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## God or Money? The Choice is Yours

As you read Genesis 11:1-4 reflect upon where the world is headed right now. Calls for globalization abound. You can find comments from globally minded individuals everywhere such as "*Globalisation is not an option, it is a fact, so the question is whether we manage it well or badly.*"<sup>1</sup>

*"And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." – Gen 11:1-4*

A global recession, depression, melt-down, call it what you will, is striking fear into the hearts of people around the world. People are opining about the loss of their retirement funds. People are in debt way over their heads. Corruption and greed can be found everywhere from Wall Street to Washington DC to Main Street. Why? Why this abject fear? They've replaced the one true God with a god of their making... money.

For eons people's greed has sucked them into traps due to their love of money and the lure of easy money. Part of this financial melt-down is apparently due to people who could no longer make their mortgage payment. They would get "no-interest" loans on a house they could not afford in the hopes of a quick resale to make a profit. Or, they were getting loans on houses they couldn't afford. Either way, the lure of luxury or easy money clouded their judgment.

*"For what shall it profit a man, if he*

*shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" - Mark 8:36*

Think for a minute about the story of Jesus and the rich man:

*"And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven." – Matt 19:16-23*

The rich young man, although reportedly having followed the law, had difficulty with one main one... he had replaced God with money. This is plainly evident through his reaction to Christ's directive. When Christ said 'Give away all your stuff' the man walked away sad. Jesus knew the young man's heart and knew he loved money more than God. This concept is further developed here:

*"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." -Matt 6:24*

In this passage the Greek word for "mammon" is wealth.

Do these passages mean if you are rich you are destined for hell? Not at all... money is not the root of all evil:

*"But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the **love** of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."* – 1 Tim 6:9-10



The Money Trap

It's the LOVE of money that is the root of all evil.

My point is this: Due to people having replaced God with money, their faith in these uncertain economic times is rattled to the core. The things they have garnered, gained, earned, worked for, and slaved for is now slipping through their fingers like a handful of sand.

Furthermore, when you couple this foundation of their faith being shaken with eloquent economic deception advocated from the White House steps, you have a mixture similar to that of nitroglycerin. The White House policies and practices over the last 100 days make it clear that we're bent on a mission which would further a liberal/socialist agenda

Scripture makes clear that in the end times:

*For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. - Mat 24:24*

*Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: - 2 Thess 2:9-11*

I know what you're thinking... "He's saying the President is the antichrist". Actually, no, I'm not. Although that makes for an interesting discussion, I

don't believe we will know who he is until after the rapture. My point is that the President appears to be sounding the call for sweeping changes in the United States that would take it from a constitutional republic to a form of socialist government. It also seems apparent that the economy and people's love of money is the vehicle he is using. We are helping to set the stage for the globalization of the world's economy, and the leaders in other free societies (i.e. the UK) are also calling for the universal revamping of the financial world to pull the world out of this recession.

If the cards being dealt right now are played as it appears they will be, we could see something along the lines of Genesis 11:1-4 all over again.

So what do we as Christians do?

I would recommend a couple of things. First, live the best way you can and be a continual witness. Use this time to talk about your faith. What's that? You're caught up in it too? Give it to God, it is all His anyways, work to get out of the debt you are in. Do this as a testimony to a right focus on life, while you remain in the world.

Next, I would say prepare for the worst.

If Christ comes soon then all is good, but if it's not His time yet what then?

Prepare. Have a store of food, water, supplies, etc. in the event we have to weather the storm until He comes. Nowhere in Scripture does it say that life will be rosy and then Christ will come. It seems to me that it's going to continually get worse until He returns... and then get even worse for those left here on earth. Plus think of what a blessing it could be. Let's say you have a year's worth of supplies stored up and the rapture happens... don't you think God will use that for His glory and assist a new believer during the tribulation? Isn't it possible He could lead someone to your cache of goods who is in desperate need?

I say this not to sound like some 'apocalyptic "nut-case"' but rather as a call to reason. Noah was told to build a boat and prepare for what was coming. He was laughed at and ridiculed... yet

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**"... For the love of money is the root of all evil"**

the rain came. We know in no uncertain terms that we can recognize the time and season of Christ's return, we just won't know the day and the hour. Look around... Christ is coming... my guess is sooner rather than later.

Christian... go build your boat! It may not be meant for you to actually use... it may be for a brother or sister in Christ during what is to come. And as long as you remain in this world - sound the

## Signs of the Times – Part I

*"Search from the book of the LORD, and read: Not one of these [prophecies] shall fail; Not one shall lack her mate."  
- Isaiah 24:16*

One of the things we do as part of Berean Watchmen Ministries is search the world news headlines for items that may be of some prophetic significance to events described in Bible prophecy. It is amazing how these prophecies that were written so many years ago, seem to make more and more sense as the current events unfold around us. The Bible tells us that this would be so.

*"Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end ... and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand." -- Daniel 12:9-10*

As we search for only those events which we believe fit into the end time prophecies of the Bible, it is amazing how more and more, every day, the headlines shout end-time events with every word. What once took only a few minutes a day 4 years ago, now takes over an hour to complete; and even at that, the search is by no means finished. One only needs to remember a few key ideas, and scriptures, to recognize for oneself - the Prophecy in the News

So what are those prophecies? What do we look for in the news? Do we have a checklist of end time events? I believe we all do. Although Jesus said, that we could not know the *day or the hour* of His return, He did tell us that we would be able to recognize the season.

In an effort to compile our own checklist here at BWM, we have in essence created a commentary journey into the

alarm, preach the gospel and become preoccupied with the things of God.

The storm clouds are brewing... and the smell of rain is on the air.

*"But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be." - Mat 24:37*

- BWM Staff Writer

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*A Storm is Brewing*

End times 'Signs' or 'Warnings' that exist in the Scripture.

It is our hope that with such a check list in hand, anyone could use it as a guide to the signs indicating 'When the end is near'.

It is not my intent in this article to provide a concise list, at least not up front. If you wish to make such a list, you can do so by following our discussions as I try to relay some of the things wandering around in this brain of mine (and in the haphazard notes around my desk.)

### So why watch the news?

I personally watch the news, because I'm hoping to get people thinking that Christ could perhaps come very soon. If we believe that Christ is coming back (which He is) and that He is returning very soon... perhaps even before I finish this article, then it should ignite us into passionate service for our Lord. If you know that there is a tsunami coming, we would be remiss as human beings if we fail to warn our neighbors of the impending destruction. Likewise, if we believe on Christ, and believe what the Bible says, then we should do all we can to reach the lost before our time is up and the trumpet sounds.

This might surprise some of you but the Bible tells us that the darkest days of Earth's history are not behind us, but rather, they are in front of us. The Bible warns that these dark days will contain awesome and terrifying events and that they will come upon the world with no immediate warning. All will be taken by surprise by these events, except for those that watch and know. You see, although we have no immediate

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 – 1 Thess 5:9

warnings of the exact day and hour, the Bible does have many ‘signs’ that we are to watch for that will indicate that the time is near. When we see someone buying a turkey and decorations for Thanksgiving, we can say, "Ah, Christmas is coming soon". Not because Thanksgiving is directly related to Christmas, but because we know that Christmas follows on the coat tails of that celebration. Likewise with the return of Christ.

The Bible promises hope and escape from the terrifying days that are coming upon the whole world. For all who believe in the Christ, the Messiah the Savior and the resurrection; for all those who have received this free gift from God - we have a blessed hope (Tit 2:13). But to those who reject God and his Son - the times ahead are full of fear, pain, and devastation, for there is to be a fury unleashed on the world such has never been seen before in history.

*“But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober... For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,” -- 1 Thess 5:4-6,9*

God gave us His prophetic Word, so that we could watch and know. Almost 30% of the Bible is dedicated to prophecy. God obviously wanted us to know his plan for the future... and he has told us to ‘Watch and be ready’.

*“Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.” - Matthew 24:42-44*

*“Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I*

*will come upon thee.” - Revelation 3:3*

*“Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.” – Revelation 16:15*

So join me in the following paragraphs as we look into the signs of the end of the age. We will begin our journey with the most significant prophetic event in recent history.

I'll give you a hint.

I guarantee it's in your paper tomorrow.

**The #1 Sign**

*On a long forgotten shelf, alone... stood a clock. The clock was not forgotten because of lack of greatness....for the clock was a marvelously crafted clock....but for many, many years the clock lay silent. In years before it ran and chimed, and ticked and tocked, but for many, many years it lay dormant... Frozen in time the clock sat quietly until it happened... On May 14, 1948 God's prophetic clock started ticking again....LOUDLY.*

**A Day that Changed the Modern World**

*"What I am trying to do is make the whole world safe for Jews," Harry Truman wrote as he wrestled over the decision to recognize a Jewish state in Palestine. Deeply affected by the Holocaust, Truman sympathized with Jewish aspirations for a homeland. In November 1947 he lobbied for the U.N. resolution that divided Palestine into Jewish and Arab states. Britain announced it would hand authority over Palestine to the U.N. by May 14, 1948. Secretary of State George Marshall advised against recognition, warning Truman that Arab countries would cut off oil and unite to destroy the Jews. On the eve of British withdrawal—to be followed by an immediate Jewish declaration of independence—he told Truman "the great office of the President" was at stake. But Truman's mind was made up. At 4 p.m., David Ben-Gurion read a 979-word declaration of independence in front of a small audience at the Tel Aviv Art Museum.*



**“Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once?” - Isaiah 66:8**

He finished, "The state of Israel is established! The meeting is ended." At midnight, British rule over Palestine lapsed; 11 minutes later White House spokesman Charlie Ross announced U.S. recognition. "God put you in your mother's womb," the Chief Rabbi of Israel later told Truman, "so you would be the instrument to bring the rebirth of Israel." With Truman's decision, the hopes of the Jewish people were realized, but so too were Marshall's fears. Arab opponents of the new nation immediately declared war, prompting a bloody struggle over Israel's existence that would rage into the next century." - Time Magazines 80 days that changed the world.

## ISRAEL

So why is the fact that Israel was reborn as a nation in 1948 an important event to the study of biblical prophecy?

Simply because they are mentioned so many times in future events. For example:

- Antichrist will make (or reaffirm) a 7 year covenant with Israel (Daniel 9:27)
- Antichrist will invade Israel and desecrate the temple (Daniel 11:40-41; Matthew 24:15-20)
- Gog and his allies will invade Jerusalem (Zechariah 12:1-9; 14:1-2)
- The People of Israel will flee into the wilderness to escape the wrath of Satan (Revelation 12:13-17)

*"And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." -- Gen 12:3*

For almost 2500 years, starting with Jewish captivity under Babylon, then Persia, then Greece, then Rome and, almost 2000 years since the birth and rejection of the Messiah, the Jews were dispersed as a people without a nation. (That in itself was a prophetic event due to Israel's 'falling away' so-to-speak.)

Why is that important?

Because God said that he would one day re-gather the children of Israel into the Land promised them through his covenant with Abraham. This prophetic

re-gathering, which we have seen take place within this century, is to serve as a sign to the world that the 'Day of the Lord' draws near.

### Ezekiel 37

1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones,

2 And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest.

4 Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

5 Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:

6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.

8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.

In the passage above we see God giving the prophet Ezekiel a vision of what was to come of Israel. As we read on in Ezekiel 37, more is revealed including the description of the millennial reign of Christ amongst them. But we'll get more into that later.

In 70 AD the Jews were driven out of the land and dispersed. It is important to note that even though they stayed dispersed, they retained their nationality. Whether Canadian, Spanish, American or French, the Jews have kept their identity among all of the new nations

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Israel Carried away Captive

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they've called home. No other cultural group of people have ever retained a sense of nationality and culture after having their homeland taken away... but the Jews did.

Let's have a look now at an example of how amazing this re-gathering of Israel to the Promised Land is.

Tel Aviv was (is) the first all-Jewish city in modern times. Originally named Ahuzat Bayit, it was founded by 60 families in 1909 as a Jewish neighborhood near Jaffa. In 1910, the name was changed to Tel Aviv, meaning "hill of spring".



Tel Aviv 1909

*“And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, even all of it: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded: And I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit: and I will settle you after your old estates, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.” - Ezekiel 36:10-11*

Now look at Tel Aviv today:



Modern Tel Aviv



It would seem the pictures speak for

themselves.

Since Israel came into being in 1948, it has become a vibrant, modern, and well-populated country. It now boasts over 6 million Jews in a portion of land smaller than Vancouver Island.

I would like to pause for a moment and talk about an idea commonly called *Replacement Theology*. I do this because it deals with Israel, and I believe it is a very destructive idea that is permeating the evangelical world.

You see, there are some who say that God's promises to Israel were cancelled; That God revoked them when they denied the messiah and therefore denied God for the last time. They say now that the church has replaced Israel in God's eyes.

Although the church is very important, if we continue to study the Scripture, especially those areas involved with the *end times*, it becomes very clear that God is not finished with Israel yet. There are countless passages of proof text to this fact and the idea that the Church has replaced Israel is unscriptural.

Israel is mentioned 2566 times in the Bible. This is second to God himself. With that much attention in the Scripture, it would seem apparent that God takes great concern with Israel.

They are the apple of his eye. He has engraved them in the palm of his hand and his prophetic plans involve them still. (See: Isaiah 11:12, Isaiah 66:8, Ezekiel 37:21, Jer 31:10-11, Eze 34:28)

*“But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come... For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.” -- Ezekiel 36:8,24*

Before 1948 there was no Israel. Not one of Israel's prophecies could ever come to pass without a nation. It was during this time that the idea of replacement theology came about. The thought process was simple that because there was no Israel, God must have meant them symbolically in all the



future prophecies about them. Or worse yet, perhaps all of the prophecies that we would call future, have already been fulfilled in some allegorical fashion in ages past. With no Israel on the map it was a complete act of faith in God's Word to place a nation of Israel in the last days. You can imagine therefore why the study of prophecy was all a buzz in 1948... all of a sudden... ISRAEL!

You mean we can take the Bible literally? You bet we can.

So what of this nation of Israel in the future?

Well, God also said he would make Jerusalem a trouble spot a prophetic warning sign to the world if you will.

*"The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him. Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it." - Zech 12:1-3*

Now that you've read that passage, read it again and think of the news headlines. I think you'll agree that there are some definite similarities.

Ask yourself these questions:

- How many Cities in the world are larger than Jerusalem?
- How Frequently do these other cities make world news?
- Do these other cities 'tremble' and incite as much anger as Jerusalem?
- How can one city, invoke such controversy in our large world?

It does because God willed it, and is making it happen.

Another interesting side note is the ominous warning Christ gave to the generation that witnesses the re-gathering of Israel in the Land.

*"Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled." - Matthew 24:32-33 (see also Luke 21:29-33 and Mark 13:28-30)*

There are two different interpretations about this parable. The first is that in several places in the Bible the 'fig tree' is a symbol of the Jewish Nation. As such this passage indicates that with the sprouting of leaves (rebirth), we know that summer is nigh.

The same thought could be used for the verse in Matthew 21 when Jesus curses a fig tree when he is nearing his crucifixion.

*"Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, "May you never bear fruit again!" Immediately the tree withered." -- Matthew 21:19*

Could this be symbolism of Israel denouncing the Messiah and the result of such denial? I can't say, but if it isn't meant to be such, it's still an interesting thought.

This 'fig-tree parallelism' can be carried over to recent history: "Its branches become tender and put forth leaves." Miraculously, this tiny nation of Israel is quite prosperous today. And despite their enemies' best efforts they don't appear to be 'wilting' any time soon.

I want to pause here for a moment. Like a lot of things with the study of prophecy, we should make sure to look at all possibilities within a passage. As such, allow me to present the following:

The other idea about Matthew 24:32-33 is simply that this passage states that when 'all these things' - meaning all of these signs (that we haven't gotten to yet in this study, including the rebirth of Israel) - signify the beginning of the end.

The main reason for this belief is that the Luke passage mentions the fig tree and 'all' trees.

Another reason is that Christ describes many things in the surrounding



The Burdensome Stone



A Fig Tree Bud

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**“... God gives us other signs and warnings to serve as signs to the final generation.”**

passages, some of which (we know from the book of Revelation) occur during the tribulation week. With this in mind, it may indeed be that Christ was talking about the generation within the Tribulation. I'll let you make up your own mind on this issue, but regardless with all we have been studying, it is an exciting prospect in either case.

Now assuming our first premise is correct about Israel's rebirth, let us take a moment to look at the word "generation" within those passages.

In the words from Matthew *"Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled."*

Which generation?

The one that sees these signs.

Isn't that generation alive today?

Yes, I believe it is.

How long is a generation?

GOOD QUESTION!

Is it 50 years? 100 years? Can we define it?

*"And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." - Gen 6:3*

This passage would definitely seem to suggest that it cannot be more than 120

years.

The question now to ask is when did this prophetic countdown begin?

With the birth of the nation in 1948? Or the regaining of Jerusalem in 1967? Or is it measured by some other sign that Christ mentions prior to his announcement of the final generation?

That question I cannot answer, and perhaps we are not supposed to know. All we do know is that we are warned to 'Watch'.

*Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. – Matthew 24:42*

If it were just these passages to consider in deciding if these are the end times, we would be left with much speculation. However, lucky for us, God gives us other signs and warnings to serve as signs to the final generation. God wants us to know and recognize the generation of the end. As just quoted and several times throughout the New Testament, God wants us to 'Watch and be ready'. Lucky for us, he told us in several other passages what to watch for.

But that discussion is for the next time.

Until then... Serve Your King.

- J.R.Hall

## Saving Faith

I recently learned an important lesson. It was a scriptural lesson but it took more than reading scripture to understand it. It took acting out my faith in a real and tangible way.

*"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in*

*all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand." - 2 Tim 4:1-6*

It is said that the "hardest country in the world to be a Christian in is the United States". On the surface that sounds like a pretty trite statement as one could easily point to countries such as China, North Korea, Vietnam and so on where our brothers and sisters are under heavy persecution and face death for their beliefs. Not to belittle the sacrifices our brothers and sisters are making but now I understand that statement.

When one scans the pages of history one can see that the periods of the most significant growth of the church were



*Saved by Faith*



when the church was under the heaviest persecution. This is something the church in North America as a whole has yet to experience. In contrast the North American Church has been lulled into complacency. We are distracted by the things of the world. Whether it be material items, personal comfort, our cozy jobs or whatever, the pressure of direct physical and emotional persecution does not exist for us... yet.

We go through our lives daily going to work, pursuing our hobbies, wondering who will get voted off American Idol this week, maybe attending church, pushing to get ahead in the daily rat race and forgetting the significance of the sacrifice Christ made and the wonderful gift we have in Him.

I know this as it was a reflection of my own life to a degree, and I would daresay if you took an honest look at your own life you would say the same. Think back to that season in your life when you first got saved. Do you remember the zeal you had? Do you remember how you wanted to share your new found faith with everyone you came across?

Do you remember when that zeal may have begun to fade due to the daily pressures of life? At some point life overcame the action of your faith. At some point all the false premises and doctrines being thrust upon society began to lull you back to sleep. At some point the sugar coated sermons you did hear when you attended church began to implant the feeling that being radical for Christ was ridiculous and you don't want to offend people as that will not show them love and bring them to Christ but rather offend them and chase them away. At some point all the talk of "Your Best Life Now" and being 'Purpose-Driven' may have convinced you that merely walking the walk (in whatever form may suit you) was good enough.

Nothing could be farther from the church. These lies of prosperity and health are all tools of Satan to strip the power of believers away. Satan can't defeat the church but he can attempt to make it ineffectual in its primary purpose. That purpose is to:

**"Go ye therefore, and teach all**

**nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." - Mat 28:19-20**

As the Body of Christ, our primary purpose is to proclaim the Gospel. Scripture points out clearly that the preaching of the Gospel is offensive to those who are in the world. It is foolishness to those who are perishing (1 Cor 1:18). In the age of political correctness, those who hate the Gospel browbeat those who believe the Gospel into not preaching it for fear of being "haters", "intolerant" and lately, "extremists".

Instead, the church has succumbed to the teaching that "You have a God shaped hole in your heart" and so on. This "gushy" Gospel has done nothing more than create a generation of false converts who have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof because they lack something... a true repentant heart. They have one foot planted in the world. They profess they are blood bought but willingly are a part of the world and willingly succumb to fleshly desires. Yes, they may ask for forgiveness, but, it is forgiveness for something they willingly did and although a professing "Christian", they continue to willingly do.

It would be as if you were having an affair on your wife, went home with your girlfriend on your arm and expressed your sorrow for your actions, apologized and asked for her forgiveness. Would she forgive you? I would daresay not as you are professing one thing, but acting out another. Much the same for the church today caught up in the daily trappings of a safe and materialistic society.

How many worry more about their 401K than how God sees their daily walk? How many worry more about obtaining the newest techno gadget than sharing their faith? How many continue doing things in secret that they know is wrong in God's eyes? In general these are signs of an unrepentant life.

For those who are sold out to Christ the

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***"Our primary purpose as the body of Christ is to proclaim the Gospel."***



***"Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!" - John 4:35***

challenges of reaching out to these "Christians" can be more difficult than the lost. The members of churchianity know the lingo, may have the answers to difficult questions, but lack faith and true repentance. This breeds a sort of arrogance as they too think they are "good people" when Scripture clearly says there are none good, no not one. As a result they are offended greatly when confronted with their favorite sins. In contrast, we are all wretched and every last one of us deserves to receive God's wrath and spend an eternity in the Lake of Fire.

So what was this lesson I learned? This past weekend the Lord allowed me to attend the "Ambassador's Academy" which is a ministry of Living Waters and Way of the Master. The Academy is an intense four day training academy designed to build up evangelists and train them to follow the Way of the Master and preach the Gospel the way Christ did.

During the final two days of the conference the attendees and mentors hit the streets in three diverse locations in southern California to distribute tracts, witness one on one, and conduct Stoplight and Open-Air Preaching. Throughout that period you experience many emotions personally and many reactions to the message you are giving. The reactions range from scorn, hatred and rejection to an appearance of repentance as the Holy Spirit convicts them of the truth in the message.

I learned that when you are doing as God commanded and are out boldly proclaiming the gospel to seek the lost, you experience a revitalization of zeal

for the things of God. The world and all that it entails fades away. Whether you are being heckled or jeered at is irrelevant, it's not you they are rejecting, it's Christ. But when you are thundering away, open-air preaching and preaching repentance and the Gospel not knowing if anyone is even listening you can have faith because the Bible says that God's Word never returns void...someone who needed to hear it, did.

Beyond that, when you are sharing the Gospel with someone and you see the change in their countenance due to their coming under conviction of the Holy Spirit, I would hope it would affect you as it did me. When you see the person come under conviction, the reality of the importance of boldly preaching the Gospel hits home. You realize, as I have, the gravity of it all - and now more so than ever before. Reading about it is one thing, watching a video about it is the same, but NOTHING compares to living it out as God commands.

Saving faith to me has a duality about it. Boldly proclaiming the Gospel and living out the commandment of Christ preserves your faith and allows you to spread a message that saves at the same time. I would like to add a caution to this. The only motive you should have when deciding to boldly proclaim the Gospel is that you desire to be obedient to God. For me, that decision and following that call, caused a revitalization in me from which sprang forth many things I had not anticipated. One of which was saving faith.

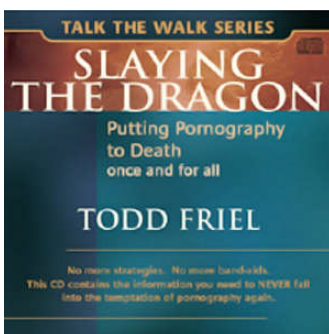
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## News Bites

### ***Crying Baby Interrupted Obama as He Justified His Abortion Position at Notre Dame***

Monday, May 18, 2009  
By Edwin Mora

(CNSNews.com) - The distinct sound of a baby crying broke out in the capacious basketball arena where the Notre Dame commencement exercise was being held on Sunday when President Obama - who was giving the commencement address - began talking about abortion.

The baby's cry was clearly heard in television broadcasts of Obama's speech during that part of the address where the president spoke about abortion, and ended up saying that on this issue "the views of the two camps are irreconcilable."

Continued online at:  
<http://www.cnsnews.com/public/content/article.aspx?RsrcID=48278>

**Editor's Note:** Over 4000 babies a day are murdered in the USA.

## ***Global bank, global currency within 15 years***

12 November 2008  
By Garanc Burke  
The Associated Press

Head of market analysis for Schneider Foreign Exchange Stephen Gallo told CNBC yesterday that the financial crisis will lead to the creation of a global central bank and a global single currency within 15 years, echoing the call of top globalists who have exploited the problems they created to push for a new world financial order.

Highlighting the significance of the introduction of the Euro, Gallo said that the single currency was "where we are headed globally on a monetary basis over the course of the next 10 to 15 years."

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*If I may be so bold Mr. President - to say that "the views of the two camps are irreconcilable." is an understatement. Strictly speaking it boils down to two groups of people.*

**Group 1** cherishes human life, and believes that murder is wrong period.

**Group 2** believes that murder is ok under the right circumstances... namely when it is inconvenient for the mother.

Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health® (PRCH) and The Guttmacher Institute acknowledge that 96% of all abortions are performed as a matter of convenience for the expectant mothers.

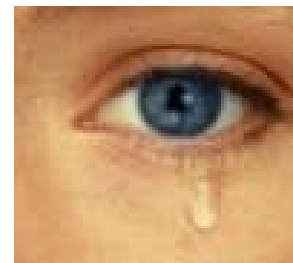
Less than 3 % of all abortions are performed to

protect the health of the mother and less than 1 percent of abortions were to terminate pregnancies due to rape or incest. The most common reasons given by mothers for killing their unborn children are as follows:

- 21% Inadequate finances
- 21% Not ready for responsibility
- 16% Woman's life would be changed too much
- 12% Problems with relationship; unmarried
- 11% Too young; not mature enough
- 8% Children are grown; woman has all she wants

*I cannot imagine how angry God is at a nation that would dare condone this type of atrocity.*

May God have mercy on all of us.



Does anyone hear the cry of the unborn child?

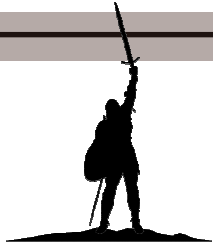
**Editor's Note:** While the world talks of economic meltdown and financial collapse, we who study Bible prophecy can see all the pieces falling into place.

We are rapidly moving towards a global government that will control a global economy centered around a one world currency. This currency will eventually necessitate a world wide system of exchange that does away with cash.

"...and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." - Rev 13:17







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*"...Now these [bereans] were more noble... in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so."  
- Acts 17:10-11*

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## Letter's from our Readers

**Q:** How can we be sure that Daniel's 70 weeks were not completed at the crucifixion or in 70A.D. with the destruction of the temple? - Anonymous

**A:** The answer to this question is found in Daniel 9 when the 70 weeks (sevens) are first introduced.

**"Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy" - Dan 9:24**

You will note that there are six things that must be accomplished by the end of the 70 weeks (sevens).

1. Finish the transgression
2. Make an end of sins
3. Make reconciliation for iniquity
4. To bring in everlasting righteousness
5. To seal up vision and prophecy and;
6. To anoint the Most Holy

To 'finish the transgression' refers to the Jew's rejection of God. The Hebrew word for transgression portrays the idea of rebellion, and in this instance a correlation to their rebellion in rejecting Christ as Messiah.

The next point, 'making an end of sins' refers to sins in daily

life. Two minutes of looking around at the world today and we can see quite clearly that 'sin' has not been put to an end. This in fact is a future occurrence which will get its launching point from within the millennial reign of Christ. The third item represents the atonement for sins, which in fact was accomplished by Christ on the cross. Israel's sin has indeed been atoned for (as has ours).

Item four in our list indicates that at the end of the 70 sevens of years, we will live in a time of 'everlasting righteousness'. Again it can be said quite plainly that we are NOT living in such a time now. However, we do know that the Bible promises such a time of righteousness in the future. We know that upon the establishment of the Messianic Kingdom the earth will be a world of peace, righteousness and true justice under the reign of Christ.

The fifth point is in reference to sealing up the vision and prophecy. This means that all that was prophesied will be fulfilled. The context would seem to place this prophecy surrounding the Messiah. If this is true, then we can expect that this prophecy will not be fulfilled until all that was said about Christ would be fulfilled.

Peter referred to two types of messianic prophecy that were told by the prophets of old. There were those prophecies

that related to 'the sufferings of Christ' and those concerning 'the glories to follow' (1 Peter 1:11).

The suffering prophecies were all fulfilled at the Cross. The prophecies concerning 'the glories to follow' are yet to be fulfilled. Just as Jesus was the suffering sacrifice, he will likewise be King of Kings. This will occur when He returns to reign over the world from Mt. Zion in Jerusalem, and is definitely a future occurrence.

The final point is to 'anoint the Most Holy'. Some translations render this *anointing the Most Holy place*, however I believe it is important to note that the Hebrew text says, "the Most Holy". Those who will argue it means *Holy Place* would say that this point would be finished with the anointing of the Millennial Temple as described in Ezekiel 40-48. Those who hold to the idea that it is to "Anoint the Most Holy", would be referring to anointing Christ as King of Kings at the onset of the Millennial reign. In either case, they are both future events.

I therefore believe that only through the twisting of Scripture into tomes of history can we say that the 70 weeks of Daniel are completed today.

69 weeks have been completed, but we still await the 70<sup>th</sup>.

Until next time...  
Serve your King.

- J.R. Hall

## Upcoming Events...

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Saskatoon Bible & Prophecy Conference:

We are in the planning stages for this event and have the following speakers booked: Dr. David Reagan (Lion & Lamb), Dr. Randall Price (World of the Bible), Gary Fisher (Lion of Judah Ministries), Dr. Thomas

Sharp (Creation Truth Foundation), J.R Hall (Berean Watchmen)

The date for the event is set for October 17, 18 & 19, 2009.

We have more information online including topic titles and times, and there will be more detailed mention in our next newsletter.

Check out <http://www.bereanwatchmen.com/> for more information and updates!

## Overheard

**"No man ever believes that the Bible means what it says: He is always convinced that it says what he means."**

- George Bernard Shaw