

To whom does the Future

Belong

But the meek shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Psalm 37:11

To whom does the future belong: does it belong to new super men who declare “I’m Superman, I don’t need a seat belt!” when riding a jetliner high over the earth below, while the gentlemen (or women) in the cockpit chuckle to themselves, and the stewardess reminds the traveler, “Superman doesn’t need an airplane, either!”

Or, perhaps we should remind ourselves that “Superman” is also a figment of the modern imagination (and later): creators of fictitious fantasies. Is this all that we have to look forward to: the new creations of our own minds, new gods of our own (and Hollywood’s) making? —As we cast off the mythologies of the past and strain towards the future in a hodge podge of new endeavors in corridors never before fully explored, with such questions as,

“What is a woman?”

“I don’t know, I’m not an expert in that field . . .” —or of law and morality, as well? Is that what we have now come to, when “following the science” today? Is ours a world where only “might makes right” (or, whatever media moguls



Let us be ready...

and unelected technocrats) has defined

reality for us, each morning?

In our last UPLOOK we explored the avenue of (what some now call) 5th generational warfare: Warfare that engages new technologies in a largely non-kinetic encounter: seeking to accomplish with ideas, ideologies, and new media transmissions (and broken national borders)—what could never be accomplished (safely?) via conventional weapons: via guns and bullets, or even nuclear weapons: and we have discovered that once again, Bible prophecy is once more ahead of the modern headlines, as it foretold of a day wherein persons

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would celebrate a cultural victory with the deaths of "incorrect persons" by giving gifts across the miles (through Amazon?)—as a new level of barbarity is experienced within society, and their dead enemies are allowed to lie decaying in the streets of our world. Notes the *Revelation*:

⁹ Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. ¹⁰ And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these . . . tormented those who dwell on the earth.

Revelation 11:9-10

Will such barbarity (as we increasingly appear to be experiencing, in the Middle East, for example) be for a literal "three-and-a-half days"?—Or will it be for a longer, more extended period, as is sometimes the result when agencies and institutions start to "cleanse an area" of undesirables (or "deplorables"?)—only to find that the procedure takes longer than usual?!

This UPLOOK we will dig deeper, much deeper, into areas not usually considered, even within these pages, as we begin to compare popularly held views of Bible prophecy and realize that, just as many in the first century completely stumbled over the obvious (even after Jesus had *told* them what to expect, in regards to His resurrection)—we today appear to be making similar omis-

sions within our consideration of the "options" now lying before us in plain sight—but which most, even many Christian believers, refuse to consider for the same reasons that the believers in the first century refused to embrace them, when being faced with the obvious: for the future belongs to those who can see beyond the birth pangs of our changing world—into the future, where the God of the Bible will indeed have His will done on earth, as it is in Heaven.

Yes, the future does belong to the "meek:" to those willing to believe in, and seek God's will for our lives from within the pages of Holy writ, while looking beyond the dirt and grit of everyday living—not to find exotic and "tingling" expressions that, "give us the shivers"—but to prepare us for the day when we will ultimately be rewarded for the lives and a livelihoods made possible for us, as only God can lay them out for our individual destinies. As the prophet told God's people in times of old:

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

And brothers & sisters, keep me in your prayers, as well.

—Bro. Frank

"HOUSE BREAKING" . . . Or not

"But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into." . . .

Matthew's gospel (24:43)

—Jesus, the Christ

UP PERISCOPE:

As we repent of our own sins, and “up periscope” to look at the world all about us, we cannot help but wonder if God’s “gems” and warnings now laying scattered all about the current landscape, are not being discarded for the baubles of another smoking terrain (in Hell). For, it most certainly appears that even the most basic and (dare I say) fundamental truths and “common sense” have been thrown to the wind in favor of the slop and moral poisons that now eat away the bowels of healthy living.

²⁸ *And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, . . ., ³⁰ backbiters, haters of God, . . . who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.*

Romans 1:28-32

Whew!! This text sounds like a “gun locker” full of leftist propaganda and (sh-h-h) Antifa now waiting in the wings: calling upon the masses to rise up; with everyone distrusting her or his own neighbor within a paranoid rage.

An yet . . . all that we have said above is *not* the worst of the picture that we may consider within our world, today. For it is not the mud-slinging without, that will precipitate the ultimate judgment now awaiting our world . . . but, the internal and tortuous compromising and poison seeping into the “safe haven” (i.e. into the Church) that is most pernicious. For God has declared that “the time has come for judgment to begin in the house of God” (1 Peter 4:17).

OUCH!

Thus, the apostle writing to the church at Thessalonica (the very same, to whom the glorious revelation of the



rapture was described in **1 Thes. 4:16-18**—warns them that all talk about an early (or earlier) rapture is actually quite premature. “Let no one deceive you with a letter, or word, as if from the apostles, regarding a prior (or earlier) coming of Christ. Why?

for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

2 Thessalonians 2:3

The words translated “falling away” in the above quotation are actually translated from the word *apostasia* in the Greek. Thus, apostasy is our greatest danger—a departure from the simple and pure doctrines within the Church (holy living, etc. without no man shall see the Lord in peace—Hebrews 12:14). In other words: **THE SINGLE GREATEST DANGER TO OUR WORLD IS NOT OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH, but inside.** Look at it this way:

A home invasion in this case, is not really as dangerous as a “home implosion” where there is a loss of love and respect (and trust) between the husband and wife (and children) behind closed doors. We (the church) are the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). Society does not go dark by “spraying darkness” on its insides—but by putting out the lights!

As the apostle Paul continues

his discourse on the rise of “the son of perdition” (or the Antichrist) in verses that follow (vss. 4-5); he further states, “and now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time” (vs. 6&7). —Sophisticated theologians like to postulate what this mysterious force/person is: “Who is restraining” they ask: (is it Gabriel, or some other personage)!? No, the apostle is not trying to be mysterious or confusing. He has already told us exactly what is allowing the Holy Spirit to hold evil and the ultimate Antichrist in check: it is the true and faithful Church: the Bride of Christ.

When the Bride of Christ becomes tarnished, so that Christ cannot present her to Himself as a glorious church without spot of wrinkle (Eph. 5:25)—then, the “ironing process” (i.e. judgments) must be initiated to remove the “wrinkles”—and real Tribulation must break into the open, within our world.

For the faithful, however, none of this deters us from our ultimate purpose. For we know that tribulation produces “perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope.”⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” (Romans 5:3-5).

We have only to exercise the proper options . . . †



PROPHETIC

“OPTIONS”

. . . "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? . . .

Acts 1:11

Because we now understand what 5th generational warfare is, we can better appreciate exactly what Christ was referring to when prefacing His Olivet discussion of second coming events with the caveat, “Take heed that no man deceive you” —doing this, within each of the gospel narratives (Matt. 24:4, Mark 13:5, Luke 21:8)—as well as within the apostle Paul’s disclosure that God Himself has promised to send strong delusion to winnow out those who are not serious about pursuing the truth, at the end of the age (2 Thes. 2:11,12) . . .

As has been often pointed out within these pages, however; from a biblical perspective God’s mercy and grace have *prevailed*, for there is no way that the entire world could have gone on lock down without God’s approval (or, assent—see Job’s trial, in the first two chapters of that dialogue)!

Not possible: it could not happen.

Further, I do believe that a certain *persona non grata* within the political realm; a man whom some had described as “God’s wrecking ball”—has made such a racket and commotion within the China shop (or “Deep State,” the more politically incorrect term) —that many could not help awakening to the fact that, for the past several decades, at least, there has been a determined (if not inten-

tional) attempt by many high paid gate keepers, in government employ (read that “select professional government autocrats,”)—to turn this US republic into a satellite of either some foreign power, or of Hell itself. All of which was quite benign in intention under the guise of a promoting a “new socialism” while throws out the window much of our “precious porcelain” in favor appeasing the CCP and their communist “buddies”—er Comrades, now storming across our southern border. . . . In other words.

I am convinced that God Himself is behind much of what has been exposed of the “Deep State”—and that He is offering to the faithful an early wake up call. All of this, in spite of the extremes of those crying “Wolf,” in past centuries: from the “Great Disappointment” of 1844, to the repeated proclamations of Harold Camping—or, even the well intentioned pronouncements of The Late Great Planet Earth, along with others who may have proclaimed (or implied) that Christ would return by 1988, simply because the first fulfillment if Christ’s Olivet discourse took place 40 years after His promise regarding the destruction of the Jerusalem temple—which was duly fulfilled, when Rome sent its troops into Jerusalem to punish local rebels while literally pulling down the magnificent temple’s enormous stones, to expose the molten gold pouring from the crevices, as the temple started to burn, in 70 AD. . .

—not to mention the more recent Y2K fiasco, at the turn of the century in the year 2000

—that has left many prophecy watchers simply exhausted.

So that, already, it seems, the spirit of antichrist is “wear[ing] out the saints” (1 Jn. 2:18, Daniel 7:25)!

NO self-respecting PhD (well, maybe one or two) wants to go on record regarding anything concerning Christ’s second coming excepting a reference to the most obvious assertion of the angels, at Christ’s ascension. (Some are even reluctant to even give ascent to this belief, having adhered to Replacement Theology, wherein all future promises that have been made to Israel must now be relegated to being fulfilled by the church, alone.)

“Whatever will be, will be . . .” is the most common and acquiescent position being held, by the sophisticated. However, with the recent events of the latest pandemic, and the very obvious exposure of the current political (& educational) mayhem going on within our public schools, and world, in this present hour, it does seem to be increasingly difficult to keep one’s head completely in the sand, today (it’s hot down there!).

Further, Scripture itself, must seem increasingly relevant to the serious Bible reader in the most (forgive the use of the word) “fundamental” ways as we pan our vision across the horizon. For example, even before getting into specific prophecy, how do we deal with Paul’s passing commentary within the eighth chapter of his Magnum Opus to the Roman church:

For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

Romans 8:20-22 [emphasis added]

Can it be that *this* what we are seeing within our world today, in the matter of “climate change”?? Can it be that our very planet is groaning under the weight of the spiritual rebellion that now supercharges the very atmosphere about us, in anticipation of the returning of the One who rose again from the dead, and promised to return for His own (John 14: 3)??

Really, if you read or listen to the news (or go to school) at all, today, you simply cannot avoid the issue of global and climatic disturbance. Even if

you wanted to ignore the matter, there is a political party that has turned it into a central plank of their political platform. So, you may as well go down to your local store (or community organizer) to check out your “Climate Change” placard to simply fit into that popular crowd (in order to be “left alone”).

We have already mentioned those who embrace (what is formally called) Replacement Theology, wherein every reference to Israel’s future involvement in global affairs is spiritualized, and redirected towards an ecclesiastical application, so that, for example, even a battle in the valley of Megiddo (Battle of Armageddon – Rev. 16:16)—might even be seen as a battle to overcome the church, etc.

Ditto (to a large degree) concerning the very sophisticated preterist view of Bible prophecy, which (in essence) sees prophetic literature as a special prosaic genre that must be appreciated, and seen as largely being fulfilled in the events of 70AD, etc.—except for the point at which we all must encounter Judgment Day (Rev. 20:11) and beyond—which we will not cover within our discussion today . . . Primarily because there is so much on record regarding our present world affairs, realized in the pronouncement of angels that were present at Christ’s ascension in the first chapter of Acts . . .

Having zipped through several mainline approaches to Bible prophecy, we will now focus on two views that consider Christ’s second coming to be literal and visible in the near future, having interpretations that accept Christ’s literal return as described in Zechariah’s prophecy (and, of course, The Revelation)—with one of these views having the distinction of trying to separate out God’s dealing with:

1. **The nation of Israel**
2. **The Church of Jesus Christ**

This is the “Dispensational” approach: an approach that states that God essentially has two different salvation plans for Israel and the Church.

Most who hold this view would not put it so bluntly, as to say that God has two distinct salvation plans: one for Gentiles, and another for physical Israel (some do, but it is rare). The main appeal to such a view is that when you subscribe to its twists

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and turns, it eventually comes to the conclusion that there is the possibility of there being two distinct raptures: one for the Church—and, later, another one (possibly) for Israel^o.

If you are a dispensationalist and still reading, I congratulate you. If you are familiar with the fact that the main proponent of dispensational teaching was a man named CI Scofield, kudos, again. If you understand the tendency of institutions to become stuck in popular interpretations that avoid discomfort and pain for those sitting in their audience, you may also better understand the pain and persecution that the prophets experienced, while proclaiming God's future judgments to God's people, in the past.

There is just one more detail that I would encourage the reader to consider before we go any further into this discussion, it is this: that the main proponent of the dispensationalist point of view (Mr. Scofield) died in 1921—more than two full decades before the nation of Israel regained its statehood, in 1948. Please keep this consideration in the back of your mind as we now begin to consider our “options” concerning what is taking place within our world today, and examine some of the most obvious statements concerning future events, recorded within Scripture.

SCRIPTURE'S MOST OBVIOUS PROPHETIC STATEMENT:

I have sometimes bemoaned the fact that we do not have a “video” of Christ's returning to earth from the clouds of heaven. As the saying goes, “One picture is worth a thousand words.” Without a picture, describing an event is like blind men trying to describe an elephant.

- “It's a tree trunk,” says one blind man, holding onto the elephant's leg.
- “It's a fire hose,” says another, holding onto his trunk.
- “It's a tropical plant,” says another, feeling the elephant's giant ears

How much easier it is to describe an elephant by simply drawing a picture of it! Do we have such a picture of Christ's returning in Bible prophecy? Actually, we do, at least in great part, within the first chapter of the book of Acts. For, as Jesus ascended into the sky and disappeared in a cloud,

two angels stood by and declared something;

¹⁰ *And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹ who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey.*

Acts 1:10-12 (emphasis added)

Here, we have not only a “video presentation” but one that is executed in 3D! Because the angels told us that Jesus will return just as He left, we now know that His returning will:

1. Be visible to those on the ground (“every eye shall see Him” – Rev. 1:7)
2. Take place on the Mt. of Olives
3. Have His feet touch down on that mountain.

Because of these details, those who expect a literal return of Jesus to earth have located an Old Testament prophecy, given by the prophet Zechariah, which matches all of the requirements mentioned by the angels, within the 14th chapter of his prophecy. To save space I will only quote the first four verses of this amazing chapter. I urge the reader to read the entire chapter on their own, and to compare it with Revelation 19 & 20 when you have time.

Zechariah 14:

¹ *Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst. ² For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. ³ Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle. ⁴ And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.*

Zechariah 14:1-4

You will notice that this passage states explicitly that *all nations* will be in agreement with attacking Jerusalem at the time of the Lord's returning. So, why the continual emphasis on Gog & Magog descending upon Israel (as Rev. 20:8 describes it, at the end of the millennium)? Can it be

that pointing the finger at Russia (where Gog & Magog may originate, in Ezekiel 38) is more popular within the West?? --Or, is there also another reason?

Dispensationalists universally project and agree (as does the writer) that the 12th – 14th chapters of Zechariah’s prophecy are describing one general theme.[∞] In other words, as the Scofield Bible notes declare, concerning opening verses of Zechariah 12 (verses 1-3). These verses describe:

“The siege of Jerusalem preceding the battle of Armageddon”[∞]

In other words, the 12th chapter’s events concerning Israel’s returning to her land, as well as references to repeated battles (in 1948 & 1967, for example) –could easily be seen as describing Israel’s recent warfare—but they are more comfortably ignored, with our attentions being diverted from the obvious application of Jerusalem being a “burden” to the nations of the world—because it gets ever more “bothersome” to ourselves as well, the longer the issues of the present Gaza war “drag on”.

Besides, who wants to believe that the current conflicts in the Middle East are a run up to . . . Armageddon!?!?

However, I challenge you to note carefully, if you dare, the appropriateness of applying Zechariah 12:3 to the current situation in Israel, today. Zechariah 12:2-3 reads (with emphasis):

² *"Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. ³ And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.*

A “cup of drunkenness” to the surrounding peoples, within the Middle East (and on US campuses) as protesters find themselves shouting within our streets, “FROM THE RIVER TO THE SEA!” –code words framed by Islamic radicals who want to have Israel eradicated (eliminated) from the map: from the Euphrates River to the Mediterranean Sea.

In such a case the third verse becomes amazingly appropriate, does it not? For it states that “all who would heave [Israel] away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it”!

So, will the US now align itself with “all nations” now withdrawing support from Israel? Remember, the longer it takes for Israel to get the job done, regarding Hamas—the heavier the “stone” becomes!

So, now we have two reasons for Christians within the West (who “just want to get along”) to ignore the fulfillment of Zechariah 12:1-3.

1. In the end, all nations will align against Israel
2. In the present: these events are pointing directly towards . . . Armageddon (which effectively places us on the doorstep of the Great Tribulation, within the end times).

I recently heard a very respected Evangelical leader state that in the 1960’s the Christian church ignored political activism because they believed we would be “out of here” (raptured) before things got worst.

Now, it appears, Christians are ignoring the fulfillment of Bible prophecy because times *are* worst.

Yet, we still have options, do we not? : If the Church of Jesus Christ were to actually “awaken” early, before the “midnight cry” of Christ’s warning to the end time fellowship of sleeping saints (Matt. 25:5), we may yet experience a Jonah type revival, and hold off the issuance of the Mark of the beast (Rev. 13 & 14) . . . which is getting ready to ride piggy-back upon the expected digitizing of the American dollar.

Make no mistake about it, awakening will require a Jonah type revival, and very serious prayer to avert such an economic certainty, but I do believe that the Lord is willing to grant us a reprieve even now if we seriously seek His face for intervention!

**Let us not be anxious, or paralyzed by fear—
Instead let us be ready, and exercise our options.**

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:5-7

Amen



What Must I do?

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.”

Acts 16:31

How?

If you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:9,10

In Other Words

Acknowledge: your need

—as a sinner (Romans 3:23, II Cor. 5:14-15)

Accept: His work on the Cross —to be your Savior

Confess: your acceptance of His lordship over you.

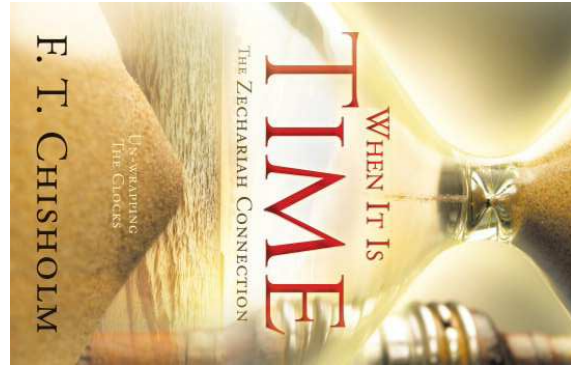
Live for Him: with your new life!

For the scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be ashamed.”

Romans 10:11

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—to end time events

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“The problem with two raptures (before and after the Tribulation) is two fold: First, there is only *one* general resurrection of the faithful. Secondly, Scripture gives special recognition to those who successfully resist the Antichrist by refusing to take the mark of the beast. Both of these attributes are given expression in Revelation 20:4-5. It is simply dishonest to teach that there are two raptures. There is only *one second coming*.”

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