisions based on truth. If they do then you have justice. If they reject that then you have injustice. So when we pray for truth and pursuing of truth we're praying for God's will and we are praying against the evil one who is the father of lies. The Scripture tells us to pray for those in authority so

that we can live a quiet and peaceable life and that's only possible if we base it on the truth and God's word."

Sam Rohrer a former political leader serving as a State Senator for over 20 years in the Pennsylvania State Senate can report from experience how any politician is influenced by God or Satan. The Bible reveals that to be the case as recorded in Daniel 10:13 & 20. The apostle Paul also exhorted us to put on the whole armor of God, Ephesians 6:13 because we will face a battle, that's Ephesians 6:12. Paul also exhorted us to pray for those in higher authority because first of all it's God's will, I Timothy 2:1-4. As we approach the future we must pray.

Pope Invokes "Father Abraham" For Religious Unity

BABYLON, IRAQ - The head of the Roman Catholic Church, Pope Francis, recently made a trip to Iraq to visit several historic sites, including Babylon and Ur of the Chaldees. Ur is known as the birthplace of the biblical patriarch Abraham (Abram at the time). And as such, it is seen as a significant site to three of the major religions of the world, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam - all of which claim to trace their beliefs back to Abraham and his descendants. However, the archeological site is also known to be the location of ancient pagan practices, possibly including child sacrifice.

According to official Vatican reports, Pope Francis met "with representatives of the three Abrahamic religions at Ur of the Chaldeans in Iraq, and urges Christians, Muslims, and Jews to journey along a path of peace under the stars of the promise God made to Abraham. Pope Francis traveled to Ur of the Chaldeans, the birthplace of the three major religions—Islam, Christianity, and Judaism. His meeting there was billed as the highpoint of

his efforts to promote inter-religious dialogue and fraternity in the Middle Eastern nation."

In his speech, the Pope called people of Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and other faiths "brothers and sisters" and called on everyone to "honor our father Abraham" by looking to heaven while we travel on earth.

On the Pope's visit, his focus was to bring harmony between religious groups. In particular, he was reaching out to the Muslim world - but other groups as well. It seems his goal is to bring unity to all religions. Mike Gendron, Prophecy Today Broadcast partner and expert on the Catholic religion, suggested the Pope should also have a unity summit in Babylon, home of the infamous tower of Babel. "I'm wondering now if his next visit might be an inter-religious prayer meeting in the land of Shinar where the sons of men built a Tower of Babel into the heavens. That seems like an appropriate site to have religious unity, don't you think?"

He continued his thoughts on the Pope's crusade to unite religions by reminding us of Revelation chapters 13 and 17. "We know ... that there will be two men that will unite the world. There will be a false Messiah, a false prophet and he will unite the world in a global religion that will worship the other figure which is referred to as the antichrist or the man of lawlessness. So these two men together will usher in a time of peace and prosperity. And it's really interesting Jimmy if you study Catholic eschatology they really believe there will be a Catholic Pope and a Catholic patriarch that will come together to fulfill prophecy."

Mike's report reveals how Pope Francis is traveling the world to put together a one-world religion as foretold in Revelation 17. This one-world religion will be headquartered in Rome Italy, Revelation 17:9 and be led by the antichrist mentioned as the beast used 9 times in Revelation 17.

JIMMY'S SCHEDULE

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May 23

- Capital City Baptist Church
- Columbia, SC

June 6-7

- Mullins First Baptist Church
- Mullins, SC

June 13-15

- Heritage Baptist Church
- Calhoun, GA

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Biden "The Most Pro-Homosexual US President Ever"

The Washington Post ran an article with the title, "Biden's ambitious LGBT agenda poises him to be nation's most pro-equality president in history." The article says "Joe Biden became a fast friend of the LGBTQ community as vice president in 2012 by stating his support for same-sex marriage in a television interview even before his boss, President Barack Obama, did." In that same year outside an Obama-Biden campaign office in Florida, it was Biden's unexpected support for the transgender community that elevated his status from an LGBTQ ally to a champion.

On the JoeBiden.com website on the LGBTQ page you can find this statement, "this

fight's not over. Donald Trump and Mike Pence have given hate against LGBTQ+ individuals safe harbor and rolled back critical protections for the LGBTQ+ community."

David James points out that "there continues to be growing support for the LGBT agenda within evangelicalism especially by those under 35. One is that the Bible doesn't condemn loving relationships between people of the same sex but Jimmy that's not true. The Bible doesn't deal with the why question but consistently condemns homosexual behavior outright in the strongest possible terms in both the Old and the New Testament. The greek term explicitly means a man that has sex with a man. 1

Corinthians 6:9-10 says this, 'Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.'"

Elsewhere in the Bible we can see that this was all predicted. Genesis 19 God destroys Sodom and Gomorrah for sodomy. Romans 1:28 God turns his back on this type of activity. In a message from Jesus Christ, Luke 17 starting in verse 28 Jesus reveals that at the time of His return to the earth it will be at the times of Lot, homosexuality prevalent in our world.

The Temple Might Not Be Exactly Where You Think

JERUSALEM - The Jewish people building a third temple on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem is something that is spoken of often, with hope by the Jewish people around the world (particularly in Israel), with anger and fear by the Islamic world (particularly the Palestinians), and with confident expectation by Bible-believing Christians. It is debated in Knesset (the Israeli Parliament), it is used as fear-mongering rhetoric from political and religious leaders in among Muslims, and it is preached about from pulpits in churches. Even decisions made by other nations - like the recent recognition by the US Congress of the city of Jerusalem as the capitol of the state of Israel - are leading some to believe the rebuilding of the Temple is near.

Palestinian leaders often use the claim that the Jews are about to rebuild the Temple as a rallying cry - not just to the Palestinians themselves, but to the entire Islamic world. As Jerusalem correspondent, David Dolan explains, "If they want to boast their support from Indonesia, Malaysia, north Africa, or anywhere on Earth where there are Muslim communities or countries, 56 coun-

tries that are Muslim majority countries that's a good issue to put forward and they know that and so they use it all the time. But at the same time I think they are genuinely worried that this is an increasing possibility and they don't like that thought at all."

One Jewish religious and political expert from Jerusalem says that most people are wrong about one very important aspect of this event, however. And that is the exact location of the past and future temples on the Temple Mount.

Yisrael "Winkie" Medad says Herod's Temple was located closer to the Western Wall than most people believe it to be, and that would be the location of the next Temple as well. "According to my studies and learning exactly where the Temple Mount is today. It has not moved. It is exactly geographically sitting to the rabbinical distributions in the town wood. The fact that it's on top of a mountain and I cannot accept that the location is where some people are trying to put it closer to the City of David which is way down in the valley."

Mr. Medad explains, "The archeological finds that have been discovered over a half a

century including the ritual baths at the southern end of the current Temple Mount, the descriptions of the walls, the underground diggings that have been done especially all along the Western Wall all the way to the Northern Wall underground, we use to call it the Hasmonean Tunnel. And other evidence combined with the fact that over the past almost 2,000 years we have a constant testimony from Roman sources, from Jewish sources, from Byzantine all point to the fact that the Temple Mount is where it is today just above and behind the Western Wall."

Political leaders do make decisions that will fulfill God's plan for the future, Revelation 17:17. The Biblical details for the next Temple to be built in Jerusalem are absolute. All true Temples in Jerusalem are under God's direct authority. Future Temples like the Tribulation Temple and the Messiah's Temple must conform to God's word on Temples. The Tribulation Temple, Daniel 9:27 and Matthew 24:15 and the Messiah's Temple, Ezekiel 40-46 and Revelation 11:1-2. Jewish Temples in Jerusalem play a key role in God's prophetic plan.

THINK ABOUT THIS

It is has been a difficult time for many around the world. Plagues, unstable economies, unrest, political extremism, wars, and so much more. It is understandable, and maybe even reasonable that many have given into hopeless, fear, anger, and despair. I hope that isn't you. Let me encourage you - there is still hope. Something better is coming.

First, let me say that the hope that I am talking about, is not for everyone. It is only for those who have put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. If that isn't you - then it is my prayer that today will be the day of your salvation. Romans 6:23 says that "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 10 explains that the way to accept this gift is by believing in our heart that God has raised His Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead - and confessing with our mouths that Jesus is Lord, and that whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved, (Romans 10:9-13).

For those who are - or just became - Christians, our hope is in Jesus Christ - that blessed hope. A hope that is not for this life only, 1 Corinthians 15:19, but for the glorious return of Jesus and life everlasting.

So in light of this hope, what do we do? Titus chapter 2 gives us the answer. We are to proclaim sound doctrine, encourage one another, deny ungodliness and worldly lust, and live in a sober, righteous, and godly way in this present world, so we will not give the enemy any evil thing to say against us. Then we can look for that blessed hope, the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ. So let's keep looking up.....Until,

Jimmy DeYoung