Subject: Last Days
Posted by james on Tue, 21 Jul 2009 23:05:43 GMT
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"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God;

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." ~ II Tim.3:1-7

Here is an example of the times we live in, people are not only turning away from God but making a mockery of it...

http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2009-07-21-atheists-de baptism_N.htm?

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Thu, 23 Jul 2009 21:28:23 GMT
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This is a follow up link that really amplifies the fact that we're in the last days. While I know this is the exception and not the rule, yet still that it is allowed among professing Christians, is hard to believe. And it's not just in Christianity, Judaism seems to have embraced it in places.

Just for the record, homosexuality is wrong, it is an abomination unto God...It is not a lack of love to point this out. We are to love the sinner, but not the sin; and sure not embrace it in The House of The Lord. (also, just for the record, hetrosexuals living in sin is wrong as well... the church needs purging from all manner of ungodliness)

http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2009-07-23-gay-church_ N.htm?csp=34

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Mon, 27 Jul 2009 21:08:29 GMT
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The Anglican Church, which has 77 million members worldwide, seems to be the next to cave in to the worldwide homosexual 'movement'. Instead of firmly standing on The Word of God and denouncing the wickedness of this sin; they are trying to find ways to allow it without offending 'non-gays', in the name of 'church unity'.

Already the Episcopal part of this group has sanctioned it in their 'church', even to the extent of ordaining homosexual bishops in their pulpits here in America.

http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2009-07-27-anglican-ep iscopal-gay_N.htm?csp=34

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by sparkles on Tue, 28 Jul 2009 15:13:17 GMT
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Seems like once an organization begins the path of compromise
the white gets grayer until people cannot distinguish what is true or what is compromise or what is false.

We are to guard our hearts with all diligence, and look to the Lord to lead and guide us into all the truth, and not follow a compromising message of the false "love" that seems to be in the church. May we learn to discern the voice of the Lord, and not follow all these feel good messages that are not of God.

God help us to rightly divide the Word and apply it in our lives daily, that we may glorify the Lord in all we do and say.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Tue, 28 Jul 2009 20:55:06 GMT
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This is from The Church of England in reference to their new special deal they're offering where a couple can get married and have their children baptized at the same time...speaking of service... Talking about getting the cart in front of the horse...

Here's a quote in response to criticism concerning straying from biblical guidelines as in teaching

that fornication is wrong and that the children should come after marriage...

"Though the church said it still believes the best place for sex is within marriage, it says it is responding to demand and a changing world."

http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2009-07-26-englandbapt ism_N.htm

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Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Wed, 05 Aug 2009 17:13:27 GMT
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At a seminary here in Birmingham a poll was taken of young preachers and students who had given sermons before; they were asked if they had ever preached on hell...NONE had. This is what used to be known as a conservative seminary. I hope this article isn't a reflection of all young bible students and pastors, but I'm afraid it's too true.

http://usatoday.com/news/religion/2009-08-01-hell-damnation_ N.htm

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Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Thu, 06 Aug 2009 14:27:06 GMT
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I recently saw a person on TV who was presenting themselves as a minister of The Lord, trying to get people to send in money so that they could continue to be on the air (to beg for more money...) He wasn't preaching the gospel, he wasn't teaching The Word, he wasn't using the gifts of God to bring healing or comfort to people; he was just begging for money and offering something from Israel along with a book he had written, as a 'special offer' for those who would give X amount of money.

Merchandising the gospel is so prevalent today, yet really, they're not even selling the gospel(if they were, there might could be an argument made that they were at least putting Jesus' name and some teachings of scripture up for sale); they're selling themselves and a 'charsmatic worship' experience, and capitalizing on peoples emotions and desire to 'obey' God's ministers, and to prosper.

Ever notice how each year they designate as something special, like; the year of Juilee, or a Macedonia experience, or the year of 'Breakthrough', revival in america year; then make people

feel as if they didn't give their "best", "100 fold", "above and beyond", "seed", offerings, then they'd miss out of God's blessings. Hey! Nobody wants to miss God, and if they're on TV, then they must be God's messengers. But it's always promises unfullfilled, moves that never 'move', revivals that never 'revive', breakthroughs that never 'breakthrough'.

Yet, they stay on year after year, Sunday after Sunday, begging for money, and offering nothing but empty promises, no anointing, just the hope of it finally being viewers time for God to really bless them, if they'll only plant one more 'special seed'.

"Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain." ~ Proverbs 25:14

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Thu, 06 Aug 2009 20:22:26 GMT
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Good posts, James.

In the OT Prophets book by, Dr. Freeman, in Chapter 23, Zechariah speaks of the judgment of the Gentile nations, world powers, and those who rise up against her. He sends out a call of repentance. He speaks of Israel's cleansing and deliverance with the establishment of the millenium. False prophets (and beggers of money in His name) and idolatry are condemned.

"And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone too heavy for all the nations to lift. All who try to lift it will be severly injured. All the nations in the world will gather against Jerusalem." Zech 12:3 KJV

I pray for the peace of Jerusalem. I pray that our President make Godly decisions and that he has a heart for Israel. Like I stated in another thread, , if not.

Blessings,

GWB

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Fri, 14 Aug 2009 02:14:32 GMT
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I don't know what to think about some of the stuff I read, but churches buying lottery tickets just seems wrong. I wonder what the woman pastors' sermon was on after winning $70,000. in the Michigan state lottery. It's gotta be the last days, can things get any crazier in 'the church'? Next thing ya know, they'll be sponsoring poker players in Texas Hold'em tournaments in Vegas...

http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2009-08-13-church-wins-l ottery_N.htm?csp=34

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sun, 16 Aug 2009 15:46:50 GMT
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Lately I've read and seen on the news, quite a bit about the 'changes' going on in the institutional churches,(and posted some of it). It seems that no denomination is exempt from the onslaught; from homosexuality to subtle undermining of the authority of God's Word; everyone seems to be compromising to apease the masses(and to keep the machine running, which requires money...not to mention the 'love boat' gospel that teaches we're all OK and don't be rocking the boat by preaching against sin; or being 'critical' of those who have chosen another path to 'enlightenment' through whatever 'god', cause there's multiple paths to God...don't offend anyone with the truth)

So here we have all these 'christian' denominations compromising the message of the gospel, left and right, and along come the Mormons (who we know are off in their doctrines and teachings) standing up against the 'gays' and being persecuted for it.

There's something seriously wrong in 'religion' today "...having a form of godlines, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2009-08-15-mormonkiss_ N.htm?csp=34

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by sparkles on Mon, 17 Aug 2009 01:23:23 GMT

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It certainly must grieve the Lord to see people who are calling them christians, followers of Jesus, promote the things they do. Some of the things aren't even deeper life, just common sense. Unfortunately many of these churches have huge debts for the buildings they built or purchased so they must make sure the money continues to come in, even at the point of compromising so as not to offend the big money givers. Of course not all churches do that, and we know the devil enjoys having God laughed at by the world. So as in all the media, the good will not be written about usually, only the bad. As someone calls our media the "state run media" I think we could also call it the anti-christ run media. Sad, but true.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Fri, 18 Sep 2009 16:20:58 GMT
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As I was reading the headlines of the 'religious' section of USA Today this morning, I noticed several stories that drew my interest. One centered around the statistics concerning women preachers. A study shows that the number of female senior pastors have doubled over the 'last' ten years.

Another focused on 'mega-churches' with Joel Osteen's Lakewood Church in Houston,Tx. leading the way with 43,000+ members, but also questioned the 'drop-out rate' from these huge churches.

Oh, and in case anyone was breathlessly waiting, Rick Warren has a new book coming out in a couple of months. He is having a contest with the winner getting $5,000 and the honor of designing the book's cover. He's entitled this one, 'The Hope You Need', and it's predicted to be another blockbuster.

Then there's the article about 'religious leaders' conflicting views on the push for universal healthcare in America. Some oppose it because it would be endorsing abortion; others are for it because they believe medical science is the way of healing.

One survey said that of all churches questioned, only 19% reported being financially sound. In most cases churches have become just a reflection of society around them, rather than being an influence upon society.(imo)

Wouldn't it be wonderful if 'religious leaders' actually lead the body of Christ to a closer relationship with Jesus; instead of conforming to the world and it's systems?

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sat, 19 Sep 2009 13:02:07 GMT
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Surely a few Christians fasting with Muslims during Ramadan is the exception and not a widespread practice; yet it is a reflection on the times we live in...the last days.

This article does shed light on how, especially the 'emergent church' as well as those who, through humanistic theology, have decided that the way into heaven has more pathways than just through Jesus, have compromised the Word of God.

Christians fasting with Muslims? What next, will professing Christians stop eating beef and join in with the Hindus to honor their worship of cows?

http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2009-09-18-ramadan-chr istians_N.htm

This is the rant section, right? Maybe I'll start a thread with articles about things the church is doing right...I'm sure I can find many examples of chruches that are following after righteous....but probably not in any national media outlets.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by sparkles on Sat, 19 Sep 2009 14:52:41 GMT
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What an eye opening article to show how some who are professing christians would be in fellowship with the antichrist spirit of the Muslims.
We are seeing how the devil is using the antichrist news medium, whether it be TV, the newspaper, the internet, news magizines or even the local small town newspapers to make a mockery of the christian and Jesus Christ. Don't for one minute think the devil doesn't laugh and make fun of the christian when they do such things as partake of a false religions celebrations. Why else would something like this be in a major newspaper? It sure isn't to promote Jesus Christ.
And we see Brian McLaren, one of the Emergent Church leaderships, talking about how it sends a message about finding peace and common ground. I would say to Mr. McLaren to show us in God's word about finding peace and common ground outside of Jesus. For the believer it won't happen. Jesus Christ is our peace.

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

John 16:33 "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

Romans 5:1 "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:"

We can give our opinions all we want but we need to see what God says in His word.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18 "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellwoship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?
and what communion hath light with darkness?
and what concord hath Christ with Belial?
or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?
And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

Mr. McLaren also said:
"Some Christians in the U.S. are becoming more anti-Muslim,"
There probably are some "christians" who are anti-muslim, but because someone stands up for the Word of God and calls this a false religion and speaks out against its teachings does not make a person anti-muslim, but rather it makes them a proclaimer of truth. How can they be saved except they hear the truth of Jesus Christ.

John 3:17-19 "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten son of God.
And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."

John 3:36 "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

As we see more and more christians compromise the clear teachings of Gods word, it makes it easier to see how the anti-christ will seduce the world.

May God give us discernment in these last days and walk in the truths of the Word so we can be a light on a hill, not to be put under a barrel just so we don't offend someone so as to be "politically correct."

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sun, 04 Oct 2009 17:11:10 GMT
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International Blasphemy Day, first annual celebration for free speech and freedom from religion; the wickedness of man has no bounds. Here's a link to the article, may God have mercy on their souls...surely the cup of iniquity is overflowing.

http://usatoday.com/news/religion/2009-10-02-blasphemy-day_N .htm

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Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by sparkles on Mon, 05 Oct 2009 17:17:02 GMT
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I wonder what these people will think the moment after they die?
May God open their eyes to truth of Jesus Christ and save them from the deception they are under.
Sure makes me so humbled that God would choose me to serve Him, and open my eyes to the truth of the Word of God.

I must say the article almost leaves me speechless, but then there have always been people like this, only now their message can be see/heard all over the world in an instant with the internet. Well, so can ours.

Acts 16:31 "Whosoever believes on the Lord Jesus Christ shall be saved, and their house."

Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever.

God is not a man that he should lie, neither the son of man that he should repent. Hath he said and shall he not do it? Hath he spoken and shall he not bring it to pass?

Our God is faithful to fulfill all that He has promised, including eternal damnation to those who would blaspheme God and not repent of their sin.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Fri, 09 Oct 2009 14:44:27 GMT
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I don't know how this fits in with the end times, except to show how easily people can be deceived by false promises and smooth talk.

Today, Barack Obama was awarded the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize...

Ya got to be kidding me.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Mon, 19 Oct 2009 21:22:21 GMT
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Since we are in the last days, I suppose any news could be considered 'end times' news; but this news could also go in the thread about 'deception using creation teachings'. It's about evolution taking another step to become the accepted view in America, and guess who's behind it? Yeah well we know it's satan, but he's using Uncle Sam.

The U.S. Government is putting in the Smithsonian Institute, a permanent exhibit on 'the discovery and understanding of human origins'. There is a committee put together to help merge science and religion so it won't be offensive to the 'religious'. The co-chair person of the committee, who is also a official of the Presbyterian's Science and Faith Association, says about the evolution exhibit,..." they're not here to make a religious point." OBVIOUSLY NOT!

http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2009-10-16-smithsonian -evolution_N.htm]

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Tue, 20 Oct 2009 15:33:36 GMT
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Catholics offer membership to Anglicans...

The Roman Catholic Church has opened it's arms to the worldwide Anglican Church(77 million)members. Many Anglicans are disappointed with the direction the leaders of that group are going in. The ordaining of women, gay ministers, gay approved marriages are among some of the disagreements within the church membership. The Pope is going to allow them to keep their style of worship...thus sayeth the news from Vatican City.

I read the article, and there's nothing supprising about the offer from the Catholic Church, nor that many Anglicans want to go back to catholicism. But what caught my attention was in the comments made by people below the article. One person quoted John 10:16 in reference to this happening.
"And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd."

If that's not a perfect example of twisting the scriptures, I don't know what is...out of context? That's scary, that someone(and I'm sure it's a lot more than one person) would believe that to mean...other sheep are the Anglican Church; with God telling them to join in with the catholics(his voice); 'one fold' is the Roman Catholic Church; and one shepherd is the pope.

http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2009-10-20-vatican-ang licans_N.htm

Who knows how many will join the Catholics, but 'one world-one church' all-powerful one shepherd, Pope....the last days are unfolding right before our eyes, all around us, making way for the antichrist.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by sparkles on Wed, 21 Oct 2009 02:10:36 GMT
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Matt. 10: 16-22 "Behold , I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.
But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;
And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.
But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.
For it is not you that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.
And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death.
And you shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

These are not the days to be spiritually slumbering, because the subtilties, and not so subtilties of our adversary the devil is deceiving multitudes. Seems like there is a weariness in the fight, but be encouraged, God is in control and is putting everything in place for the end to come, when time as we know it will be over and we will be with our Lord forever and ever! We will hear those words

we have been longing to hear: Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.

James has shared some very enlightning things of what is going on in these last days. The most recent post about the Catholics and Anglicans is very telling as to the discernment, or lack thereof, in the Anglican church. We hear all over this cry for Unity, but there will be no true unity without it being a unity of the Spirit. We must all strive to be that follower of Jesus that we have been called to be, and pray for God to give us discernment in these last days, so as not to follow the false unity we see everywhere.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Tue, 27 Oct 2009 21:32:58 GMT
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I have been watching and reading the reactions to the Pope offering The Anglican/Church of England the oppertunity to come back to Catholicism, but keep some of their 'religious traditions' such as allowing the priest to marry and their style of worship.(I'm sure there are others)

In reading an online Anglican news report, one writer says," it is a fascinating moment in a confrontation as much a struggle for the soul of the Church of Rome as the Church of England." Another said that many English traditionalist 'warmly welcome' the Popes offer.

The BBC News reports that a conservative group of about 600 Anglican priests are ready to join the Roman Catholic Church. The more active group among the Anglicans call their movement 'Faith Foward', and the leader, father Geoffrey Kirk, says he intends to convert to Catholicism.

Another quote said that,"the Church of England/Anglican is becoming the church of political correctness."

I never knew anything about the Anglican Church until recently, and with all the controversy surrounding what's going on in America with the Anglican/Episcopal denomination, and now worldwide, I see how easily Satan has deceived these people. They have no root in the Word of God, they stand on their traditions, works, and formal forms of religion.

If there ever was a time for a passage of scripture to apply to anyone, I would think II Corth.6:14-17 applies to those in the Anglican Church who are Christians. Why in the world stay in a man made institution that is so messed up spiritually? Especially when some know better...

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by sparkles on Tue, 27 Oct 2009 22:45:19 GMT
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It is sad to see the way the Anglican/Church of England is desiring to join up with the Catholic Church. Makes a person wonder if there is any discerning person in the upper levels of decision making. For them to want to be accepted by the anti-christ Catholic church surely is another way we can see how the Anti-Christ will deceive the whole world. When one wants to become a part of a group that has baptismal regeneration, praying to Mary, praying to the saints, purgatory, lighting candles for dead people(with a money donation, of course), making the wafer and wine the literal body and blood of Christ, bowing down to the Pope, kissing the ring on his finger, the murder of multitudes of christians (in the past and also today in other countries), priests and nuns that can't marry, not eating meat during lent, and many other deceptions and errors, you would think any true born again believer would want to run away from them as fast as they could.

Now before some may get a little offended, I am not saying there are no christians in either church, but I am saying that God has better for the believer than being in a compromising, false religion church. Jesus said No man comes to the Father but by Me. In the basic reading of scripture this would leave out Mary and the saints who are to intercede on behalf of people as the Catholic church teaches.

May the God of truth and freedom open the eyes of the people in these churches to the truth of who Jesus is, and how one is to be born again.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Fri, 30 Oct 2009 17:58:49 GMT
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We've all heard the expression, 'when hell freezes over'; meaning that the odds of something happening are slim to none.
Well here's something that made me wonder... if hell had frozen over. The Vatican (that'd be the Pope of Rome) released a statement warning parents that Halloween is 'anti-Christian'. A direct quote was, "Halloween has an undercurrent of occultism and is absolutely Anti-Christian."

I said one time if I saw the national news media reporting something positive I'd post it, well they did, and I did.

And while I'm at it, I saw where a church in upstate New York called 'Sleepy Hollow' refused to marry a couple on Halloween in their church. The couple wanted to wear Halloween costumes and play music from horror films, the pastor said no way.

both articles were in USA Today...today

and NO, I'm not coverting to Catholicism...that'd be the Anglicans

The last days.....

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sun, 29 Nov 2009 16:35:38 GMT
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America, a nation that has forgotten The Lord...

"And it shall be, when the Lord thy God shall have brought thee into the land which He sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not,

And houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full;

Then beware lest thou forget the Lord." De.6:10-12

Today the headlines of Alabama's largest newspaper read: "1 in 6 Alabamians Receive Food Assistance"; that'd be Food Stamps in reality. I was curious as to what the national numbers were, so I checked; about 1 in 10 Americans receive Food Stamps (that's a little over 30 million). This social program is SO abused it's unreal; a person is not supposed to have assets in excess of $2,000 (bank account) plus several other criteria that must be met, proving that the person or persons NEED assistance. I am not against helping others who have needs, in fact I'm FOR it; but what this government has fostered over the last 40 years has resulted in a welfare state (both locally and nationally).

Many lazy people have discovered (and been taught by way of example of their parents) that they can 'work' the system to the point they don't have to 'work'; they can draw SSI disability, Food Stamps, free health care, free lunch programs for the kids at school, government assisted housing, HUGE refunds on their taxes(often times more back in refundable tax credits than they earned in wages), and grants for schooling(should they have the ambition to futher their education, which few do). It's became a way of life to so many that I wonder if anyone ever stops to think how it got this way.

The Word of God says if a man won't work, then he shouldn't eat; are there exceptions where someone is truly disabled, really needing help? Of course there is, and we as christians and as a society should be willing to help. But it's turned into a MASSIVELY abused means by which far too many are using to 'get over' on the system. In our livetimes America has gone from the wealthiest nation to a welfare state(yes, there are still many individuals with tremendous wealth, but the numbers are dropping fast...both individually and as a nation...bailout? recession? bankruptcies? foreclosures?) We're seeing a redistribution of wealth, we'll never repay China what we owe them, and what's such an example of why America is in this state, the corruption of those in authority, both in government and the private sector, has squandered most of the money we borrowed to 'bailout' our economy, and we're about where we started...still in a depression/recession.

No, I've not changed my convictions about a christian becoming involved in the affairs of government, nor avocating getting out and voting; I'm just making observations and commenting on what's going on and my opinion of why...America, as a nation has forgotten God. (an argument could be made that America never has been a christian nation...but I'll not go there today)

I believe we're in the 'Last Days', and what's going on all around us reflects that fact.

Nevertheless, in the midst of turmoil and confussion our God remains faithful to all those who will put their trust in Him. Ps.91, there's no better 'assurance' program available to man.

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee." Is.26:3

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by mark1124 on Wed, 02 Dec 2009 11:07:55 GMT
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You know, some time ago...quite a while ago maybe, I had this thought. Things are going to get so bad that we will have no choice but to trust God for everything. Well, take a look around you. What is going on?

I'm just thankful that we were blessed with the teachings about faith and trusting God for everything like we did. God knew ahead of time how bad things were going to get in these last days that he warned and prepared us for what is about to take place.

God is faithful. Amen.

Subject: Re: Last Days

Posted by sparkles on Wed, 02 Dec 2009 11:40:40 GMT
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Amen to what you said Mark. I too thank God for all the teaching we had over the years, and still do by having the tapes. I am thankful for Kathy taking over Faith Ministries and being a part of what her father was lead by the Lord to do. May God bless her abundantly! And we should keep her and Faith Ministries in our prayers. I am convicted even as I write that.

I was just talking with someone at work yesterday about the end times, and they were saying they believe the christian will be raptured out before it gets bad. I shared with her that I did not feel the same way, but rather it will get worse and worse and worse before the rapture. I hope to have more opportunity to share with her about being ready and the cost of forsaking all and trusting Jesus for everything.

We have been warned about how we need to trust God now, because there is not going to be a magical moment in peoples lives where they can all of a sudden have faith for everything. We must pay the price now so when things get really bad we will be ready.

Thanks for the reminder of how blessed we are to have the message of faith.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Fri, 04 Dec 2009 19:31:41 GMT
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The Bible warns us that in the last days there will be false christ's rise up.

According to our local news and USA Today we have one here in Birmingham, AL.

Apparently this woman legally had her name changed to Jesus Christ.

Mark 13, In answering Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Jesus started by telling them to take heed lest any man deceive you.

He tells them(and us) all the different signs that will lead up to the fullfillment of the promise of His return.

V22"For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect."

I don't know if she has shown any signs and wonders yet, but nothing surprises me anymore.

http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2009-12-03-jesus-chris t-name_N.htm

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sun, 06 Dec 2009 17:50:37 GMT
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It appears that the Episcopal church is determined to see just how much reproach they can bring upon the name of Christ. Now not only have they ordained openly 'gay' homosexual men as Bishops over diocese; in the Los Angeles diocese of 70,000 parishioners they have elected a 'lesbian' woman as Bishop.

I have no idea if the Episcopals/Anglicans ever were Biblical in their doctrines, I'm almost certain that most of their ritualistic litanies and formal attire has carried over from Catholicism. But today they are so far from anything that resembles the pattern of a church as shown in the NT that it's amazing.

The head Bishop Diocesan J. John Bruno had this to say on their website, in defense of Mary Glasspool, the new woman homosexual Bishop..."If by chance people are going to withold consents because of Mary's sexuality, it would be a violation of the canons of this church."

Heb.12:1 speaks of the 'great cloud of witnesses' who have gone on before us...wonder what they think of many of these churches of today?

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by sparkles on Sun, 06 Dec 2009 18:28:52 GMT
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James wrote:
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With all due respect I couldn't care less what the canon of a church is when it clearly violates the Word of God. Whether it is homosexual men or women, or baptismal regeneration(which I am not sure the Episcopal churches teaches or not), praying to the dead saints, praying to Mary, lighting a candle to help get a loved one out of purgatory quicker, bowing down to a man they call a pope, confessions to a man so you can be forgiven your sins or any other clear violation of scripture.

As far as the sodomite issue and other clear compromises the bible is very clear in 2 Cor 6:14-18 about coming out from among them. The Lord commands us to come out from among them and be separate, and touch not the unclean. Then the Lord gives us a promise: "I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." Does this imply that He will not be a Father to the person who stays with the unclean, the unrighteous, the idols, the unbelievers and darkness? You read the scripture and make your own conclusion, it is very clear.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by Mark L on Sun, 06 Dec 2009 18:33:13 GMT
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The short answer is they were. Very. There still are a great number of Anglicans who are orthodox and born again. Including some who I have a great deal of respect for. Like J I Packer. It was the Anglicans who translated the KJV. There are some words and phrases in the KJV that are true to the original but not carried by any of the modern translations. Referring to spiritual beings and other odd concepts. My point is that only clued in xians would have picked up on what the original language was saying.

It is also for the most part third world anglicans who are standing against the whole gay thing in their church. Not sure if they have the HS but seem to be born again.

It was J I Packer the Anglican who headed up the (formal) resistance to the liberals in english evangelicalism. They were very successful to a large degree in turning the tide against them. This would have been about 50 yrs ago.

I don't have a lot of in depth knowledge on this subject but I do know that the original church was orthodox and biblical. I have long suspected that much of the original Anglicans and Puritans had the Baptism HS. I realize here that your interest is more 20/21 century and US focused. I also know that there is a great number of US episcapalians who are orthodox and standing against this nonsense.

I would recomend anything written by J.I. Packer or John Stott. Both very elderly non charismatic Anglicans who have written extensively on matters of the faith. Both men were bastians of Orthodoxy standing against the inroads by the liberals in the mid 20th century.

What US Episcapalians need is an Amos to come roaring into the church calling them back to orthodoxy. Unfortunately there doesn't appear to much in the way of leadership anywhere in christiandom today.

I'd also like to add on a personal note that I usually only comment here when something catches my interest. It doesn't mean I'm not around or not reading. I consider this place my home on the web.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sun, 06 Dec 2009 18:51:46 GMT
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Thanks for the insight, Mark and glad to have 'caught' your interest.

Just a question you might have knowledge of, are these churches in Canada (Episcopalian and Angelican) as liberal as the ones here in America? I personally know a young man who is in an Episcopalian seminary studying to be a minister. I know they're very formal in worship and use a book called 'Book of Common Prayer' for much of their services. They wear robes and have the inside of the churches designed much like the Catholic churches.

If they originally had the Baptism, wonder why they've gotten away from it? This guy has matter of factly(after all, he IS in the seminary)stated to me that all gifts ended in 70 A.D.and the Baptism is not from God today. I guess he's implying that I got it from another source...But like most 24 year olds, he already knows everything, so what ever I share with him he has the correct answer to refute it.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Mon, 07 Dec 2009 20:36:24 GMT
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Hardbones wrote on Sun, 06 December 2009 12:33

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First of all Mark, I'm not trying to be argumentative or coming against your opinion, I just have

questions about these men. When I did the 'Christianity Explored' class put on by the folks from the local Presbyterian and Episcopal churches, there was several references made of these men by the guys. Then when they wanted to have a men's Bible study(using a scripted study guide with many commentaries from different people, with very little actual 'studying' of the Bible) both of these guys were used quite often. So in doing a little reading from the 'bible study guide' in advance, I came upon numerous quotes attributed to them or books they'd written. (I had/have very little background knowledge or understanding of those denominations, Church of England/Anglican, Episcopal,or Presbyterian)

I read a quote from J.I.Packer concerning unity of the different 'faiths' and a book or document about it; so I checked into it and according to what I read, he, J.I.Packer endorsed the ECT, Evangelicals and Catholics Together in 1994. I have read that he is conservative and is against the ordaining of homosexuals and women in the Canadian Anglican Church. I also know the book he's most well know for,"Knowing God", is scripturally sound and highly thought of. But when men of their influence embrace Roman Catholicism and refuse to acknowledge the Baptism of The Holy Spirt as for today, I can't see give that much credence to what they have to say.(or at least am very guarded and careful when reading their opinions...and they ARE opinions, when they state as doctrine that all gifts and evidence of The Holy Spirits' presence with the evidence of speaking in tongues ceased after the apostles died out.)

Isn't that how deceptions are slipped into the church, in subtle things like accepting the Catholic doctrines for the sake of 'unity'? It does appear that a majority of what they write is fundamentally right and that they are really trying to point their church(Anglican) back away from the liberialism it seems to have fallen into over the last few decades.

The perfect example of it is the young men who attended the class and are now having the weekly bible study(I decided not to do the bible study, after reading the material). They are in the seminary (one studying to be a Presbyterian minister and the other to be an Episcolalian minister) and look up to these men and are highly influenced by their writtings.(when we would discuss things like the pattern of a church, and I'd refer to the book of Acts and the 'gifts' and The Holy Spirit, they would quote J.I.Packer or some other esteemed man their denomination believed to be right, instead of quoting The Word of God as the reason why they believed or didn't believe in the supernatural power of God.)

From reading the material endorsed and put out by their church, there is more credence given to the writtings of J.I.Packer than those of Paul. Here we have 'kids'(early 20's) explaining away what God's Word teaches, using as proof text the writtings of men who don't even have The Holy Spirit. And while you and I can probably read through and gleen meat from the bones, those young in the Lord and without proper teaching and discernment are being deceived into believing that the NT church WAS just that, a church in The New Testament...and the formal, dry, dead, works driven man-made system they're attending and preparing to be leaders in, is in fact what Jesus had in mind when establishing HIS CHURCH.

Have I missed it somewhere, or gotten too narrow, should we just go along to get along? I just see right before my eyes what happens when we don't have God's Word as our foundation, the houses we build aren't structurally sound and will fall at some point. Here comes a new generation of leadership in the 'church' and they're not equipted to lead God's people, so people wind up farther and farther from God, while getting busier and busier with works that are wood, hay, and stubble. They really push 'planting churches' and community action and good works; which is good if done with the right motives, but it's like we've seen over and over, the sheep aren't being feed the Word of God or being introduced to a 'relationship' with Jesus...just fundraising and programs and the propagating of THEIR church doctrines.

I think it's important what we read, believe, and endorse. That's my purpose in sharing this, not to come against you personally, my brother. I appreciate you and love you in Christ.

God bless,

james

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Tue, 08 Dec 2009 00:25:25 GMT
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Hardbones wrote on Sun, 06 December 2009 12:33

What US Episcapalians need is an Amos to come roaring into the church calling them back to orthodoxy. Unfortunately there doesn't appear to much in the way of leadership anywhere in christiandom today.

I was reading an online news site called, "VirtueOnline"...The Voice for Global Orthodox Anglicanism. This link I'm providing takes you to a liturgy given by an Episcopal PRIEST in Arkansas, on 'All Saints Day', Sunday Nov.1, 2009 called, 'Litany of all the Saints of God'.

AMAZING!!!

http://www.virtueonline.org/portal/modules/news/article.php? storyid=11596

And in response to questioning the bishop says it's been done for 10 years and that..."The liturgy is the primary method by which we teach theology in the Episcopal Church".

Well, that would explain why they're in the spiritual condition they're in today.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by Mark L on Tue, 08 Dec 2009 01:39:23 GMT
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I'm off for the north. I'll be back next weekend to reply and give a more complete explanation of where I stand

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Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Thu, 10 Dec 2009 22:28:17 GMT
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USA Today had an interesting article in the religious section today about the mixing of religious beliefs (such as Eastern Religion and New Age)into christianity. The Pew Forum conducted a survey and concluded that the church is in trouble.(my paraphrase)(not the true Church, The Bride of Christ; but the institutional manmade church)

http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2009-12-10-1Amixingbel iefs10_CV_N.htm

btw: Even though I regularly read through the religious section of USA Today and post links to articles that depict the decline of 'the modern church' or stories about what's going on within the church system, I don't use that as the source my conviction that we're in the 'last days'. But it does give some insight(imo) as to what's happening throughout christianity.(yeah, mostly the bad....and I'm sure someone reading will say to themselves, 'not in my church'...Praise God that there are groups of believers/assemblies/bodies who aren't caught up in the downward spiral; but many, many are...as evidenced by just looking around and talking with 'professing christians', it's pretty much like what's portrayed)

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sun, 13 Dec 2009 00:10:03 GMT
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This posted link is just for the 'guys' who don't attend church regularly...no peeking ladies

http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2009-12-11-football-me n-church_N.htm

Hey William, think this could work with your Sunday school class?

Hey now, don't roll your eyes, here's the pastors response:

"If we can attract one man to come to church, heaven will be happy."

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by william on Sun, 13 Dec 2009 02:40:23 GMT
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Quote:"If we can attract one man to come to church, heaven will be happy."

Jesus said it best:
Mt 23:15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

Men don't go to "church" because there is nothing more pathetic than to be told when to sit, when to stand, and when to open up your pocketbook and give till it hurts. After that turn around and tell your neighbour "God loves a cheerful giver".

Today's sermon: Tithing Secrets (or how to get a hundredfold return on your investment).

Before we get started can we have all of the men stand up... men, we want to honour you today... everyone, let's give our men a round of applause for being "men". <cheers, whistles...>

Next we'd like to also remember all of those who are killing those scum-bags over in the desert... <cheers, whistles, huge roar of approval!> Let's not forget our missionaries... they are over in

foreign lands making proselytes out of those ignorant people who walk around half naked. Don't forget the Dress Pantry in the back... donate your old dresses ladies... let's get those people properly dressed.

And who can forget those "darlings of tomorrow" -- our children! <cheers, whistles, roar of approval!> Before we let them go to their classes, lets take up the offering...

Ushers, you can make your way to the front now... be seated everyone while Frank Sinatra sings "I did it God's waaay".

----Do this every week for 30 or 40 years and the only men left are those who have been lobotomised.----

Women may hang around because they are stuck with all of the jobs around the church... cooking, cleaning, fund-drives, organ-grinding... essentially everything that needs to be done in the church-- except of course, the preaching.

----You want to puke now, or do you want to hear the message on tithing first? <grin>

This is the "Rant" section, right?

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sun, 13 Dec 2009 03:04:03 GMT
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Yeah, let's hear the tithing one; and while you're at it throw in some 'seed' sowing advice, about 100% return, financial anointing, restoration of every dime I've ever given to charlatans, and what the lastest prophetic 'word' number is for 2010.

Guess I shouldn't 'rattle' cages if I'm skeerd of the results.

You need to chill out...Go click on that foreign opera singer ya'll think sounds so 'beautiful'...<really grinning>

I wuz just trying to get ya to wear your Mark Ingram jersey to church tomorrow...

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sun, 13 Dec 2009 14:24:43 GMT
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It's so good to see the influence the church of today is having upon society. In Houston, Texas there are more 'mega churches' than anywhere else, here's just a few of the larger ones; Lakewood Church 43,500 (Joel Osteen); Second Baptist Church 23,659(Ed Young); Fellowship of the Woodlands 15,600; New Light Christian Center 13,500; Fountain of Praise 11,752; The Church Without Walls 8,250...these are the ones I could find, add all the hundreds of smaller ones and you've got some major church membership in that city.

Yet with all those mega-church and their cell groups, church planting, emerging, social programs, political influences, and vast community presence.....

Yesterday Houston elected a homosexual(lesbian) mayor to run their city. Now Houston is the 4th largest city in America so obviously everyone living there doesn't attend church, but if asked, I'd imagine that the vast majority of the citizens would profess to be 'christian' and truly believe that we are still 'one nation under God' and under His blessings. It's hard to believe that in our livetimes that this nation has fallen SO far, yet it doesn't really supprise us, does it?

God's judgement is coming, surely we are in the last days. Pray that we may be counted worthy at His coming... Pray for God's mercy on America.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by Mark L on Sun, 13 Dec 2009 16:46:12 GMT
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First of all Mark, I'm not trying to be argumentative or coming against your opinion, I just have questions about these men.

OK Here's what I think James.

The issue of RC's and evangelicals together? I'm not sure of my opinion on that. I think they were

dealing with born again RC's trying to find common ground.

Both the men I mentioned and others as well stood as bastions (sp?) of orthodoxy back in the mid 20th century and they were very effective. This was mostly prior to the charismatic movement which started in the mid 60's.

I agree with your concerns about the Baptism HS and leadership. I think in this end time every true born again Xian (including John Macarthur) is going to get it. Whether they like it or not. There will be no other way for a Xian to stand. Lots to say on that.

Probably the easiest way to explain where I stand is to share what happened to me.

Have you ever noticed that charismatic authors only write books on charismatic issues. Freeman for e.g. All his books were on charismatic issues except 2. And they are both pre BHS.

On my bookshelf close to me
Charnock on the attributes
Bright on the Kingdom
Warfield /Walvrood/London Christology
Hodge/Robertson/Young/Archer/Eric Sauer/Lightfoot/Watson/
All classics and as far as I am aware all noncharismatic. The charismatic movement has gone on for 40+ yrs and we simply don't write anything. Except on charismatic issues and end times.

I also realize I'm generalizing here. One would think with the BHS we would be getting books with deep understanding. Yet we simply don't write anything. Look at all the prophets running around the charismatic church. Now I agree with your opinion on that but I also think there are some true ones. So why (rhetorical question here) does it seem to be the only thing they can do is read everyoneâ€™s mail. One would think we would be getting deep or deeper revelation on whats coming or the doctrine of Christ.

I am charismatic BHS and faith message to the core. I thank God for the ministry of Hobart Freeman in my life. When I first got into this (way back) I embraced it wholeheartedly. To some extent unthinkingly. The unintended result at least in my life was it built walls around me. After Freemanâ€™s death and the breaking up of our faith church I was left more or less on my own. God began to deal with me on his plans for me and I began to study.

Some of Freemans material (theology/ Jeremiah) Proverbs on Sunday mornings (because did I need wisdom) Then books started coming my way. I started getting Christianity today magazine (the lord didn't want me to get charisma) I found the magazine somewhat dry but I started finding some of the authurs wrote articles that spoke to my heart. I found that the books and articles were written by men (mostly) some passed on some still with us that were lively interesting knowedgable that spoke to my heart knowledge and understanding about God and spiritual

things. As far as I am aware mostly noncharismatic men. As I read and studied the walls the faith message had built around me began to come down. They came down mostly because of the writings of noncharismatic men.

I think we are now in the time when the bridegroom has delayed his coming. There isn't a whole lot going on. We in the faith message are waiting on God. Almost like the calm before the storm. I think there is a storm coming. Both in the world and spiritually. I don't think we have gotten to the beginning of sorrows yet. As I said earlier I believe every Xian in the world is going to get the BHS and speak in tongues. There will simply be no other way to survive.

So here I think is where I answer your question James. I have affection for many of these authors because of their effect on my life. I think they write intelligently & spiritually on the things they know about. One can only wonder how far they could have gone if they had received the BHS. And that is a shame. But and to my mind it is a big but I really don't think it matters too much. Not because the BHS doesn't matter because it does. I think it is essential. But because we are in a time of calm and preparation and not much happening and it doesn't matter a whole lot what anyone does. The storm is coming and these matters will be straightened out.

Lastly I'd like to say that 11 Tim 3/5 is in the bible too. And right in the context of perilous times and the last days.

"Having a form of Godliness but denying the power thereof. From such turn away"

To be honest I simply don't know how to deal with that. I guess in context to everything I said above I just think as we get further into the end times things will become much more black and white.

Well If I made any sense here and you're not just throwing your hands up in the air over such a one as I then feel free to comment

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Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sun, 13 Dec 2009 19:11:52 GMT
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"Well if I made any sense here and you're not just throwing your hands up in the air over such a one as I then feel free to comment."

Hey Mark,

You write very well, easy to understand(I wish you'd share more, you have much to offer). Again like I said in my post, 'while you and I can probably read through and gleen meat from the bones...' So obviously you've been blessed by some of the things they've written. I can't(and don't want to) argue with you because I haven't done that much reading of christian literature outside of Bro. Freeman.

My point in mentioning that I had a problem in recommending them was what I had just recently experienced with the young seminary students and their friends at the 'Christianity Explored' class and the material they were using for a Bible study. Along with their constant quoting of Packer as a proof text that The Baptism and the Gifts aren't for today. I don't know if you've ever been to Presbyterian or Episcopalian assemblies, but to me(imo) their services and worship are like heavily starched jeans, stiff. And when I tried sharing the truths of the NT concerning what the church should function like, all I got back was J.I.Packer and John Stott says...verses The Bible says.

Maybe that scripture from II Tim.3:5 applies to these men(for me I think it does) but at the same time I see your point of view that you've been blessed and helped by things they've said. btw: Just because I have The Baptism of The Holy Spirit doesn't mean that I side with the 'charismatic movement' of today. I believe, for the most part, that (and I've expressed this opinion before here) the charismatic church today is an embarrassment; ungrounded, seeking after signs and wonders, placing experiences over Biblical truths, being tossed to and fro with EVERY WIND OF DOCTRINE.

That's interesting about every christian getting The Baptism in the end times whether they like it or not...I don't think I've ever heard anyone say that...hope it's true, it does seem that without It christians would have a hard time discerning the direction of The Lord.

Also what happened to you happened to me, our body closed down in 1989 and I too was left to make it own my own. I just didn't venture out into the church world that much(after several bad experiences), trying to feed myself with what I had (tapes, books, music). So my 'walls' still exist to some extent, I know I'm very guarded as to what I will read or believe. I'm not afraid of what non-charismatics write or say(or charismatics, for that matter) because I believe I have enough discernment and grounding in The Word to be able to recognize unscriptural statements or teachings.

Anyway, it's hard to say everything in a post, I just endevor to guard the faith I've been given, and don't want anything in my head that would undermine The Truths I have received. Have I missed out of anything by having this mindset? I don't know, I guess time will tell.

Thanks for sharing, God bless,

james

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by Mark L on Sun, 13 Dec 2009 19:58:16 GMT
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And when I tried sharing the truths of the NT concerning what the church should function like, all I got back was J.I.Packer and John Stott says...verses The Bible says.

OK I see where you're coming from. I would agree with you on that. I haven't gotten involved in stuff like that. I mostly did my own studies and went to church when something interesting was on.

Incidently I very much regret not having involved my kids in a church of some kind way back. There are some here that are orthodox charismatic and fairly solid. They may not have stayed with the faith message but they would probably have been walking with the Lord. As it is I'm standing believing.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by william on Mon, 14 Dec 2009 03:30:30 GMT
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> You need to chill out...Go click on that foreign opera singer ya'll think sounds so 'beautiful'...<really grinning>
>

Okay, you really want to hear some music? How about one of the best songs ever? Just listen to this:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4KiGH31Mkk

I heard her sing this live with my kids years ago. She sang this song in a local park... I've never heard anything that comes close to beating this!

Now don't go and mess the experience up by delving into things you

shouldn't... just enjoy the song!

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Mon, 14 Dec 2009 03:53:27 GMT
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moulder wrote on Sun, 13 December 2009 21:30

Now don't go and mess the experience up by delving into things you
shouldn't... just enjoy the song!

Blessings,
William

OK, I enjoyed it..... Now let me guess, she was wearing pants when she sang...Oh My!

I've never heard of her, but that means very little, I've heard of very few contemporary christian musicians.

And this will probably date me for sure...Sandi Patty, Amy Grant, and Debbie Boone.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by Mark L on Mon, 14 Dec 2009 04:07:49 GMT
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It made just want to go be with the Lord !! That song I mean.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by william on Mon, 14 Dec 2009 04:15:10 GMT
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> It made just want to go be with the Lord !! That song I mean.
> --
> To weep is human
> To hug is divine
>

I've played the song many hundreds of times and I never get tired of it. It is my favorite!

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Tue, 29 Dec 2009 16:34:33 GMT
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Back to signs and indicators that reflect that we're in the 'last days'. Here is the link to a survey done in 2007 by Pew Forum of over 35,000 people in the U.S. concerning 13 different moral issues facing those of 'faith'. Among those questioned were Buddhist, Muslim, Mainline church members, Evangelicals, Catholic, Mormon, Jehovah's Witness, Hindu, Jewish, and those in between. And the questions range from influence of Hollywood, to homosexuality, to politics, to answered prayers, to belief in heaven and hell.

I found the survey interesting and wasn't surprised by the results; and while I don't make decisions based on USA Today/Pew Forum surveys I do think they often reflect the direction society is headed.

http://www.usatoday.com/news/graphics/2008_pew_religion/flas h.htm

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Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Thu, 07 Jan 2010 22:44:24 GMT
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I'm sure everyone is aware of the politically correct position a 'believer' should have in regards to other 'faiths'. We live in a world where true believers are viewed as bigots, hatemongers, religious fruitcakes, uncaring, and a general thorn in the side of society for not embracing their 'humanistic

religions', and daring to say that it's through Jesus and Him only that a man can come unto God.

Recently Brit Hume, a TV news media icon was interviewed and in it he was asked about Tiger Woods(in case you live in a cave, he's probably the best golfer in the world) and the huge mess he got himself into through infidelity. Brit said that what Tiger, who professes to be a Buddhist(at least on most of their beliefs, his mother is Buddhist), needed was the Christian faith where forgiveness and redemption are offered. He said he, Tiger, needed Jesus Christ in his life. It's good to hear someone in the media tell the truth, even if the masses won't listen. He's certainly an exception...wouldn't suprise me if they fired him for that remark, someone will probably charge him with 'hate crime'.

Now everyone and his brother are coming out of the woodwork blasting Hume and his religious bigotry, saying how insensitive he was to think that only Christianity offered forgiveness and hope for Tiger. Professors from universities are pointing out the error of Hume's theology, reminding all who will listen that there are many paths to the same 'god', or divine being, or is it a state of obtaining a higher consciousness?

When has God's Word been more applicable to the times than now? 'Last Days'...II Tim.3:1-7 V7 "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: NO MAN cometh unto the Father, but by ME." ~ John 14:6

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by william on Thu, 07 Jan 2010 22:59:55 GMT
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There was one who went to bat for him in her weekly article:

http://www.anncoulter.com/

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Fri, 08 Jan 2010 00:15:20 GMT
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James said (Dec 13, 2009):

"Maybe that scripture from II Tim.3:5 applies to these men(for me I think it does) but at the same time I see your point of view that you've been blessed and helped by things they've said. btw: Just because I have The Baptism of The Holy Spirit doesn't mean that I side with the 'charismatic movement' of today. I believe, for the most part, that (and I've expressed this opinion before here) the charismatic church today is an embarrassment; ungrounded, seeking after signs and wonders, placing experiences over Biblical truths, being tossed to and fro with EVERY WIND OF DOCTRINE."

I was listening to a christian radio show who said they had been chosen as the #1 talk show of the year.

The entire show was about the movie Avatar. This person said that christians could learn very much from this movie and that every christian should see it.

I really thought I was missing something for him to say this. I have seen trailers and I knew it would be wierd and not of God.
I googled Avatar and occult. It is occult from beginning to end with EVERY WIND OF DOCTRINE.

The truth is being watered down more and more. The church of today has not been taught, but entertained....lulled to sleep. Not only that, while in their sleep, they are jerked awake long enough to get their wallets out for the preacher's $38,000 marble toilet.

Praise Him for a book called Every Wind of Doctrine and the teachings that go with it.

Blessings,

GWB

"Be still and know that I am God."

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by william on Fri, 08 Jan 2010 05:21:35 GMT
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Quote:James wrote:

And speaking of forgiveness and redemption, I haven't ever hear her say

anything about being sorry or repenting for her Playboy exposures a couple of years ago.

I didn't see that James... was the article any good? <grin>

Got to run, they are handing out the National Championship Trophy to ALABAMA!!!

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Fri, 08 Jan 2010 06:36:06 GMT
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Dad burn William, I thought I deleted that post before anyone could read it. I read that about Ann Coulter online and checked it out on several web sites and it looked legit. But after posting it I got a check in my spirit so I started researching the info to see if it was true. I couldn't substantiate the story about Playboy so I deleted the post.

That taught me a valuable lesson concerning believing what is written on the internet. I determine to be more diligent about what I post in the future. Hopefully not too many people read it, but to those who did, I do not think Ann Coulter ever posed for Playboy, I think it was a internet attack against her due to her political viewpoints. Nah, surely no liberal would do that...

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by william on Fri, 08 Jan 2010 17:37:07 GMT
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Quote:Hardbones wrote:

> It made just want to go be with the Lord !! That song I mean.
>

Here is another one you'll like... just think, all of us, everywhere,

singing this song together!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8R9ZPT2T-I

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sat, 09 Jan 2010 01:43:06 GMT
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I was watching a press conference this morning where Nick Saban, coach of the University of Alabama(who won the National Championship in college football last night) , was being interviewed by the national sports media. He was asked how he turned around the football program in just three seasons and he responded by explaining how he had to change the mentality of the players already there. He said he had to teach and show them how to not only play football at a higher level, but that he had to instruct them on how to live their lives. How to walk down the street, how to deal with others, who to associate with, how to dress, how to carry themselves, what to wear, who to trust, ect.

I thought to myself while listening to him, how that people regard him as a 'god' here in Alabama and heap praises upon him for molding these young men into a championship caliber team. I couldn't help but think of Bro. Hobart Freeman's distractors and critics, who daily blast him and what he taught as legalistic. He tried to mold the lives of (many times young people) folks into the image of Jesus. For it, he is still to this day labeled as a cult leader, the source of many disgruntled X-FA's problems.

So let me get this straight, when one guy tells people how to dress, talk, walk, who to associate with...he's a national hero, compared with the legendary Paul 'Bear' Bryant as the savior of Alabama football. All for the fleeting glory and praise of man, with no eternal value. But when the other man does this, using Biblical principles and examples of how people should dress, talk, walk, who to associate with...for the expressed purpose of molding people into the image of Jesus Christ, he's called a legalist, made mockery of, and ridiculed. He becomes the scapegoat for all their failures and now 25 years after his death, they're still speaking negatively of him.

I find this mind boggling, professing Christians putting a football coach on a pedestal, and bringing railing accusations against a man of God...for basicly the trying to do the same thing, mold people's character into the desired image...one, successful football players; and the other, godly, holy, Christlike disciples.

If you don't 'get' the gist of the comparison, don't worry about it, I just found it ironic...and sad.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Sat, 09 Jan 2010 02:18:36 GMT
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I certainly "get it" James.

Those speaking against Dr. Freeman, and what was taught, usually need to look inside themselves and take responsibility for their own failures and shortcomings. Looking at one's reflection, through the light of the Word, is tough. It is even worse when the world sees you as a hypocrite and calls a person out for it. Worse yet, is when we don't listen to our brothers and sisters in the Lord and harden our hearts and go on about our business as if everything is OK.

It is not OK to be this way. Personally, I don't want anymore surprises in this area. I want to remain as pliable as possible and let Him do that good work in me. Spankings hurt, and thorough He is!

It has been hard for me to admit my mistakes and shortcomings, at times.

It was, and still is, a very hard boat to row, the message we have been given. I find that the water becomes more and more clear as He gives me the grace and mercy to change.

I saw a show the other night called, "I Was Dead." I think that was the title. People were sharing about their experiences of being allowed to see heaven when they were close to death. One man said that he had a very hard heart and was very judgmental before his experience. He said, "It is a shame when the good Lord has to almost strike you dead to get your attention."

May He not have to go that far with any of us. Personally, I know He will go very far out of His way to go get even one sheep. I am so glad He found me.

Blessings,

GWB

"Be still and know that I am God."

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sat, 09 Jan 2010 23:06:28 GMT
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A short follow up to the 'Brit Hume/Tiger Woods, you need Jesus' politically correct controversy.

An anonymous person wrote this comment in response to a discussion concerning should believers attempt to proelytize those of other faiths...

"You can lead a fool to water...

but you can't make him think.

Or repent."

An interesting play of words on the old saying that you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by yeah_well on Mon, 11 Jan 2010 15:38:28 GMT
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Discipleship is an essential practice and needs to continue. Some of the peripherals that go with the now 25 years past framework of cannot be discounted. It wasn't all good. Depending on who you were, it was not good at all.

James 3:1

For the record, I'm no Saban fan. I think he's an arrogant oportunist - which does tend to be a recipe for worldly success.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by sparkles on Mon, 11 Jan 2010 16:19:04 GMT
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For some of us it was a life changing experience in the best of ways. I learned to trust God for myself, have learned to overcome and forgive, have been healed, and have family salvation(some manifested and some I am still believing for.)
There are also many other things, but don't have time to go into them now, except to say the worship was outstanding. I will be eternally grateful for the message that came out of FA, as will

my family.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Mon, 11 Jan 2010 18:24:27 GMT
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I know it was not a good experience for some people. I have had to sort through a lot myself.

It is on my heart to address these issues; those who have been hurt, especially the children of FA. I am waiting on Him as to what to share.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sun, 31 Jan 2010 16:52:46 GMT
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Back to signs of the 'last days', today's CNN's headlines read, "China Threatens Sanctions Over US Arms Deal".

"China has threatened to slap sanctions on American companies that sell arms to it's rival Taiwan as part of a range of punitive actions Beijing is taking to protest the deal."

Anyone see a shift in power and control, how many times have we heard and read of America imposing sanctions and boycotting nations to influence policy or get them to 'see' things our way? Now that we owe China more that we'll ever repay, they seem to have taken a page out of the American playbook, flexing their muscles with threats of sanctions. Now that we rely on them for much of what we consume, their threats carry weight... Hey, no more cheap plastic trinkets, poisoned food, toys manufactured with toxic lead in them, ect. Plus they might threaten to call in the loan collateral, which would be a vast majority of our National Park and govenment owned land.

I do believe we're in the last days, and I do believe the power has shifted, America is declining(both spiritually, morally, and as a world power).

But to the majority of American Christians it's 'Hey, enough already about these dreadful subjects, we just build a new wing on the church and attendance and offerings are up...Did ya hear? Shirley and Billy Bob are getting married...God bless America, wonder who'll win the Super Bowl?'

"But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be..." Matt.24:37

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Wed, 10 Feb 2010 21:00:15 GMT
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Signs of the last days...

Jesus said...

"And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many."~Matt.24:11

Read these passages of scripture from Isaiah and see if they aren't being fulfilled today by those prophesying of the greatness of America and that the best days lie ahead. I just heard a TV 'prophet' say that 2010 was going to bring the biggest and best FINANCIAL blessings ever, to those who obeyed (he said, God; but God had nothing to do with the false prophecy...except to allow those with discernment to recognize it as what it was and what it represented...fulfillment of true prophecy.) and sent in the amount of 'seed'/offering he said in order to receive the 'abundant' blessings.

" His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.

Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.~Isaiah 56:10-12

How can the sheep be warned and protected from the wolves, when the watchmen are blind and ignorant; focused only of the size of 'their' ministry and the allurement of financial gain for themselves?

Feeding Sheep

or Amusing Goats?

by Charles Haddon Spurgeon

1834-1892 (but it could as well be today)

Preparing for Victory

An evil is in the professed camp of the Lord, so gross in its impudence, that the most shortsighted can hardly fail to notice it during the past few years. It has developed at an abnormal rate, even for evil. It has worked like leaven until the whole lump ferments. The devil has seldom done a cleverer thing than hinting to the church that part of their mission is to provide entertainment for the people, with a view to winning them.

From speaking out as the Puritans did, the church has gradually toned down her testimony, then winked at and excused the frivolities of the day. Then she tolerated them in her borders. Now she has adopted them under the plea of reaching the masses.

My first contention is that providing amusement for the people is nowhere spoken of in the Scriptures as a function of the church. If it is a Christian work, why did not Christ speak of it? "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). That is clear enough So it would have been if He had added, "and provide amusement for those who do not relish the gospel." No such words, however, are to be found. It did not seem to occur to him.

Then again, "He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers .., for the work of the ministry" (Eph. 4:11-12). Where do entertainers come in? The Holy Spirit is silent concerning them. Were the prophets persecuted because they amused the people or because they refused? The concert has no martyr roll.

Again, providing amusement is in direct antagonism to the teaching and life of Christ and all his apostles. What was the attitude of the church to the world? Ye are the salt" (Matt. 5:13), not the sugar candy---something the world will spit out not swallow. Short and sharp was the utterance, "Let the dead bury their dead" (Matt. 8:22) He was in awful earnestness.

Had Christ introduced more of the bright and pleasant elements into his mission, he would have been more popular when they went back, because of the searching nature of His teaching. I do not hear him say, "Run after these people Peter and tell them we will have a different style of service tomorrow, something short and attractive with little preaching. We will have a pleasant evening for the people. Tell them they will be sure to enjoy it. Be quick Peter, we must get the people somehow." Jesus pitied sinners, sighed and wept over them, but never sought to amuse them.

In vain will the Epistles be searched to find any trace of this gospel of amusement! Their message is, "Come out, keep out, keep clean out!" Anything approaching fooling is conspicuous by its absence. They had boundless confidence in the gospel and employed no other weapon.

After Peter and John were locked up for preaching, the church had a prayer meeting but they did not pray, "Lord grant unto thy servants that by a wise and discriminating use of innocent recreation we may show these people how happy we are." If they ceased not from preaching Christ, they had not time for arranging entertainments. Scattered by persecution, they went everywhere preaching the gospel. They turned the world upside down (Acts 17:6). That is the only difference! Lord, clear the church of all the rot and rubbish the devil has imposed on her, and bring us back to apostolic methods.

Lastly, the mission of amusement fails to effect the end desired. It works havoc among young converts. Let the careless and scoffers, who thank God because the church met them halfway, speak and testify. Let the heavy laden who found peace through the concert not keep silent! Let the drunkard to whom the dramatic entertainment has been God's link in the chain of the conversion, stand up! There are none to answer. The mission of amusement produces no converts. The need of the hour for today's ministry is believing scholarship joined with earnest spirituality, the one springing from the other as fruit from the root. The need is biblical doctrine, so understood and felt, that it sets men on fire.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Sat, 27 Feb 2010 14:12:21 GMT

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There will be great "earthquakes", famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by sincerely on Sat, 27 Feb 2010 23:34:02 GMT
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Good morning from Australia,

Just thought I would share with you two sites where I am on the mailing list.

http://www.prophecynewswatch.com/

http://www.revivalschool.com/

They both have articles that keep me up with happenings. Below is one of the latest emails from the Revival List. Hope it is not too long to share.

[revival] DREAM of THE SAD PREACHER - Unusual!

WARNING: This is a highly unusual post!! But hopefully you will
find it has some insights into what has been happening in the
church and amongst many leaders. If you get nothing from it,
discard it!

DREAM of THE SAD PREACHER - Unusual!

-by 'Bubsie' - South Africa - 18th Feb 2010.

[Bubsie] dreamt or had an open vision that she was in her bedroom when she heard the voice of God call her and ask her to wake up.
... He asked her to go to a church as there was a man there that
needed her help. No directions were given but as she drove in her car she seemed to know where to go and she arrived at a very large church building: it was magnificently constructed and was a dome-shaped hexagonal building that stretched for a great distance:
there were smaller dome-shaped buildings that were in the back-
ground: she approached the gates without hesitation and entered
a massive parking lot: there were a few cars but very little movement and no people.

As she entered the building she saw the church and many corridors with many offices leading off them and a few people walking around who appeared busy with administration work: they didn't talk or acknowledge her or each other and appeared emotionless with very little movement as they walked as well:

She continued to walk a distance before she saw the door to the administrative block : it was closed. She opened it and entered and saw an office, the door was open and as she entered she saw a man behind a huge desk made of cherry wood: he appeared to be the minister: he was very well groomed, not Indian, White or Black, more Middle Eastern looking: he was very well attired in a smart suit and he had expensive rings on each finger including the thumbs and a watch and chain on each hand respectively:

on the right hand wall of the office she saw a display of knives: they were Eastern, looked Chinese/Japanese.

On the desk itself she saw on the right hand side stacks of playing cards: they were jumbo-sized, next to them were credit cards also jumbo-sized and different brands of credit cards, some known to her like Mastercard and Visa, and some unknown: there was more than one pile of playing cards and credit cards and they were piled on the table.

To the left on the table she saw comic books: like Superman, Batman and Spiderman: they were also in stacks and piled : In the middle of the desk she saw a huge appointment book: To the right of the desk on the floor she saw crates filled with bottled mineral water.

The minister indicated to her to be seated and proceeded to tell her about how busy he was, showing her his appointment book with filled calender booking him for speaking engagements and explaining to her how much he had acquired in terms of book and tape ministry: he spoke with an arrogant, boastful tone, and used his hands to gesticulate to indicate how much wealth was in his possession: his right hand kept touching the credit cards and playing cards as he spoke and his left hand kept touching the comics as he spoke.

He then asked her what she was doing there and she told him, God sent me because you need my help: He then began to boastfully say how no help was needed : she then looked to the left of the office and in the corner stood a statue of Christ: almost like how a painting of Christ is depicted but in statue form: she felt rather than stone or marble this resembled more a life-like statue like you get in Madame Tussard's.

As she continued to look at the statue while the man continued to expound on why no help was needed, she had a sense that there was life in the statue - especially in the eyes looking at her.

At this point she got up and walked out of the office and began
walking to her car: as she reached the outside of the building, she heard the voice of God again, talking to her in a tongue, saying to her, I asked you to come here because this man needs your help.

As she protested that the man had stated that he didnt need her
help, she heard again the voice of God speaking to her in a tongue telling her to go back and help the man. She made her way back to the office and as she entered to sit down, the man said to her,
What are you doing here, I told you I don't need your help: as he spoke to her he was lifting his right hand and sweeping it across as if to say, see what I have: this was when she noticed that his left arm was missing: it had been cleanly severed at the shoulder joint between the bone and the sleeve of the jacket and shirt had been neatly severed as well: she noticed that it has been surgically removed because of the cleanness of the cut and that the scar was completely healed: she then looked at the statue and at the feet, she saw the man's left arm: it was still covered in the suit
and shirt and in the hand of the severed left arm was clutched a knife.

The man then started to ask her what she was doing there and as
she said, God told me that you need my help, he stopped her and
said, I don't need your help: I can use my right hand to do whatever I want and a few people entered the room and one of them handed him a bottle of mineral water which he lifted with his right hand to his mouth to drink, demonstrating to her that her help was not needed. He then said, I have 2300 (not sure of the exact number he mentioned but it was around this number) of people who work for me who can get me what I want: I don't need your help.

At this point, Bubsie got up and left the room and the building: as she was driving away in her car, again the voice of God remonstrated with her in a tongue that He had told her to come here to help the man and asked her to turn the car back, which she did. This time when she reached the office, she saw immediately that the right hand was missing and as she looked at the feet of the statue, there was the right hand clutching the cards in the hand. The man began to say confidently that she was not needed as he still had his legs and he could walk to get to what he needed.

She left the office again and this time she reached the carpark
when the voice of God again in a tongue told her to go back to
help the man. When she got to the office, she immediately looked at the statue and at the feet lay the left leg of the man, with the shoe and sock taken off: again the neat severing, the surgical healed scar: no jagged edges, no blood: she was not shocked or even upset, merely observant, and each time she entered the office she sat in the chair opposite the man and looked at him and said, God told me to come here as there is a man here that needs my help: The man said to her I don't need your help, see,I can still stand on one leg. He was not as confident and arrogant and

she sensed an uncertainty and anxiety in him but she got up and left.

She made it to the door of the building before the voice of God
spoke again telling her, I told you to come here : this man needs your help. She turned back and when she got to the office, she didn't see him and she thought, oh good, he's gone. And then as she looked at the statue, the eyes of the statue were looking down to where the man's chair was, directing her attention to the chair:

she went around the desk and saw the man slumped in the chair:
the right leg had been neatly severed. At this point the people
that had offered him water from before came into the room and
lifted the man in the chair and strapped him into the chair with what looked like a seat-belt: the man asked her, What are youdoing here? and she said, God told me to come here, you need my help.

The man looked at her without arms and without legs and he said, I still have my intellect and my connections and I can be carried around by my people to where I need to go so I don't need your help.

She noticed though that there was no longer confidence and
some degree of fear in him as he spoke. She got up and left the
office and reached the end of the adminsitration building when the voice of God spoke to her again and said, Come now, I told you to come here because the man needs your help.

As she turned around to make her way back to the office, she
realized for the very first time she actually wanted to go in to help the man. Until now she was more obedient than willing. She also noticed that every time she had come back the daylight slowly faded indicating the passing of time and now it was almost dusk.

As she neared the door, the voice of God told her, I want you to be prepared for what you are going to see before you go in. As she entered the office, again she did not see the man and she immediately walked around the large desk to the chair: the man had been decapitated: again a neat surgical scar which had
healed: she did not feel any horror as she looked at this scene:

She then saw the statue come alive and Jesus walked to her and
said, I want you to carry him and revive his heart:... She swept with one hand all the stuff off the table and laid the torso on the table, wondering how it was she was supposed to revive the man's heart: She opened the shirt and then looked towards the knives on the wall as if to see whether she should use a knife to get to the heart and Jesus said to her, No, just touch him. As she touched the chest, the entire sternum split in half: this time it was a fresh cut and she saw the blood line at the point of severing and the two parts of the chest lifted up: both she and Jesus

peered in at the same time into the chest cavity: as Bubsie looked where the heart should be, she saw *a stone*:

Jesus did not look surprised by what He saw, but Babsie was: it
was not in the shape of a heart, rather it was just a stone that you see at the side of the road: and as she thought, Now what am supposed to do, am I supposed to revive the stone? She felt the hand of Jesus touch her outstretched hand moving it away: and He said, *No, don't touch it, It's too late.* And she woke up.

When she woke up she asked the Father what she saw: She felt
that *the knives* represented the church's dependence on its own weaponry and other sources instead of the the Sword of truth, *the comics* with fantasy superheroes its powerless ineffective ego-founded demonstration of signs and wonders that have no real power, *the playing cards* and *credit cards* it's gambling in the world of mammon with the prosperity gospel. The statue was theSpirit of Christ, paralysed and confined to an image for identity's sake, more than anything, only allowed to come to life when the head was severed; the bottled mineral water, being its reliance on its own water supply, not the fresh living water that comes from the Father. The absence of genitalia she saw as its inability to be carriers of seed, or reproduce the life of God or bear fruit. The arrogance and refusal to acknowledge its plight until it was too late, despite the many times the Father had sent His prophets in
to offer help, had both of us weeping.

The most chilling aspect was that Jesus as Advocate and Redeemer and Bridegroom was the one who said to the prophet 'don't touch it, it's too late' when the true heart of this system was revealed to be stone.

She had one question - Why did you send me there to help, when
you knew it was too late? And she felt that the Father had sent
His prophets time and time again - and with each Sword of Truth
had exposed and severed first, the false sword octrine/deception)
in the church system (the knife in the cut-off left hand), next to be exposed by the Sword of Truth was the prosperity gospel (cards in the cut-off right hand), next the lie of the false gospel being preached was exposed (the cut-off leg with the foot exposed), then the false leadership structure exposed (the head): all of these were done and sealed (healed scars) the fresh cut to expose the true heart required the prophetic witness and is the final aspect.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by sincerely on Sat, 27 Feb 2010 23:41:33 GMT
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A good report from the Revival List

NOTE: For centuries, Haiti has been one of the darkest nations
in the world - full of voodoo and witchcraft - even at the highest levels of government. But now - look at this!!

ARTICLE and YOUTUBE VIDEO BELOW-

AMAZING MIRACLE in HAITI

Jerry Miel is a good friend and radio engineer who served as a
missionary in Haiti with World Team mission when we lived there.
He worked with the Christian station, Radio Lumiere (Radio Light).
He has gone back to Haiti to help in the aftermath of the earthquake and makes these important observations. -- Boxley

AN INCREDIBLE DAY in the HISTORY OF HAITI
-by Jerry Miel (Feb 17).

I think that I will remember this day as one of the most significant in my life, not because of what I did, but for it's meaning...

Today was the one month anniversary of the great Haitian earthquake.

About 3 days ago the Haitian President announced that there
would be 3 days of holiday from work for the purpose of fasting
and prayer. This is absolutely historic. If you have ever been in Haiti as a visitor or missionary, could you ever have imagined such a pronouncement? Could you image such an announcement from the U.S. President? This morning I saw a young Haitian-American woman, the leader of a work team, crying because the Americans could not understand the incredible importance of this day and wanted to go about business as usual. Remember, it was only about 6 years ago that a former Haitian president called the nation to come together to rededicate the nation to Satan.

This was not "a minute of silence for the deceased" or something as equally insignificant. Whatever the President might have originally intended, this became a real commitment for the Haitian people. As I sit here this evening, I can hear the preaching coming from a nearby church. Services have been going on all day...

Let me tell you what I saw and felt today.

Peniel and I had planned an inspection trip up to the Artibonite Valley today. Right or wrong, I don't really know, but since it was the only opportunity, we went ahead with the trip. As we left the

guest house about 7:30 am, we were met by throngs of well dressed people headed to various churches. The sounds of Christian music and worship filled the air everywhere. The next observation was that there was NO traffic. Port-au-Prince streets are always clogged and overflowing with bumper to bumper traffic.
This morning there were only a few vehicles on the roads, a few small buses (tap taps), some UN and military vehicles, and a few private cars. We had clear sailing through town. The same was true of foot traffic. Usually the streets are clogged also with people walking. Today there were only a few and many of them dressed for church. The only place that there were traffic blocks was in front of several churches where the congregations had overflowed the buildings and the yards and had moved out into the streets as well.

The next observation was that EVERYTHING was closed! We could not find even one business or gas station open. There were no intercity buses running. Whereas the sidewalks are usually overflowing with millions of street venders, we only saw a few here and there. The huge outdoor market near the wharf where thousands work each day and is spread out to cover most of the street, was EMPTY.

Where were all the people? They were in churches and makeshift meeting sites. Every church (except a JW church) had services going on, almost always overflowing into the streets. Beside broken down churches, services were taking place outside. In homeless camps, there were services. Everywhere the nation was gathered to worship and pray. No, I did not see any voodoo, Islamic, or Buddhist services. This scene was repeated in every town and hamlet that we passed during the day.

Tonight, Pastor Ignace, who is sharing the room with me, asked this question: "Can people still say that Haiti is a voodoo country?"
What has been happening and is continuing to happen in Haiti did not happen because of the earthquake. It has been happening because the Haitian people know how to pray. This is a tremendous outpouring of God's power as the result of prayer. Twenty years ago I started praying for the Gospel to change the Haitian culture.
I think that I am seeing God do that work.

The only sadness that I feel today is for our nation. While a nation that has long been under Satan's domination is turning to God with total commitment, our nation, founded on Godly values has rejected God and is rapidly trying to forget that his name even exists. Let us pray for revival.

4-MIN VIDEO of HAITI DAYS of PRAYER-

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30rWm84z-zg

God bless you all!

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by william on Sun, 28 Feb 2010 05:41:09 GMT
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Wow, that was an awesome video sincerely. It looked like this phenomenon was more people driven than leader driven. Even though it was President Préval that initially called the people to pray and fast it appeared to escalate quickly to a scale that was beyond man's capability to control!

Awesome, really awesome!

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by sincerely on Sun, 28 Feb 2010 06:33:26 GMT
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Hey William,

I really believe that when our leaders call the nation to prayer, God answers in a big way.

I remember when Jo Bjelke Petersen called Queensland to prayer for rain, it broke the drought, or rather, the Lord answered.

It seems to be a spiritual principle. I believe that, anyway.

God bless

Subject: Re: Last Days

Posted by william on Sun, 28 Feb 2010 06:38:43 GMT
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Yes, you are right... especially when that leader has humbled himself, or been humbled by God. The very act of prayer in these situations is an act of humility.

God may end up using a nation of Haitians in this end-time to really confound the wisdom of this world (both religious and secular).

We already have an example of Him doing just that through that unlikely group of Galileans. (Can anything good come out of Galilee?)

Apparently all of the apostles were Galileans except Judas. There is a reason for that.

Why Galileans? Why Haitians?

Why us? (Do we fit the Galilean pattern? ... I wonder sometimes.)

Blessings,
William

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Posted by Mark L on Sun, 28 Feb 2010 15:20:55 GMT
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Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by sparkles on Sun, 28 Feb 2010 15:54:21 GMT
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Hello Sincerely,
Really enjoyed the video, thank you for sharing. I hadn't heard this was to happen, but a friend of mine heard something about this, so she was very blessed to hear how it went. Have you ever

read the book about Rees Howell's the intercessor? That is a very good book of how God can use people who will stand in the gap for situations. The Lord used Rees and some others to change history during World War II, if I remember the story right. I will have to get the book out again and read it, as it is a very good book.

Can anyone help me remember the name of the man who trusted God to supply for an orphanage he was lead to start? Never asked a man for anything, only went to Lord in prayer and believed that God would supply their every need. And God did.

Hope all is going well with you. As it is going to turn to Spring here it must be turning to fall there. Do you have falls like us in the Midwestern United States with the leaves turning colors and falling off the trees? I know you had said it doesn't snow where you live. I live in Michigan and we have beautiful seasons here. The snow we get is very pretty, I hope you get to see it someday. Lord bless and keep sharing!

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Sun, 28 Feb 2010 16:20:51 GMT
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Sage wrote on Sun, 28 February 2010 09:54

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That was George Muller. He lived in Bristol England.
It is estimated he received over $2million in his lifetime not to mention the food etc.

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Posted by james on Sun, 28 Feb 2010 17:01:43 GMT
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Yes, in Nov. 2007 Gov. Sonny Perdue and about 250 members of the state congress had a prayer meeting for rain to break the drought that covered most of Georgia and southern Alabama. It did rain and the conditions improved.(there is a lot of farming in the area most effected)

Alabama and Georgia have been at odds over the useage rights of the natural water supplies from the river that serves as the border between the states for years.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by sincerely on Sun, 28 Feb 2010 22:48:48 GMT
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G'day Sage & all,

Hope I am not leading off topic here.

I posted those sites above as they both deal with last day issues. I take what helps me to keep up with the hour in which we are living.

Re Rees Howells, I have read that book a few times over the years. I am amazed how the Lord raises up intercessors for Israel at crucial times.

"Appointment in Jerusalem" about Lydia Prince is possibly my favourite book. She was another the Lord commissioned for that time. I also read a book by Hannah Hurnard where she, too, spent the war years interceding for the Jews. Corrie ten Boom & family had the same heart. It is books like these that have encouraged me to want God's best for my life.

Through these books & other ways, the Lord has given me a real love for this people. We are the people of the Book. I am not writing to cause "discussions", just commenting because we are in the last days.

God bless

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by sparkles on Mon, 01 Mar 2010 02:22:40 GMT
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Thanks Grandom,
I'll have to look for my George Muller book and Rees Howell's and get edified and encouraged

when I see what God will do with just one willing vessel.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Thu, 04 Mar 2010 11:56:42 GMT
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james wrote on Wed, 10 February 2010 15:00Signs of the last days...

Jesus said...

"And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many."~Matt.24:11

Read these passages of scripture from Isaiah and see if they aren't being fulfilled today by those prophesying of the greatness of America and that the best days lie ahead. I just heard a TV 'prophet' say that 2010 was going to bring the biggest and best FINANCIAL blessings ever, to those who obeyed (he said, God; but God had nothing to do with the false prophecy...except to allow those with discernment to recognize it as what it was and what it represented...fulfillment of true prophecy.) and sent in the amount of 'seed'/offering he said in order to receive the 'abundant' blessings.

" His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.

Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.~Isaiah 56:10-12

How can the sheep be warned and protected from the wolves, when the watchmen are blind and ignorant; focused only of the size of 'their' ministry and the allurement of financial gain for themselves?

" for filthy lucre's sake..."

"For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:

Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake." Titus 1:10-11

'Whose mouths must be stopped'... I watch these TV beggars promising whatever people want to hear,(which is usually how God is going to give them a 'big' return, 100 fold, on their seed offering) and perverting God's Word by using scriptures to entice people to give them money. This week the two biggest 'Christian' networks, TBN and Inspiration Network, are having their 'beg-a-thons'. TBN calls theirs the 'Spring-Praise-A-Thon' and Inspirational calls theirs 'Campmeeting', and they bring in the 'biggest guns'(hired big name ministers) they can muster to raise money.

Last night I watched a well know 'prophetic minister' in the Charismatic camp, 'prophesy' that God told him that He was going to place a special anointing upon everyone who sent in X amount of money, and that it would give them a special financial harvest and blessing for the next 360 days...On the other network they were saying basicly the same thing, just using a different twist on scripture and a different money amount with a little different promise for financial 'harvest'.

Why am I 'harping' on this? This has grown, with the aid of satellites and technology, to where they are reaching into homes worldwide and "subverting whole houses, teaching things which they ought not". Instead of utilizing it for The Gospel,(as they claim is their purpose) they are teaching false doctrines and leading many astray(Yes, I'm sure people are saved by the Word spoken, and that is wonderful, but what happens next? They're taught all these false teachings and doctrines of greed and give to get...and more)

What should Christians be doing, sitting back and saying, 'judge not...'?

Or warning and exposing,...'whose mouths must be stopped...'

Is this a twisting of scripture, or is this true? Comments?

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Thu, 04 Mar 2010 15:23:48 GMT
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Here is a link to the sad results of the prosperity gospel.

http://vimeo.com/7196941

America will be judged severely because most americans have bought into this just as much as the poor african people.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sat, 13 Mar 2010 00:02:52 GMT
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We know that God is sovereign and that His will will be done in this nation as well as the world. But we're told to pray for our leaders, from the Supreme Court judges, to the Congress, as well as the President(whether we agree with their political positions or not)

President Obama has surrounded himself with a group of 'spiritual advisors' from all different 'religions' and denominations. Here is the story and a list of who the advisors are and what they represent.(can you imagine how God would have dealt with Israel if one of the kings had surrounded himself with these type 'prophets and spiritual advisors'?)

http://content.usatoday.com/communities/religion/index

Scroll down to the 3rd story titled, "Obama relies on a spiritual cabinet for prayer, inspiration'. Actually the first two stories also reflect the state of where American society is in these last days.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by sincerely on Mon, 15 Mar 2010 04:16:10 GMT
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G'day,

Hope you don't mind me posting from emails that are sent to me. If it is of no interest to you, no worries.

http://www.resistnet.com/profiles/blogs/george-soros-obamas- puppet

I don't read these articles except for finding out what others think is going on in the world. It is more about being watchful, knowing that time is short.

Makes it more important to see our loved ones rescued & that we work while it is still day. Just living each day is enough to make us stand out like a sore toe. Our light shines because we are different. We don't have to try & be different.

I am just amazed at how quickly our way of life, values, mindsets can change. What was once unspeakable is now accepted as normal living.

We are still reeling from some disastrous decisions made in our family. Hard to believe these

things could have ever happened after years of prayer.

Thing is there is nothing I can do to fix anything. The Rock is the only Answer. I have been shaken to my bootlaces (if I had any).

God bless,

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Mon, 15 Mar 2010 12:07:23 GMT
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sincerely wrote on Sun, 14 March 2010 22:16
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God bless,

My heart goes out to you and your family. Many are the afflictions of the righteous., but the Lord delivereth

Them out of them all Ps 34:19. This last year has been a severe time of testing for me and my family as well.
One of my Grandson`s tried to take his own life, but God was faithful to allow our prayers to be answered that he would live.

My youngest sister passed away Dec 25th. My wife`s sister passed away as well. I have a deep and abiding faith in the sovereignty of God. I know that nothing happens to us that has not passed through His hands first. Do I understand all things?
No. I know they are not allowed to destroy my faith but to strengthen it.

Satan is stepping up his efforts to get us to give up. The time truly is short.

I encourage you in The name of the Lord. He has not abandoned you.

Be of good cheer. He is with you.

The Lord bless you and your family in Jesus mighty name.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sat, 27 Mar 2010 12:28:38 GMT
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As I was reading in the book of Acts something about the last days discription raised a question in my mind, and I thought I'd ask what you guys thoughts were about it.

In Joel it speaks of the last days and how God will pour out His Spirit upon "ALL" flesh, and in Acts 2 verses 17-21 Peter explains that what they were experiencing was the fulfillment of that prophecy. So did Peter believe that they were in the last days, just as we believe we're in the last days, two thousand years later? And if we are in the last days; and I personally believe we are, (but I think Christians throughout history have had the same belief) shouldn't we be looking for and expecting God to pour out His Spirit on 'ALL' flesh?

I also see how the new converted Christians were living a life of expectancy, not only were they totally given unto God in prayer and fellowship and breaking of bread according to the apostles' doctrine, they sold everything they had and shared amongest themselves according to what was needed. They were (I'm convienced), of the belief that Jesus was returning at any time because of the explaination given by Peter concerning the out pouring of The Holy Spirit, and didn't think they had need of houses or having material goods stored up, they were focused on The Kingdom of God as they knew it to be...living with singleness of heart, eating their meat with gladness, and praising God.

What does it mean, 'all flesh'? And are we in 'the last days' now, or are we still waiting for the 'ALL' flesh out pouring of The Spirit?

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by william on Sat, 27 Mar 2010 14:54:11 GMT

I believe the book of Acts chronicled the second-chance-offering of the gospel to the Jews. In Peter's first sermon he explains about the need for repentance and how that God had used their obstinate hearts to fulfill His purposes. In the second sermon Peter again encourages them to repent and then goes on to say that once they repent and their sins are blotted out, the times of refreshing can begin. His next statement is:

Act 3:20-21 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Jesus had told them already that the time of the restitution of all things was under the Father's authority, but it seems clear to me that the disciples expected it to take place as soon as the Jews received their Lord and Savior--Jesus.

Hindsight tells us that the Jews officially rejected this second offer of grace, first in Jerusalem, next in Samaria, then in the uttermost parts of the empire.

Once it became clear that the Jewish rulers would continue to reject this offer, Paul (who always went to the Jew first), said that he would henceforth go to the gentiles--AND THEY WILL HEAR IT!

Act 28:28 Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.

He later confirms the blindness of the Jews:

2Co 3:14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.
2Co 3:15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.
2Co 3:16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.

Paul gives more insight concerning the situation in:

Rom 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this

mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.
Rom 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:
Rom 11:27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

All of this to say: We are still waiting for the Jews to repent so that the restitution of all things can happen.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Mon, 29 Mar 2010 00:36:02 GMT
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Thanks for answering William, I appreciate your perspective on biblical discussions, Praise The Lord. I guess then we need to really get earnest in praying for them (the Jews), cause I don't know about you but I'm really hoping to see The Lord's return...and the clock's ticking.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sat, 01 May 2010 16:34:33 GMT
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"This know also, that in the last days..."

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

For men shall be lovers of themselves.....more than lovers of God." ~II Timothy 3:1&4

Abortion statistics:
Each year worldwide there are over 46 million abortions, that's annually!

In America there have been more than 50 million abortions since 1973.

1 in 4 pregnancies are aborted in the U.S.

8 in 10 women receiving abortions report religious affiliations:
43% profess to be Christian Protestants
27% say they're Catholic

93% of all abortions in America state social reasons for the abortion,

with inconvience and unwanted being the most used reasons given...

with less than 2% resulting from rape or incest.

There is an abortion every 26 seconds...138 an hour...3,312 per day...over 100,000 a month.

Inconvience... A life created by God is deemed inconvient and thus expendable, and because of the wickedness of the hearts of man,
man has established laws that encourage, endorse, protect, and allow murder of the unborn children.
God's Word says evil men and seducers will wax worse and worse as The Day of The Lord approaches,
One nation under God? The apple of God's eye? The best is yet to come? Prosperity for America?
Not what I see coming, I see judgment coming...SOON!

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Mon, 10 May 2010 20:46:10 GMT
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False Prophets...

"Thus saith the Lord of host, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the Lord.

They say still unto them that despise me, The Lord hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you.

For who hath stood in the counsel of the Lord, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it?

Behold, a whirlwind of the Lord is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked.

The anger of the Lord shall not return, until he have executed, and til he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.

I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied."
~Jeremiah 23:16-21

I believe God's Word gives us ample warning concerning false prophets, in fact, there are MANY warnings concerning false prophets, especially in the 'last days'. Why does God put such an emphasis on false prophets? Because He knew that in the last days Satan would be going all out to destroy the Body of Christ and He knew that MANY Christians in the end times would be woefully lacking in spiritual discernment.

I also believe that God has called watchmen to warn the sheep of these false prophets. Sadly, there seems to be far more false prophets than watchmen on the walls. I understand the need for evangelism and each of our calling to do so; but I believe that some are given burden for different needs. Yes, we need to present the gospel to the lost...but at the same time there are multitudes already saved who are being robbed by false teachers and prophets who need to be warned.

This is why, in The Body of Christ, there are different callings, giftings, and ministries. We can't all be evangelist or pastors or teachers(these are ministeries set in the body by God and should only filled by those called and anointed of The Holy Spirit). Yet we can all teach and evangelize as we're given oportunity. We also can warn the already saved Christians who are being deceived; in fact I believe that we should be doing both....in my humble opinion

Everything written in The Bible concerning God's judgment and wrath says that He does not wink at sin and we have many examples of God judging nations for far less that what America is guilty of. Just imagine if America was described in the OT without being called America. A nation that allowed the killing of unborn children, legalized and protected sodomy, idolatry, sanctioned and promoted mass promiscuity, a religious system that caters to man rather than God. Sodom was destroyed for just the sodomy(and based on the population of America, 300 million plus, there are far more sodomites in America than ever was in Sodom.)

No, the men prophesying that America's best days are yet ahead and that the church is entering into a time of financial prosperity(promoting the false prosperity gospel)in order to fleece the sheep, are false prophets and deceivers and God will judge them and this nation...the only hope is repentance.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by JWBTI on Tue, 11 May 2010 21:22:24 GMT
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I was reminded a few days ago in a sermon:
That the first established gathering of Believers.

Had No money !

They had No band and or music director !

They had No building and or worship center !

They Did Not use mans psychology for church growth !

But they had a promise from the Lord Jesus Christ;

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.
Acts 1:8 (KJV)

And they had Instructions also !

14 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.
15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.
Mark 16:14-18 (KJV)

And God brought forth the Blessings !

47B. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.
Acts 2:47 (KJV)

Question:
Did we receive power or just the Tongues when the Holy Ghost came on us ?
Would He upbraid us for our unbelief and hardness of heart ?
Judge yourselfâ€¦..

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by william on Sat, 15 May 2010 07:08:36 GMT
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I'm not sure if I'm understanding you or even if you are referring to some of the things I've written about evangelism, but just for the record let me say that we are all called to evangelize (as Ron pointed out in his recent note).

My emphasis of late has come from the book of Acts where Saul was ransacking the Church & the disciples went everywhere spreading the gospel. Now unless I'm mistaken most of us find ourselves in a similar situation.

We've been scattered to the four-corners and I have to ask a pertinent question: What exactly are we doing? You mentioned that we all have different gifts many of which are for the building up of the body of Christ. This works fine when we actually have a body of believers that can be edified by our particular gift, but what about those who have a gift but have no 'body' to edify?

This was the situation in the NT when the disciples were scattered. Now perhaps it can be argued that they left the comfortable church setting of Jerusalem in groups which allowed them to settle in large enough numbers to be considered a 'body' wherever they went, but I believe that at least some of those who left Jerusalem had no place that they could consider a functioning group of believers. In either case there was a situation that required these new converts to step out of their zone of comfort and either establish new churches or evangelize existing synagogues.

We've been out of our comfort zone for almost 20 years now and it seems to me that we have done neither. We know how to critique everything that is wrong with other believers who name the name of Christ, but we have not attempted (in most cases) to spread the wonderful message that we say that we have... and where is the church that has arisen as a result of our dispersion?

Even if we are called to be watchmen, then surely we must rub elbows with those who need warning. If we don't see ourselves as evangelists, and we don't have a group of believers whereby our gifts can be utilized, then I think that we only have a couple of biblical choices. Either find a body, or start one. Now if staying out of the fray is a biblical choice then I'll need someone to show me chapter and verse, cause I can't find it.

It seems to me that the false prophets are those who are saying 'every man to your own tents, oh Israel'. If I'm wrong on this, please enlighten me.

I've done the to-your-own-tent routine for so long that it seems right, even desirable, but I cannot find any support for that position in God's Word.

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Like Ron asked: Do we have the Holy Spirit or not?

It is easy to put the blame for our lack of evangelists, pastors & teachers on God and say that we don't have a 'body' because He hasn't anointed anyone for the job, but somehow I think the problem lies with us.

Remember the parable of the talents? Surely we all have been given just one. What are we going to do with it?

I'm not pointing the finger at you James, for all I know you are using what you have far more than I, but these are things that have troubled me for a long time. My own attitude concerning these issues is really the focal point of my rant.

A few years ago I attended a conference of believers in Nashville. I don't remember the motivation behind my going but I went and I carried with me the same attitude that I brought from FA (I'm not saying that it was BECAUSE of FA, but however I got the attitude-- it wasn't from our Lord).

I was really surprised to find that most of these people were really Christians! Maybe it wasn't that bad, but it was close. I couldn't see how anyone could be serious about the Lord without having the 'light' on all of those issues that were common-place at FA. (I could supply a list here--healing, drugs, hospitals, deliverance, faith message, Santa, Easter, glasses, tennis shoes, printed tee shirts, dresses for women, and

on and on... --but you know them all.)

Jesus humbled me at that conference. I looked upon those people like Peter looked upon that sheet filled with all manner of four-footed beasts. And God essentially showed me the same thing He showed to Peter--call not unclean, that which He has called clean. Peter wasn't in any condition to take His Word to anyone but to those who were of the circumcision (fellow FA'er for me) until God got his attention. Peter, who at the time was staying with someone that most of his fellow Jews would have considered unclean--Simon the tanner--a person who was ritually unclean MOST OF THE TIME, but I digress... Peter, got the message and the door was opened to the gentiles.

It was a baby step for Peter since the person to whom he was sent was a God-fearing man but it eventually led to a whole bunch of raunchy unclean gentiles, who didn't fear God, getting the gospel.

Let's face it, there are a lot of people out there who appear unclean to our circumcised hearts... outwardly unclean that is... they take drugs, they celebrate christmas, they love the easter bunny, etc., but they may be actually clean as a result of believing on the Lord Jesus and we shouldn't automatically pronounce unclean that which the Lord has called clean. To be sure the Lord requires from all a clean heart, but what makes us different from the Jews when we only look on the outward things and cry--unclean?

Anyway, that is where I'm coming from. I have made an attempt, since that conference, to view others in this light, even though I know that I still need work in this area.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sat, 15 May 2010 21:08:37 GMT
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WELL, I thought I had made myself pretty clear as to what I was saying but guess not...OK, I wasn't refering to you William or what you have said, per say; I have been encountering some

strange beliefs and doctrines as I 'try' go share with others(our little Bible study, and any other opportunity I get)and most of them have came from 'false teachers' and 'false prophets', much like those who can be seen at almost any given time on TBN and Inspiration Network.

And while I believe most everyone who regularly reads or posts on the forum aren't caught up in it, I feel a need to warn and point out these things for future members or readers. I've been aware that you strongly believe in evangelizing and probably have a 'call'(I know, we're all called to propagate The Gospel, you know I know that and stated it in the post in question). I feel a calling to watch and warn as well as share Jesus, as I said. I'm not putting myself on a pedestal nor claiming that I'm manifestly perfected, most of what <I believe The Holy Spirit gives me> is first to me, but I share it in case someone else might benefit from it.

Don't go getting sensitive on me, I have enough of that to deal with already. Is it possible that The Lord has called you into the 5-fold ministry and maybe you're wrestling with it? Just asking, not judging or saying I have 'a word for ya'<smile>. When I mentioned that I believe The Lord has given me the 'gift' of encouragment and a desire to edify, I know this forum isn't a 'church' as such, but the brothers and sisters who read are members of The Body of Christ and could always use encouragment and edification. I do take the opportunity seriously and try to be responsibile because I'm fully aware(regardless of what critics say) that every word I write is recorded and seen by The Lord Jesus, that's humbling and cause to take heed lest having preached to others, I myself become a castaway.(I Corth.9:27)

So, I agree with your posts on our responsibility to the lost and evangelism...I respect you and wouldn't publicly slander your words or disrespect you, and if I had a problem with you I'd approach you in private...I don't...have a problem(that you can solve)<smile>

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sat, 15 May 2010 21:32:24 GMT
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Reply to Bro. Ron.

"Question:

Did we receive power or just Tongues when the Holy Ghost came on us?

Would He upbraid us for our unbelief and hardness of heart?

Judge yourself....."

I can only speak for myself and judge myself, Ron. Yes, if Jesus upbraided his original 12 disciples for unbelief and doubts, no question in my mind that He would and will point out my lack of faith. I've never moved a mountain nor has my shadow healed the sick, nor have I done 'greater works' than He did, as He said I would...(if I understand scripture correctly)

But I'm still here, so maybe by His grace I'll get there...It'd be wonderful to see the acts of Acts come alive today, even through a nobody such as me.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by william on Sun, 16 May 2010 04:05:18 GMT
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On Sat, 15 May 2010, James wrote:

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>
> Don't go getting sensitive on me...
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<grin>

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>
> Is it possible that The Lord has called you into the 5-fold
> ministry and maybe you're wrestling with it?
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>

Well I can't say that He has... at least not in the way that you mean.

That is one of the reasons that I feel comfortable in challenging you all to stretch yourselves in ways you might not have considered... I'm just another brother in the Lord seeking to find meaning for why the Lord called us to prepare for ministry in the unique way that He did.

If I'm going to stretch myself, then I want some company along the way!!

>
> When I mentioned that I believe The Lord has given me the 'gift' of
> encouragment and a desire to edify, I know this forum isn't a 'church'
> as such, but the brothers and sisters who read are members of The Body
> of Christ and could always use encouragment and edification. I do take
> the opportunity seriously and try to be responsibile because I'm fully
> aware(regardless of what critics say) that every word I write is
> recorded and seen by The Lord Jesus, that's humbling and cause to take
> heed lest having preached to others, I myself become a castaway.(I
> Corth.9:27)
>

And you do that extremely well. I was reading about your predecessor just
today--Barnabas!

Talk about a humble encourager... in Barnabas (and now you!) I see someone
who exemplifies a true disciple.

>
> So, I agree with your posts on our responsibility to the lost and
> evangelism...
>

Actually most of my burden concerns the state of the Church, but I do see
that we must never let evangelism slip... it goes with the territory of
being a disciple!

>
> I respect you and wouldn't publicly slander your words or
> disrespect you, and if I had a problem with you I'd approach you in
> private...I don't...have a problem(that you can solve)<smile>
>

We Bamians have got to stick together! <grin>

Speaking of our own, surely there are some, especially down around B'ham,
that still desire to fellowship together? As I recall there were quite a
few in that body. (I know you are there brodave!)

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Blessings,
William

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Posted by james on Sun, 16 May 2010 20:04:28 GMT
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You know? You'd think so, but I don't know of anyone. The only names I remember are the Oswalt family members, Dave, the song leader, your brother, and one other brother. Since I wasn't part of that assembly except for a brief period I never developed strong bonds with most of them. I would drive up for the Oswalt meeting for 8-9 years every month, but I was part of the Clanton assembly(and lived there 22 years). I just moved to Birmingham in 2004 so I literally know NO ONE here who was under the teachings of HEF and FA, (maybe if someone is reading who knows someone here in B'ham, you could PM me)

That's good news concerning your brother, hollar when ya are planning to get down this way...seriously.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Mon, 14 Jun 2010 21:56:14 GMT
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Oil spill in the Gulf, fullfillment of prophecy?

Has it occured to anyone that the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico could be a foreshadowing of things to come? Could what John 'saw' as blood have been crude oil covering the sea? Revelation 16 verse 3 says that when the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea it became 'as' the blood of a dead man and that everything in it died.

I'm not saying that this oil spill is that or even that a future spill could be it, but at the same time I wonder...if the spill was big enough or enough oil escaped from the underground cavern that it's trapped in, it certainly could turn the sea red and kill everything in it. Just a thought, it doesn't necessarily have to be a 'man-made' spill, I think an earthquake could cause a disruption in the earths plates and allow oil to cover the oceans and destroy everything in them.

Maybe this disaster in the Gulf doesn't have anything to do with the 'Last Days', but it sure makes me wonder. One thing I believe is that it certainly will play a big role in the distruction of our economy as America continues to decrease as a world power.

Not trying to cause anyone to become fearful...but now is a good time to draw nigh unto God if you're not dwelling under the shadow of His wings, and if you are, then pray for those who don't have that relationship with HIM.

Any thoughts, comments, or opinions?

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Tue, 15 Jun 2010 18:07:45 GMT
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Isn't this one of those scriptures we take literally? Blood can't be oil. IMO, anyway.

In any case, the creation is groaning and the oil is not helping.

I would like to go to Florida soon. Sure hope I get to wear sandels and not boots!

Subject: Re: Last Days

Posted by james on Tue, 15 Jun 2010 19:28:34 GMT
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Hi Gillyann,

You're probably right about it being literal blood. Although I read several commentaries with different opinions. I was thinking maybe that when John said in verse 3 that it became 'as' the blood of a dead man...that he was making an attempt to describe what he was seeing, and it 'looked' like blood.(the crude oil mixed with sea water has a rusty red color to it, kinda like dried blood????)

For sure the next verse states that when the third angel poured out the vial upon the rivers and fountains of water(fresh water?), they became blood. Notice a difference, verse 3 says 'as' the blood of a dead man, where verse 4 says they became blood.

I'm sure not building doctrine on it<smile> just throwing it out there to see what others think. Actually understanding the context and discriptive words John used to record what was shown him takes 'revelation' from The Holy Spirit. We know that some things can't be literal and some are to be taken literally, some are symbolic and some are revealed through study of the book of Daniel and other OT books of prophecy.

Truthfully, I don't understand it as well as I'd like, hopefully, I have a grasp on the teachings of the manchild, rapture, and other doctrines taught in Revelation. The still yet to be fulfilled prophecies I'm trusting The Lord to teach me as we come closer and closer to the last days.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sat, 10 Jul 2010 11:45:34 GMT
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"...Moving Forward..."

NBC announced that they would be allowing same sex weddings to be on their 'entertainment' show 'Modern Wedding Contest', after receiving protest letters and e-mails from GLADD who felt left out...Notice the statement by the spokesperson for NBC..."Moving forward..."

I would say, "Only in America", but that not true, it's most everywhere. I'm glad TV is optional and for the remote.

Entertainment? PLEEEZE

http://www.foxnews.com/entertainment/2010/07/09/nbc-allow-se x-weddings-today/

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Sat, 10 Jul 2010 17:01:43 GMT
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The mocking is louder than ever.

You just have to wonder when His cup of wrath will be full. God have mercy when it is...

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Sat, 17 Jul 2010 16:00:10 GMT
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I just ran across some info that I find very interesting. The pop star, Lady Gaga, had her pics taken in a Masonic Temple in London.

I believe England is where the Masons originated. Not sure on that. I do know that Masons equal the Illuminati who are part of the end-time beast system.

After googling a few things, I learned that she used the popular Hello Kitty theme for her dress.

Some believe she is being used as The Babylon Mystery Religion Woman in Rev. 17.

I know this is "out there," but what isn't when it comes to the end-time and what we are/might encounter?

I just thought it was interesting and might spark some conversation.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sat, 17 Jul 2010 17:20:09 GMT
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I'm aware that there is a 'lot' of conspiracy theories out there and most of them(immo- in my modest opinion) are literally, "out there". The Illuminati/Masons/Rothchilds draw a lot of attention

on those type forums(end time/prophecy).

I have heard the name Gaga, but know nothing about her(I'll admit that classic rock music I enjoy at times, but the newer stuff does nothing for me, personally) And I have absolutely no idea what a Hello Kitty themed dress is, but that's OK, I'll probably Google her myself now, just because you mentioned her.

I must say, she must be something else to convience people that she's 'Babylon Mystery Religion Woman in Rev.17' or either the 'some' are really out there.

You know, until I started reading some of these other 'Christian' forums, I didn't realize just how blessed we are with a sound Biblical foundation. I think I've seen everything from 'everybody going to heaven' doctrines, God is a woman, America is Israel, conspiracy theories galore, to 'we're in the 7 year tribulation period now'. And every single one of these people profess to be followers of Jesus Christ, and every one of them is convienced they're right in their beliefs...just as we are...

Update:

I found the site called 'The Vigilant Citizen' with the pictures and article on her and the Illuminati conection...Yep, OUT THERE. Just another Madonna wannabe, not worth the ink...imo

But now I know what a Kitty dress is...<smile>

As to "I do know that Masons equal the Illuminati who are part of the end-time beast system"...Again I plead ignorance, I've not spent any time attempting to understand the Illuminati/Masons connection or how or IF, they factor into end-times. If you have some creditable info/site or reference to material concerning this I'd like to check it out for myself.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Sat, 17 Jul 2010 20:38:43 GMT
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"If you have some creditable info/site or reference to material concerning this I'd like to check it out for myself."

Now that you pointed out the point of credibility, I am not sure what would be considered credible anymore. I suppose I am guilty of assuming along with everyone else.

One more point...I found out at one of my work-outs that the YMCA is changing their logo. They

are taking the C(Christian) out of their name and logo. They want to be more "friendly" for everyone.

Appreciate your comments and responses Bro. James.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sat, 17 Jul 2010 21:13:27 GMT
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I wasn't trying to infer that 'you' weren't creditable, but I know (or am at least convienced in my own mind) that most of these internet sites are just people feeding off unbiblical literature,movies, and to some extent, fear of the unknown.(not to mention vivid imaginations) It's like the proverbial 'tin-foil helmets that prevent mindcontrol' deal that circulated throughout the conspiracy theories camp.

About the YMCA's logo change, that's just another sign, in the long and fast growing list of signs, of corporate America caving in to the whims of the politically correct left; or more accurately identified as a large group of people in this country who have very few moral or spiritual convictions and are influenced and swayed by forces of darkness (not the Illuminiti, but Satan).

Isn't it wonderful to have the peace that passeth 'ALL UNDERSTANDING' in our hearts, knowing The Holy Spirit will lead and guide us, protect and keep us, until that day when we see Jesus face to face?

May it be sooner rather than later, AMEN...

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Sat, 17 Jul 2010 22:54:41 GMT
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"It's like the proverbial 'tin-foil helmets that prevent mind control' deal that circulated throughout the conspiracy theories camp."

Hmmm...I have not heard of this one. I am out of aluminum foil. I better go stock up.

Amen. God has every minute detail under control; not one hair on our head can fall out without Him saying, "OK, fall out now!" Well...you get my point anyhow....

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sun, 18 Jul 2010 12:20:10 GMT
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Headline News, USA Today Religion section, Sunday July 18, 2010

"Church of England paves the way for women bishops."

"A gay bishop for Church of England?"

"Presbyterian Church (USA) Committee: Allow same-sex marriage."

"Rev. Schuller's daughter will be Crystal Cathedral lead pastor."

There are obviously two 'churches' in these last days, there's the 'church' of the world, which caters to the desires of those who refuse to yeild to God's Word; and there's the Body of Christ, who has been commanded to come out from among them and be separate.

In my spirit I sense that we haven't even begun to grasp just how ungodly the coming days/weeks/months/years? will become, not just in the world around us, but in the apostate church...

May God give seeing eyes and hearing ears and repentant hearts to those caught up in this deception.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Wed, 28 Jul 2010 19:12:45 GMT
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There seems to be an increase in fear, even among Christians, as we see the signs of The Lord's return increasing. Instead of excitment and hopeful expectation, many are storing up goods, arming themselves, building bunkers and expecting the worse. I've seen 'christian forums' that are filled with people looking to themselves for provisions and protection, making plans for survival...I'm sad to say, they'll probably be given the opportunity; Jesus only promises

deliverance for those looking to Him and for Him. When He returns, will He find FAITH, or fear?

I want to remind anyone who may be tempted to get caught up in this, that God's Word promises deliverance for those who will trust in HIM. Ps.20:7 says..."Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God."

Here's an article that says there is an increase in doomsday driven fears that is causing some to build underground shelters...

http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2010-07-28-doomsday28_ST _N.htm

I like the position described in Ps.91...'under' the shadow of The Almighty; 'covered' with His feathers; 'under' His wings; with The Lord, even The Most High as my habitation and refuge.
A-men.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by sparkles on Thu, 29 Jul 2010 10:12:45 GMT
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People are constantly hearing things on the radio and TV to minister fear and try to make them dependent on others. You see it in ways they talk about the stock market, health care, investments, pandemics, unemployment, jobs and other things.
The more one listens to the talk show people, the newspapers, magazines and the government, the more fear is ministered. This is why we have been warned over the years to be discerning in what we read and by whom articles are written.
We shouldn't be filling our minds with all the lies and deceptions we are hearing from the multitudes, but rather get our faith the biblical way, the Word of God.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Thu, 29 Jul 2010 13:54:29 GMT
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multitudes, but rather get our faith the biblical way, the Word of God.

I agree Sue that much of the 'news' is biased and usually only gives one sided opinions. And I understand(and understood then) Bro. Freeman's thinking in warning people to be careful in what they allowed into their minds by way of the media. Especially young Christians who haven't matured and learned to discern for themselves. I remember a lot of paranoia amongest folks concerning simple things like walking into a store that sold TV's and hearing them plead The Blood of Jesus repeatedly(I witnessed this)as if the TV was going to reach out and capture their minds and send them to hell. Fear hath torment, and some became fearful in their isolation from the world. If I remember correctly there's a saying that goes like this, 'junk in junk out'...or garbage feed into a persons mind will results in garbage being released when the person speaks. I believe this to be true, but how are we are Christians going to be all the things Jesus said we'd be (if we're the ones chosen to reign and rule with Him and called to help Him set this groaning creation free) if we have fear of anything...including the government, newspaper, magazines, and TV talk shows. (I read a good bit on 'christian forums' and there's every wind of doctrine set forth and endorsed on some of them; I mean every thing under the sun is believed by people believing themselves to be born-again Christians...it's almost unreal, yet I, by God's grace, can read and discern through the heresies and false teachings and use the information learned to warn others of the errors and false doctrines.(and I'm not implying that I'm the only person who can do this, I'm sure most everyone reading this can as well) But I find it a bit ironic that the more I learn of these false teachings and teachers, the more often The Lord brings someone across my path who mentions it or has questions concerning the subject.

Of all the things we have been taught, besides faith, I believe the most valuable is discernment. But just like many things, we have to grow in it and learn. I appreciate the fact that Bro.Freeman taught and warned us of things to come and the Biblical way of dealing with them, but in hindsight, maybe some things got blown out of context by some people. Just as we see today in the world, people feed off others fear and the first thing ya know, a new conspiracy theory is born and everyone jumps on board and propagates it, from the media to undiscerning Christians.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Mon, 02 Aug 2010 14:53:29 GMT
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When you think you`ve heard it all.

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1299013/Swear-Bible-Vicar-urges-flock-modernise-start-using-blue-language-street .html?ITO=1490

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Tue, 10 Aug 2010 16:42:17 GMT
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Speaking of things being over-blown and people jumping on board due to fear...How about the H1N1 slash, Swine Flu scare. I read today that WHO(World Health Organization) declared the level 6 pandemic is about over and the level has been reduced.

Now Germany wants to know who is going to pay for the 34 million doses of unused vaccines they have...Britain was told to prepare for 65,000 deaths from this terrible sickness that was sweeping the globe; they had 457 official deaths from the 'Swine Flu'.

Fear tactics, to sell the vaccines, to make the pharmaceutical companies rich...there now seems to be a link between World Health personel and the drug makers....Hello? Anyone suprised?

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses...but we will remember The Name of The Lord our God...our healer, deliverer, redeemer, protector, and saviour...Jesus

http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,598983,00.html

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by sparkles on Sun, 15 Aug 2010 13:42:33 GMT
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Just had the chance to read the article this morning, and was saddened to hear someone who professes to be a christian say such things. To tell his church to say such things is one thing, but to say Jesus used that type of language is quite another. I pity this man when he stands before Jesus one day and has to answer for what he said. I suppose he has never heard of being separate from the world and having control over ones speech like the Word of God commands us.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Tue, 17 Aug 2010 16:12:06 GMT
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Sage wrote on Sun, 15 August 2010 08:42 I pity this man when he stands before Jesus one day and has to answer for what he said. I suppose he has never heard of being separate from the world and having control over ones speech like the Word of God commands us.

I would have to assume that a lot of people probably liked his declaration considering that particular word is so prevelant in our society.

I ran across this in Micah 2:11 NIV this morning.If a liar and deceiver comes and says,
'I will prophesy for you plenty of wine and beer,'
he would be just the prophet for this people!

How many would love to hear this from the pulpit?

How often in the word did the Lord give the people what they wanted?

The really sad part is that when they stand at the judgement seat of Christ they will not be able to blame a minister for their sins just as so many try to blame HF for things that happened to them because of his teachings. We are each indivdually responsible for what the word says not what any minister said.

I`ve heard Tom Hamilton say almost on a weekly basis dont believe what I say just because I said it. See what the word says.If it`s in the word then we are obligated to follow it.Thats if we truely are trusting Christ in all things.

Do people follow false teachers? Sure they do. WIll they be able to use that as an excuse for failure? Absolutely not. The minister will be accountable for what he taught but the listener is responsible to verify it in the word.

God is quite specific in His word. He said I will reward those who diligently seek me. Not diligently following a man.

Be a berean.Search the scripture to see if these things are so.

Be Blessed.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by sparkles on Thu, 19 Aug 2010 00:01:44 GMT
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Talk about a balanced message:

Minister Accountable: Listener Resposible

Reminds me what Dave Wilkerson said about preaching everything God have him so the blood of the people wouldn't be on him. I don't think many people truly understand the gravity of standing before Jesus on the day of judgment. I need to think about that more often when in a trial or dealing with people. Too easy to say something witty, to be funny, but not think that what I am saying is demeaning and a put down to the other person. Like my friend reminds me: Be slow to speak and swift to hear. You know, two ears, one mouth. May God help me to remember that.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Thu, 30 Sep 2010 11:12:39 GMT
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Interesting survey conducted by the Pew Forum, a group that studies current religious trends among society and the church, and reports their findings. Nothing shocking revealed, but to claim to be a nation 'under God ' you'd think that more than 45% of those polled would have known the Gospels consisted Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. But at least they were up on the laws of the land, 89% knew prayer wasn't allowed in schools. Of those who were questioned, Atheists and Agnostics scored the highest in religious knowledge...

I guess this knowledge and $3.00 will buy one a cup of coffee. But still, it does reflect societies downward spiral.

http://pewforum.org/Other-Beliefs-and-Practices/U-S-Religiou s-Knowledge-Survey.aspx

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Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sun, 03 Oct 2010 20:49:19 GMT
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Want to know what 'America's Best Preacher' has to say concerning finances? T.D.Jakes has made his wisdom available to CNN to enlighten Americans on how to fix the economy.

Wouldn't one just assume that he'd at least give some Biblical principles and maybe a scripture or two to back his position?

He really is America's best preacher...REALLY! .....Time magazine said so....

So if the advice being given by the government, religious leaders, educators, and media runs contrary to God's Word, is there any wonder that our nation is Trillions of dollars in debt, and getting worse daily?

http://www.cnn.com/2010/OPINION/10/03/inam.jakes.financial.l iteracy/index.html?eref=mrs

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Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Thu, 21 Oct 2010 17:19:20 GMT
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"Practice what you preach?"...

Crystal Cathedral files for bankruptcy.(more signs that point to us being in the last days?)

I believe this is just the start of what is going to happen to many of these 'megachurches' who have NOT preached God's Word, nor practiced Biblical principals. They're in debt millions of dollars and the economic depression is hitting them hard. Crystal Cathedral is over 43 Million dollars in debt. They owe one company $57,000 for the providing of 'live' animals for their Xmas and Eastar services??

In explaining how they're getting by now, a spokesman said this..."What we're doing NOW is we're trying to walk what we preach, we're paying cash for things as we go..."
So 'now' they've decided to practice what they preach? I don't really think they have been 'Preaching' sound Biblical principals of money management, if they had they wouldn't be in this shape...

http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2010-10-20-crystal19_S T_N.htm

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Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by sparkles on Fri, 22 Oct 2010 21:09:49 GMT
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This is just one of the many crystal cathedrals we will see fall. I can remember one minister saying when all the ones who were deceived by the "give to get" and "seed faith" ministries and saw they were lied to and exploited, they would need to have a place to go, where they could hear the true word of God, and get faith in their heart, and see that the jesus these men and women

were preaching was not the Jesus of the Bible.

We have seen God provide for all our needs and promises to do so as we seek first the Kingdom of God. In the end the thing we will enjoy the most is having spent time in fellowship with the Lord, and knowing that all the promises of God are yes and amen in Christ Jesus. Our lives will be an example to others that our Jesus is faithful to everything He said in the Bible, that He does love us and promised to keep us and preserve us until the end. Praise the Lord for all His precious promises.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Tue, 02 Nov 2010 12:56:09 GMT
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FALSE SPIRITS INVADE THE CHURCH

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dWeUNoR30_0

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by JWBTI on Tue, 02 Nov 2010 22:21:24 GMT
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The Muslims can come in and do what ever they want, but they
will not let Andrew Strom in to preach the Word of God !

Must have something to do with the video that Grandom posted ?

Andrew Strom posted this on his site:

I am very sorry to announce to those of you who were planning on attending some of our meetings over the next month that we have been denied entry to the USA and sadly will have to cancel all the meetings.

My whole family were detained for over 6 hours at the US border
yesterday (the USA side), questioned, photographed, fingerprinted
like criminals â€“ and sent back to Canada. We were told we could
not come in to preach to a series of Christian groups like this â€“
even though their website clearly says we CAN â€“ and I have already
been in TWICE THIS YEAR doing exactly the same thing. They let

me in then â€“ but no more. They even fingerprinted my 15-year-old daughter. None of us (except our 9 and 11-year olds) can even set foot in the USA again without going to the US Consulate and getting special permission. We literally are now in the â€œcriminalâ€• class according to US Immigration.

All this because we were invited by church groups and Christian groups across the USA to come preach a series of meetings. They told me to do that I have to have an â€œRâ€• visa. (These take months and months to get â€“ often never). This is not what their website says. New Zealand is a â€œvisa-waiverâ€• country and Conference speakers are specifically allowed into the US under those rules. I asked them, â€œHow then can a foreign preacher who is invited by a Christian group to the USA ever get in to preach?â€• They said maybe that is OK for one or two meetings, but not for a series. So we cannot preach in churches across the nation â€“ even though that is exactly what they have let me in to do before. This is the first time I have ever been denied entry to do that very thing. And now we are all â€“ very evidently â€“ â€œcriminalsâ€•. Never to darken the door again.

My family and I naturally came home from this pretty distraught and devastated. My daughter was crying in the car. Six hours is a long time to be detained like that.

But, you know, at the end of the day, God is in control. I felt sure then and I feel sure now that even though this was so distressing, God was still speaking to us through it all. I believe He is the one who is slamming the door shut on America right now â€“ and doing so in no uncertain terms. We have been praying and many others have been praying for too long for this to have just been â€œmanâ€™sâ€• decision. I accept it as the voice of God. America is over for us.

WHERE to FROM HERE?

The most likely thing is a return â€œDown-Underâ€• to New Zealand and Australia. We have been away from home now â€“ traveling and ministering â€“ for 18 months. Perhaps it is time for a return to what the explorer Pedro Fernandez de Quiros called the â€œGreat South Land of the Holy Spirit.â€•

I just want to apologize again to all those who wanted to attend our upcoming meetings. I am very sorry, my friends. Our family

is still pretty shaken by all of this, so we would certainly appreciate your prayers at this time.

-Please comment on this article below.

God bless you all.

Andrew Strom.

Posted in Uncategorized by Andrew on August 25th, 2010 at 11:36 pm.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Tue, 02 Nov 2010 23:02:09 GMT
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First my comment on the YouTube video of Andrew Strom's, praise God there are people speaking out against what's going on in the church today. He has been given a platform to share the truth, and he's using it to expose these kooky karismatic fads.

As to him being refused entrance into the USA to preach, I guess that should be a wake up call to true christians that we are in the last days. It's been prophesied, predicted, and forewarned of, and now we see it beginning to happen. There'll come a time when it'll be more than just being turned away...I can see being imprisoned for the gospel. It's coming folks, P-E-R-S-E-C-U-T-I-O-N

"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus SHALL suffer persecution." II Timothy 3:12

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Wed, 03 Nov 2010 00:37:47 GMT
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"It's coming folks, P-E-R-S-E-C-U-T-I-O-N"

I don't believe it's coming. I believe it is here. JMO

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Wed, 03 Nov 2010 02:35:14 GMT
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Maybe it is...I've not seen evidence of it. I'm not referring to name calling or not being invited to social functions because of ones beliefs.(all that stuff just goes with the territory) But this is just my opinion as well...

It's one thing to be denied entrance into a country, it's quite another to be imprisoned. To me the key word in II Timothy 3:12 is 'suffer ', and in context Paul is describing what he had gone through...persecutions, afflictions and he says that ALL christians shall suffer persecution.

*not arguing, just trying to point out that most here in America don't really know what persecution is...including myself.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by Mark L on Wed, 03 Nov 2010 03:04:18 GMT
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I think stuff like that you tube is going to get a whole lot worse

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Wed, 03 Nov 2010 13:36:55 GMT
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I agree. We haven't seen anything yet. Rev. says heads will roll. We are not there yet. That is for sure.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Thu, 11 Nov 2010 17:25:21 GMT
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Positive report...

Here's a positive report concerning a church here in Birmingham, AL. The Church at Brook Hills, pastored by a young man named David Platt, is actually attempting to obey the teachings of the Bible. I've been kept abreast of what's going there by a neighbor who attends the church. Keep in mind that this is a noncharismatic, Southern Baptist church. How Charisma magazine got the story and why it's in their magazine, I don't know. And I am not big on Charisma Magazine based on their track record of endorsing many false teachers and teachings, but this is a positive report and I wanted to point it out.

According to all reports I've received this young man is truely desiring to be a disciple of Christ,(I'm not going into what Baptist believe and don't believe, we know that, and that it's a 'mega-church', but to me it's refreshing to see someone actually preaching something besides PROSPERITY, PROSPERITY, PROSPERITY...give ME, give ME, give ME.)

http://www.charismamag.com/index.php/news/29535

No, I'm not converting to SBC, and I understand about 'works' mentality...I just wanted to share something in the system that wasn't negative...Praise The Lord, who knows what The Lord has for this young man, He's looking for hearts that will be obedient, He can correct any theological doctrine problems with just a touch from The Holy Spirit...Imagine how on fire he'd be with The Baptism.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sun, 05 Dec 2010 03:55:23 GMT
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Question to ponder, would ANYONE who is experiencing the Divine presence of God in the form of revival(true revival where lives were being changed through REPENTANCE, people were being healed, delivered, transformed from darkness in to Light) EVER stop it for ANY reason? I can't imagine that EVER happening.

So if we're in the last days before return of The Lord Jesus Christ,(and Biblical signs and prophecies point to that being true) and if God's Word tells us to be aware of wolves in sheeps clothing, deceiving(if it were possible) even the very elect, and it does. So where does these 'revivals' fit into God's plan? Of course we know of Lakeland, Brownsville, and Toronto and the fruit (bad) that came from them. But the latest one that has gained worldwide attention, Bay of The Holy Spirit Revival as it is called, seemed at first glance to 'possibly' be the real deal.

But then things started manifesting that revealed that 'MAN' was in charge, not GOD. They were promoting it on worldwide "God TV" and their own streaming website, claiming God's presence there daily to heal, deliver, save, and 'revive' people. There were claims of miracles and souls saved (not saying that there wasn't anyone saved or healed), yet the leadership closed it for a month in December and it will be closed again for almost all of February. (I went to their website tonight to see what was happening and there was a updated schedule saying that the "Next Live Event" would be in 32 days. Yet they had a place where one could 'donate' to the revival.)

I pray for the day when The Holy Spirit truly comes to 'revive' the church; when His presence is there and NO ONE can even think of pagan holidays and partying, much less closing the meetings and walking away for a month arrogantly believing they can 'control' God's presence by their schedules. I contend that He was never there, and futhermore I believe it is the height of pride and arrogance to imply that man can announce and advertise a 'revival' in advance without being directed by God.

I believe many of these 'revivals' springing up are really false and are signs to those grounded in God's Word that we are indeed in the last days.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Fri, 11 Feb 2011 21:23:02 GMT
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Egypt...

"The burden of Egypt. Behold, The Lord rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at His presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it.

And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbor; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom.

And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards.

And the Egyptians will give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith The Lord, The Lord of hosts."

Isaiah 19:1-4

Are we seeing the beginning of the fulfilment of this prophecy today? Will the Muslim Brotherhood be a factor in the days ahead? Will the so-called peace agreement with Israel be destroyed in order for the antichrist to establish 'his' peace plan?

One thing for sure, Israel is watching what's happening in Egypt with more than a passing interest...

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sun, 20 Feb 2011 02:14:43 GMT
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"...important step forward...?"

I'm not of the opinion that the world is coming to end, as we know it, based on what I see and read but because The Word of God points to it. And while I personally believe that America leads the way in deserving of God's judgment and wrath, the UK is not exactly lily white. I see where their government has dropped the ban on 'gay civil ceremonies' and wants the churchs to preform them...though it is still optional, according to authorities, it is encouraged. I noticed that, according to the article, only The Roman Catholic Church and the Muslims opposed the ruling...wonder where the Church of England and all other denominations stand on this issue.

Also I know that the cup of iniquity is probably running over, and has been for quite some time; still The Lord is being longsuffering with the inhabitants of this world. But I am convinced that we're in the last days, besides all the signs and prophecies that are being fulfilled that point it, Jesus says that the love of many shall wax cold(I think that's refering to Christians according to Matthew 24:12) because of iniquity abounding.

It'd be great if folks interacted and shared testimonies and what The Lord has shown, but even if no one feels they have anything to share from God, I would encourage those reading on this forum to at least take serious the time in which we live...There's coming a day, and it'll be sooner than later, that there will be a famine of hearing the Word, may we get it into our hearts now...cause we know that FAITH comes from The Word, and we know without true FAITH people(christians) will not be able to stand in these last days.

http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2011-02-17-gay-church- 17_ST_N.htm

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Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by Mark L on Mon, 21 Feb 2011 16:06:30 GMT
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Will the so-called peace agreement with Israel be destroyed in order for the antichrist to establish 'his' peace plan

I'd be the first to say I'm not sure how all this fits together but my reading is that the war of Gog and Magog comes before that.

The Lord will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt;
With his mighty wind He will shake his fist over the River and strike in the seven streams.
And make men cross over dryshod
There will be a highway for the remnant of his people
Who will be left from Assyria
As it was for Israel in the day he came up from the land of Egypt.

Is 11/15-16

Most of that chapter concerns endtime prophesy.Interesting what it says about Egypt. According to my commentary the River is the Euphrates. Drying it up is also a prophesy in Rev.16/12 To prepare a way for the kings of the east to come to Armageddon. But who would be the remnant of his people in Assyria that need to cross over it?

All I can think of is the remnant of the original tribes who were taken there in the Assyrian and Babylonian captivities. I believe and the bible supports that some of all the original tribes came back to Israel. There are no lost 10 tribes of Israel. A remnant from all of them came back.

But most of the people didn't. The tribes were resettled in modern day Pakistan Afghanistan and Iran and possibly the soviet Muslim republics as well. They have also found ancient Jewish people (Chinese) in the Muslim areas of western china. These Chinese Jews wanted to come back to Israel but China wouldn't let them and Israel didn't want them. If these are the original tribes settled there by the Assyrians then calling it Assyria would be well within the biblical arena.

So if we take this prophesy at face value then there is a remnant of God's ancient people who are going to come back from that region crossing over a dry Euphrates to go to Israel. Among other groups we're talking about the Taliban here. Speculating a bit here but it would look to me like these fiercely Muslim groups (or some of them) are going to get a natural & supernatural revelation of who they originally were. Something akin to being born again maybe. As a result of that they are going to come back to Israel. It all sounds far fetched to me but if we take the prophesy at face value what else can we come up with?

Interesting times

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Tue, 22 Feb 2011 17:19:12 GMT
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Hardbones wrote on Mon, 21 February 2011 10:06 I believe and the bible supports that some of all the original tribes came back to Israel. There are no lost 10 tribes of Israel. A remnant from all of them came back.

I agree

It all sounds far fetched to me but if we take the prophesy at face value what else can we come up with?

Yep,many things in The Bible 'sound far fetched' to the natural mind...donkey's talking, axe heads floating, people walking on water, dead being resurrected, water coming out of rocks, food falling from heaven, ect.; but, by The GRACE of God He has given us hearts to believe. The natural mind is an enemy of the things God, that's why it's only revealed to those who walk in The Spirit. I don't profess to have full understanding of how the final days are going to unfold, I'm believing that He will reveal what is needful unto me as I keep focused on Him and the relationship He desires...holiness, humility, obedience, faith, and love.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Tue, 22 Feb 2011 19:15:53 GMT
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James mentioned that he wanted some to share what was happening in their lives.

Hardbones mentioned walking in holiness. The Lord is really, really dealing with the believers in my area about holiness and being separate from this world.

It is not fun to die to self and lay many things down for Jesus. But, once you do, the joy and peace that comes with obedience is such an awesome reward.

I believe He wants everything that is dear to us given to Him. It is time to walk in sacrificial love. It is time to walk in the Spirit and know that we are not of this world but in it. I believe that very soon, those who paid the price will be operating by the Spirit in ways we have never known before.

Here is a Word from the Lord given to the believers in this area. Some of the believers in this area are new to the faith walk. If you think anything in the word given to the believers in this area may pertain to you as well, then PTL.

To the Men:

Many of you are much like Abraham. You are the patriarchs, fathers, and examples to many children. I have blessed the work of your hands. I have blessed your coming in and your going out. I would have you walk in the childlike faith and determination of Abraham as well. Learn even more as to how to operate and walk in faith. This will take time to learn My Word and to study. Study to show thyselves approved. As you do, I will delight in you even more.

It is time to leave your comfort zone and go deeper with Me. I would have you step out, be of good courage, and defeat the trials in your life. Use My promises, My Name (Jesus), and the Blood that make demons tremble. I would have you rise up and operate in the authority you have as being my sons. I will never give you more than what you can handle. Use pursed lips for the days are short.

Some of you are a part of Gideonâ€™s army in this end-time. Some have been soldiers in this world, now it is time to take up your weapons and fight the good fight of faith. Go forth, proclaim, take back anything stolen, and conquer the enemy in his darkness with My light. Learn how to battle in the Spirit and not with your mind. Cast down vain imaginings and line your mind up with My Word and walk in it.

Just like Abraham offering up Isaac, I want everything dear to you. You must pay the price of time and patience. There are no short cuts. Allow Me to do things My way as you wait on Me and My faithfulness to you. Do not let your heart be troubled with circumstances in this world, for when you line them up with My Word, negative circumstances are lies. Confess and proclaim with the sacrifice of praise for what I have done before you see it come to pass. In return, you will reap blessings on this earth eternally.

I am going to use your childlike faith to not only move your present circumstances, but to turn the hearts of many who will be flocking to you for relief. The burden is not yours, it is mine when you let go and let Me move. Find the promise in My Word, possess it, confess it and just watch me move. Just believe. Like David, some of you are my favorites. But like David, you have done many things your way, and you have paid for it. It is a new day for your walk as you turn to Me more and more everyday and walk by My Holy Spirit. Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart.

To the Women:

Many of you are much like Sarah. You are the matriarchs of many children. You have stood by your husbands and you share in their wealth. Like Sarah, I made you pleasant to behold in looks, as well as dress. Like Sarah, some of you have had trouble with your children your entire life. As your husbands learn to step out in faith, do not mock as Sarah mocked the promise of a child in her old age. You are to be the intercessors and provide the spiritual backbone for your husbands. As you battle in the Spirit more and more, you will find your physical battles becoming less and less.

For some of you, it is time to tap into the tower of the water of the Word that you have stored in you. It is time to review and spend more time with me. Donâ€™t ask how, ask when and obey Me when I would have you in My Word or in prayer. I ask this not to burden you, but to set you and your households free. Some of you are already prepared warriors. Like Gideonâ€™s army, drink of the water with your hand, watching all around you carefully. This will show you what to pray for and what to come against as you battle in the Spirit. In your hands, there is healing for many.

You have many pearls, but you have not laid it all down for the Pearl of great price. Let go. Like Sarah, do not let your sentiments get you into trouble. Like Lotâ€™s wife, do not look back for I am taking you to a new place. This is also a place of separation from the world. Any man, having put his hand to the plow and looks back, is not worthy of the Kingdom of Heaven. You will lose some who are like family to you as I begin to renew you afresh.

To the Households:

Like Abraham and Sarah, some of your ministries are starting later in life. Study, prepare, and use your familyâ€™s circumstances as a learning tool. It is well. Your children are in My hands as you put your hands in Mine. As your children watch you yield and grow; so will they.

Be pliable, have the courage of Daniel for you will need it. It is time to ascend to the hill of the Lord with clean hands and pure hearts and take charge with authority.

Is there leaven in your life? Clean the house! Clean your houses of every sin and weight. You

have opened doors due to compromise and apathy. Repent and return to your first Love. Close the doors! Check your hearts and houses and check again. After doing so, pray for grace and you will overcome everything as you line up with My Word. It is time for your families to come out and be ye separate. Walk in communion with Me and not by your senses or appetites. Donâ€™t listen to the ungodly and do not care what the ungodly will think of you. Open doors have caused you much grief. Listen to Me and yield for restoration. Your families will be an example of restoration to the world as you walk in holiness. They will be coming to you for what you have and what they see in you and your families.

The spirit of this age is within some of your homes. Gather your families and clean your homes. Instruct your homes to be of one mind and under my Word. Men, instruct your children in the Word of holiness and faith everyday for they look to you for wisdom. Women, the older women are to teach the younger women. Teach them faith. When your houses are clean, anoint your doors with the oil of joy for mourning and put on garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Blow the shofar and proclaim that you are trees of righteousness. My Spirit is upon you and your children.

My glory is about to fall. But just as judgment begins in the house of the Lord, the glory and anointing will begin there as well. There is great trouble coming to this world. Stay close to Me for protection. Some of your houses will feed many both physically and spiritually. I will be, and am using, my people of faith in this time. You will operate in ways unknown to you now. You must heal the breaches with other believers. You will need each other. Make amends and walk in love. You and your children must pay the price to know My Word and walk in sacrificial love for the days are short. Prepare!

I have called your families to die. Satan has tried to kill, steal, and destroy for he and his demons know who you are. Die to your wants and begin to listen to Me. Time is short. Die to your emotions and make them line up with My Word or My sacrifice was in vain. As you, and your houses die to this world, the anointing will begin to fill you to overflowing and you and your children will be living on the boarder of this world and the spiritual realm. It is time to know that you are in this world, but not of it. It is time to live like it as well. Be separate; be filled with my love and grace, and above all, joy. You will know my joy in your houses, but you must be holy, for I am holy.

You will be mocked and scorned for the anointing I am sending. The servant is not greater than the Master. Set your hearts. Determine that nothing is about you anymore, but it is about Me and My will for you. You have been separated from Me and I am bringing you back. It is time for rejoicing for it is a new day as you walk in My ways. I will be bringing many people to you who are empty cisterns of this world with no hope. Fill them with My Word, faith, and love. The fields are ripe for harvest.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Tue, 22 Feb 2011 20:44:32 GMT
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"If you think anything in the word given to the believers in this area may pertain to you as well, then PTL."

As I read this I kept thinking, OK, Lord I'm not a father, husband, woman, or child; what can I glean from this outside of being encouraged that God is speaking to these people the same thing spoken through Bro. Freeman to the body 30 years ago.

Then I came to this...

"You will be mocked and scorned for the anointing I am sending. The servant is not greater than The Master. Set your hearts.

Determine that nothing is about you anymore, but it is about Me and My will for you. "

I can bear witness with this, it lines up with scripture, and I receive it...may this be revealed and received into the hearts of ALL that call Jesus, LORD. Not my will but Thine, O LORD.

I think the key is determining to chose to embrace the cross, we can't be holy, separate, and yielded to The Holy Spirit when it's STILL about us. Hindrances abound, from the 'me, me, me' messages being taught by most today in the institutional churches to the spiritual battles being waged at every turn, yet we have been given everything needful to overcome, The HOLY SPIRIT...He will never leave us or forsake, He'll give discerment, wisdom, and direction as we learn to keep our eyes on Him and remember....It IS all about HIM.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Tue, 15 Mar 2011 18:46:37 GMT
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Message #7480 was a positive report on a young pastor (David Platt)in Birmingham, AL who has a 'mega-church' and wrote a book that has had a positive impact on many who have read it.

This message is about a young pastor in Michigan who has a 'mega-church' who also wrote a

book. His name is Rob Bell and the book comes out today(3/15/2011) titled, "Love Wins, A Book about Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived" Rather than writing something that convicts people's hearts and draws them to a closer relationship with Jesus, Bell is selling Universalism (though he denies it) and attempting to draw people away from a life of holiness and commitment unto God. I mean if God is not going to punish the disobedient who refuse to repent and turn unto Him, and if Hell isn't what He, God, says it is, then what is the purpose or point of Him telling us to repent, take up our cross and follow Him? Why live a separate, godly, holy life if in the end 'the gate to the city is forever left open for anyone to enter'.

More 'last days' false teachings and deceptions sent to devour the unsuspecting and gullible.

http://www.christianpost.com/news/rob-bell-denies-being-a-un iversalist-49417/

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Wed, 16 Mar 2011 15:29:31 GMT
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Psa 89:9 You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves arise, You still them.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sun, 20 Mar 2011 14:54:02 GMT
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james wrote on Thu, 21 October 2010 12:19"Practice what you preach?"...

Crystal Cathedral files for bankruptcy.(more signs that point to us being in the last days?)

I believe this is just the start of what is going to happen to many of these 'megachurches' who have NOT preached God's Word, nor practiced Biblical principals. They're in debt millions of dollars and the economic depression is hitting them hard. Crystal Cathedral is over 43 Million dollars in debt. They owe one company $57,000 for the providing of 'live' animals for their Xmas and Eastar services??

In explaining how they're getting by now, a spokesman said this..."What we're doing NOW is we're trying to walk what we preach, we're paying cash for things as we go..."
So 'now' they've decided to practice what they preach? I don't really think they have been

'Preaching' sound Biblical principals of money management, if they had they wouldn't be in this shape...

http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2010-10-20-crystal19_S T_N.htm

Follow-up article concerning The Crystal Cathedral...I see no need for commentary, I think the answer is obvious...

http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2011-03-16-church_gay_ 16_ST_N.htm

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Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Tue, 22 Mar 2011 13:41:35 GMT
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Charles Colson replicating himself?

Some how I dont think that`s what were supposed to do.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/evangelist_chu
ck_colsons_final_mission_spiritually_cloning_himself/2011/03
/01/AB10oL9_story.html?wprss=rss_politics

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Tue, 22 Mar 2011 14:20:18 GMT
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I'm just wondering out loud if this isn't possibly similar to what happen with SOME people at Faith Assembly, the followers, I mean. Taking on the personality of the leader, rather than being focused on Jesus.

Colson followers...

"...Reading the books Colson reads, watching the movies he watches, praying the way he prays..."

(driving the kind of car he drove, eat the types of foods he liked, dressing in the manner he suggested, ect. ect....)

Becoming overzealous and attempting to duplicate The Gospels substituting a MAN in the place of Jesus...

"If Jesus Christ can pick simple believers, zealots and prostitutes, and these people can change the world, then we can do the same. We don't need anything more."

Looks like they have elevated Colson to the level of Jesus...(maybe not in a way that they'd care to admit, but that how it comes across anyway, if what is written in the article is true)

But I'm also reminded that much written about Faith Assembly and Hobart Freeman wasn't true...could you imagine if the Internet, forums and social networking was available back then?

No, I don't think cloning (nor following after any man) is what Jesus has in mind when He invites us to be His disciples.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Tue, 22 Mar 2011 14:56:51 GMT
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I knew you could do a good job at breaking this down to it`s
common denominator James.

Good Job. I think your right about "some" people at faith assembly

also.

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Dick

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Thu, 24 Mar 2011 17:39:38 GMT
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Pastor loses Job.

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42248810/ns/us_news-life/

I think this doctrine of demons is more prevalent then one may think.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Thu, 24 Mar 2011 19:21:39 GMT
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grandom wrote on Thu, 24 March 2011 11:39

I think this doctrine of demons [Universalism] is more prevalent then one may think.

I agree; when people decide on what to believe concerning eternity based on what 'seems fair' and human emotions, rather than believing The Word of God, they've opened themselves up to the worst type of deception. They begin just as the man mentioned in the article, questioning God's justice and right to do with His creation as He pleases(he must have forgotten that we are the CLAY...not the POTTER) because their humanistic belief system can't comprehend God's righteousness and refuses to believe He will punish those who refuse to repent and turn unto Him.

What could be worse than being deceived into thinking one has eternal life and is secure when in fact they're none of His.(Matt.7:21-23) Imagine living life under the assumption that you're a christian destined for heaven(along with everyone else) and Jesus not only tells you "I never knew you", that your name isn't found written in The Book of Life, but that the place you'd convinced yourself didn't exist(the lake of fire) suddenly became real...forever.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Mon, 28 Mar 2011 22:18:43 GMT
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It appears the Islamic Messiah is near also.

http://www.cbn.com/cbnnews/world/2011/March/Iranian-Regime-V ideo-Says-Mahdi-is-Near-/

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Mon, 25 Apr 2011 22:56:49 GMT
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So now we've got President Obama's former adviser and "green jobs czar" Van Jones pushing to have 'Mother Nature' given the same legal status and rights that humans have. No! Surely not, I mean, really? So people really do 'worship the earth', wonder what the first century church would think of this? They thought they were in the 'last days' then. George Soros' name is mentioned, he's been the focal point more than one discussion on 'Christian forums' as a major player in the background controling world events, as the once thought of as kind of hypothetical, begins to take on reality. Remember smirking at talk of the illuminati and conspiracy theories?

If interested here's the link...

http://www.foxnews.com/world/2011/04/25/obama-adviser-van-jo
nes-helping-push-rights-mother-nature/

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Mon, 02 May 2011 11:52:05 GMT
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I found the announcement of Osama bin Laden being killed a bit strange as to the timing of it. And then there's the 'burial at sea', one would have thought they would have done DNA tests to confirm his idenity before disposing of the body. There's a presidental election coming up, would a politican try and sway voters for support by releasing this imformation at this time?

Some speculate that it will result in an outbreak of terrorism around the world as retaliation, I'd say that we've have terrorist attacking for the past 10-15 years.

Then we still have a good sized group of people who are believing that May 11,2011 is the day the world ends. Wars, rumors of wars, gobal unrest, earthquakes, tornadoes, droughts, moral decline, false prophets, love waxed cold....gotta be the last days, surely the beginning of sorrows. Matt.24:8

10 days left? 10 weeks? 10 months? 10 years? ARE WE READY?

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Mon, 02 May 2011 14:10:16 GMT
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Acts 23:5 Do not speak evil about the ruler of your people

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Mon, 02 May 2011 14:37:05 GMT
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Thanks James for the thoughts.

Grandom, I agree that you should not talk evil about rulers. In this case we are talking about the president. I respect your comment concerning the Word and rulers of the nations.

I do pray that our president would make Godly decisions and that he would have a heart for Israel. However, I just don't see anything wrong with genuine discernment for intents and motivations of people's hearts. For me, that includes the president as well.

I believe I should watch actions and not just listen to people's words. I have watched our president give millions of our tax dollars to Palestinians. Now...what do you think they are doing with the money? Our president gives far less to Israel nor is he a great defender of Israel.

Now you know why I pray that the president will have a heart for Israel. I have watched and discerned his actions. His actions are very disturbing to me at times. I believe a comment like this is not speaking evil of him. You can't have your head buried in the sand when things are happening all around us.

Do I still pray for him? Absolutely! Will I keep watching actions instead of words? You better believe it! JMO

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Mon, 02 May 2011 14:44:00 GMT
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I don't follow your thoughts or reasoning in posting this scripture, care to elaborate? I wasn't speaking evil of anyone and didn't name any names, I was commenting on what others were saying and the timing of the info.

As to 'the leader' of this nation, President Obama, I have posted several messages about praying for him. I don't speak evil of him even though I disagree with his moral beliefs and what he stands

for. Nor was I speaking evil of Hilary Clinton, who also had a press conference that was also scrutinized.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Mon, 02 May 2011 15:23:28 GMT
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Just a precaution Brother.
As Tom Hamilton said in his message yesterday, maybe you missed it.
Dont get involved in the negative things or discussions on the world.
Commenting on what others are saying, does that absolve the one commenting? Just asking.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Mon, 02 May 2011 15:59:52 GMT
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Nope, I didn't miss it, if I remember correctly he said something to the effect that Christians shouldn't be involved in politics/voting/social change movements, that we're members of a different kingdom...I have lived these same convictions since becoming a follower of Jesus 33 years ago. I don't discuss/debate/endorse politics or politicians, but I do observe and discern what is happening around me. I will offer for discussion in a post things like the Health Care Insurance law and our ethical position concerning it, ect. But maybe to some that may be being involved in comparison to their own personal views, I understand. (Maybe that's why so few ever comment... but maybe not.)

Nevertheless, we are in the last days and my sole purpose is to cause awareness to this fact and encourage people to be prepared and not be caught without oil in our lamps. Sorry if I miss the mark or cause anyone to stumble in any way, not my intentions.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by william on Mon, 02 May 2011 18:15:55 GMT
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actually paul did the same thing in the context of acts 23... he used the social/cultural schism to set his accusers against each other.

blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by william on Mon, 02 May 2011 21:57:44 GMT
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Here is a brother's page that encourages us to engage the world through their idols & philosophies...

From the About Page: "It is all about countering the culture and the ideologies of popular icons, from music, to stars, to TV shows and movies. We need to take their ideas and turn them upside down with the Truth (Acts 17:6)"

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Christian-Counter-Insurgency/ 110318882352977

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Mon, 02 May 2011 22:32:07 GMT
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I found that interesting and the idea of 'flipping' musical lyrics into something that reflected Christian values would be kinda fun...if I knew or listened to any of their modern secular/pop garbage. I have enough to overcome from the 'classic rock' genre without opening myself up the whatever they call todays noise.(I probably sound like my grandaddy talking about me in the 60/70's)

I'll leave that 'calling'(Christian Counter Insurgency) to someone more qualified. Though I do, from time to time, point out to some of the younger generation the poor witness it is to the world to proclaim to be a follower of Christ and be caught up in all the cultural immorality. But I've yet to find someone who embraces the truth and seperates themselves from the world and it's music/movies/traditions/way of speaking and thinking. But that won't stop me from speaking the truth as lead of The Holy Spirit to do so. Because I know the time is short and these profane, demon inspired, 'pop idols' won't have the answer when Matthew 24:21 starts being fulfilled.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by william on Mon, 02 May 2011 22:38:32 GMT
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Amen, brother!

(I should say that I have not listened to the message from Tom Hamilton that you all are referring to, but did want to jump in with a comment or two just to let you know I'm still kicking!)

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Mon, 02 May 2011 23:14:46 GMT
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I enjoy watching Brother Tom, he preaches sound doctrine. A couple or three of us watch him on Sunday mornings(maybe more, I don't know), he's still a down to earth man of God after all these years. Calling people to the old paths, re-enforcing that which we received years ago. So many want something new and 'fresh' from God; I see so few who are walking in what they've already been given. But we will each answer for ourselves alone as to what we did with the truths that was given us.

Glad you're still kicking...hope everyone else is too.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Fri, 06 May 2011 22:44:07 GMT
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Not really a reply but I came across this article today.
Certainly reenforces the last days concept.

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1383855/Pagans-rejoi
ce-Air-Force-Academy-opens-outdoor-chapel-Wiccans-Druids-ear
th-centred-worship-groups.html?ITO=1490

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Sun, 15 May 2011 21:31:53 GMT
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GAL 1:10

Obviously, Iâ€™m not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christâ€™s servant.
(NLT)

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Tue, 17 May 2011 16:26:49 GMT
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http://weirdnews.aol.com/2011/05/16/alan-john-miller-mary-su
zanne-luck-jesus-mary-magdalene_n_862384.html

Mat 24:5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Tue, 17 May 2011 18:56:49 GMT
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That they have a 'following' of 30-40 people in Australia isn't shocking, though I wonder the background of the followers. I can somewhat grasp misguided, gullible people following someone claiming to be Jesus Christ, but what's up with Mary Magdalene? Does that reflect a Catholic mindset?

There is a man from Puerto Rico named Jose Luis de Jesus Miranda who claims to be Jesus Christ and he has millions of followers around the world.(many thousands of his followers have tattooed 666 on their bodies.) He's got a website with a countdown calendar, he says the world will end in about 410 days.(prophecy given on April 19,2011) So we have another man, Harold Camping, saying May 21, 2011...and this guy saying mid-2012, I've read other predictions on 'christian' forums saying something big will happen this month, May 2011. There have been false christs and false prophets ever since Jesus walked the earth, but due to the platform the internet gives, and world events, people seem to be taking it to another level...conspiracy theories, fear driven warnings, false prophecies, claiming to be gods and saviors...all deceived and deceiving others.

http://www.cegenglish.com/

Once more I'm reminded just how thankful we should be for having been given eyes to see and

ears to hear...and PEACE that passeth understanding, Praise to The TRUE Messiah, Jesus Christ, who left in a cloud and will return in like manner. Acts 1:6-11

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Wed, 18 May 2011 17:12:39 GMT
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Another scripture that reiterates what Jesus says concerning His followers not being part of this worldly kingdom.

"No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please Him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." II Timothy 2:4

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Wed, 18 May 2011 17:42:24 GMT
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Another scripture to go along with that James.

Jn 15:19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

I wonder how many of us are truly hated of the world?

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Thu, 19 May 2011 17:20:34 GMT
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Link to an article from Fox News on the 'Rapture' prediction from Harold Camping which is set for this Saturday, May 21, 2011. Bare in mind when reading the story that Fox News is 'fair and balanced'...Right...

"The Rapture...is a relatively new notion compared to Christianity itself and most Christians don't believe in it."

http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/05/19/rapture-movement-predic ts-end-world-saturday/

At the bottom of the article there was a link to a 'related story' titled, "New York Man Spends Life Savings Ahead of May 21 Doomsday". It said the man spent $140,000 on ads placed on subway cars announcing the May 21,2011 Rapture.

Wonder how he'll feel Sunday morning?

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Thu, 19 May 2011 19:16:25 GMT
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One thing we have to be cautious of. The word says we are to look up our redemption draws nigh.I would not say the Lord will not come on May 21st. He said He will come when no one expects Him.Obviously most will say He wont come because this kook set a date.We dont know. I say we still must be alert and be looking up.
In other words, be ready at all times.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Thu, 19 May 2011 21:08:55 GMT
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In the three hours since I posted the above, two different people have mentioned to me in conversation about the world ending Saturday. The first asked if I had heard about it and he didn't believe the hype and even quoted Matt.24:36 to me. That was an encouraging conversation, he was Southern Baptist. A few minutes later a college student starts up a conversation near me about the same subject. He 'held court' amongest a couple of 'kids' and his take was that there wouldn't be an end to the world for at least 3-5 million more years; there wasn't 'a god'; the only rapture was in some movie they'd all seen; and the system by which the 'old man' came to his deduction of May 21,2011 was numerology(actually he was right about that); and he was going to party all day Saturday. I asked him where he gained all that wisdom he was tossing about, with a straight face he said, "science, man!" (I didn't include the curse words he used in 'expressing' himself.)

Two opportunities to share, one listened and somewhat agreed; the other already knew everything, that's why he went to college.

Hey Grandom, I'd be happy if Jesus returned tomorrow May 20, 2011...I have been looking 'up' so

long...well, I won't be lighthearted about it, but, even so, come Lord Jesus.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Thu, 19 May 2011 21:23:33 GMT
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So many James have grown tired and yes scripture even says there will be mockers saying where is your God.I shudder at the apathy of so many. Just like in the days of Noah, eating and drinking and giving in marriage. The world and the love of the world has such a strong pull on people there is little or any concern for spiritual matters.

I see there are parties planned for the day after. Seems there are parties for anything at the drop of a hat. Makes me sad how it must hurt our savior.

I`m with you. I want out of here.
Lord Bless

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Fri, 20 May 2011 22:31:03 GMT
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"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." Matt.24:36

"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." Matt.24:42

"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein The Son of man cometh." Matt.25:13

"...It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power." Acts 1:7

"But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write uto you.
For yourselves know perfectly that the day of The Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." I Thess.5:1-2

Subject: Re: Last Days

Posted by james on Tue, 31 May 2011 18:46:07 GMT
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"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

And what concord hath Christ with Belial, or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith The Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you,

And be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith The Lord Almighty."

II Corinthians 6:14-18

http://www.youtube.com/user/RevivalSchool#p/f/1/bzZq6hL-PMY

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Wed, 15 Jun 2011 20:18:01 GMT
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Judgment?

Harold Camping suffered a stroke last week that has left him with a problem, slurred speech. I've read where others are saying it's Gods' judgment against the false predictions he has made. I don't think so, I'm of the opinion that if God wanted him shut up, He'd have done it years ago, rather than after he had already made 2 false calculations/predictions. The radio station he owns has been running messages from their archives.

The last known thing Harold publicly stated was that he still believes that October 21, 2011 will be the day the world ends. Once again, we'll see, should The Lord tarry...

Any thoughts on this stroke being being Gods' judgment, or not?

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Wed, 15 Jun 2011 21:56:59 GMT
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james wrote on Wed, 15 June 2011 15:18Judgment?
Any thoughts on this stroke being being Gods' judgment, or not?

I would not doubt that it is judgement but I would not speak for God that it definitely is.

I`ve been reading in Jer 23-25 about what The Lord said about false propets. I know there has been much discussion on wether he is a prophet or not.I personally think he prophesied but thats irrelevant.

God is going to judge all of us sooner or later.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Fri, 17 Jun 2011 23:42:15 GMT
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Christian Woodstock?

I can see, from my own personal experiences in the counter-culture of the 60-70's, a paralel in the mindset of these young people. They, just as 100's of thousands of my generation were, are feed up with the hypocrisy all around them from those who should be setting an example of how to live this life. We had Vietnam, a dead religious system, and a massive revolution in the youth against most all authority and the status quo. These young 'christians' have the confussion of the denominations, the obvious to all willing to see lack of power in the institutional religious system, political corruption all around, and so much more.

Are they right in their alternative choices? NO, neither were we...but I do understand how easily zealous young people can be lead astray. The solution today is the same as it was 40 years ago, JESUS, without Him it's just de'ja'vu, all over again. Searching for, but not finding, that which satisfies.Caught up in actions, but never coming to the knowledge of the truth...It's only through death that we can experience life...JESUS John 12:24-26

http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2011-06-17-wild-goose- christian-festival_n.htm

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Subject: Re: Last Days

Posted by james on Mon, 20 Jun 2011 16:11:55 GMT
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I don't think any discerning Christian is under the delusional thinking that America is ..."One nation UNDER GOD ", but for the religious patriots watching The U.S.Open golf championship yesterday, NBC committed the unpardonable sin. In a taped video of the pledge of allegiance to the flag of America with military personel and shots of the flag showing on TV, NBC edited parts of it and left out UNDER GOD. And before the match was half over they had to break the coverage to issue an apology due to the vast numbers of irate texts, tweets, and phone calls to their studio in NY. (as if it had been just an oversite and not purposely done.)

Is this an indication of the goals and purposes of the liberal media? Probably so, and if this is news to people then somebody needs to take their head out of the sand. And before anyone jumps to the conclussion that it upset me, let me state that I didn't care, in fact I'd say that in my opinion it made the pledge more accurate, cause America is NOT one nation UNDER GOD. btw: I don't stand and salute or pledge allegiance to the flag.

I find it sad and ironic that those who protest the loudest about 'their christian liberities' being trampled upon(often know as the political 'religious right'), be it the removal of the 10 Commandments from the State Capitol, prayer from school, or now NBC 'messing with' the pledge of allegiance; often aren't living those Commandments or praying as they should or understanding which 'Kindgom' they're suposed to be a member of and what Jesus teaches concerning how His followers are to live separate from this worlds system.

What happened to the command for His disciples to be a 'LIGHT'? The institutional church has failed in teaching and preparing it's members to be Kingdom minded, instead of seeing and walking in God's Kingdom(which is spiritual and invisible, only seen in the reflection of Christ in it's members)they get caught up in the kingdom that they can see, man's kingdom...politics, social causes, environmental issues, human rights, ect...everything except the things of God.

Mercy Jesus, open our minds and hearts to Your truths, restore Your Church that we may have eyes to see and ears to hear, and grant us Grace to obey. Amen.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Mon, 20 Jun 2011 16:54:01 GMT
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I understand the concern for the state the church is in today.

However, it is fulfillment of Rev. 2-3 where He addresses all of these issues.

Just like all of the things happening with Israel, I see all of this as one step closer to the rest of Rev. being fulfilled as well.

Take heart. I think it is just another sign of the end-times. That, to me, is very exciting.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Mon, 20 Jun 2011 20:37:09 GMT
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Just to add to the above post....what about Chrislam?!? Really?

It is only going to get worse. But, we have the victory and the end of the story! PTL

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Tue, 21 Jun 2011 10:55:38 GMT
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I hadn't heard or read about the reference to the blending of Christianity and Islam as 'Chrislam' before, but after Googling it I see it's becoming a catch phrase for several ministries who are seeking to warn the Body of Christ concerning the dangers and how it points to a one world religion.

Here's a link sent me this morning from down under, mentioning some of what is being dealt with in the 'christian TV media', TBN...Why am I not surprised, just look at what all Paul and Jan Crouch have endorsed on their station and the false teachers and prophets they embrace, why wouldn't they defend those of like minded views? after all, it's where their bread is buttered. I'm not saying or implying that Jack Van Impe's ministry is spot on, but he is showing some backbone concerning TBN and this push towards 'unity at all cost' mentality that is laying the groundwork for an eventual one world religious system.(probably not as far away as one may think.)

http://www.prophecynewswatch.com/2011/June18/1882.html

Subject: Re: Last Days

Posted by grandom on Wed, 06 Jul 2011 16:32:54 GMT
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The United Church of Christ, the denomination whose Chicago pastor Jeremiah Wright blasted the United States and white people for years from the pulpit while Barack Obama sat in his pews, has decided to banish God "the Father" from its organizational documents.

Read more: 'God the Father' banished by mainline denomination
http://www.wnd.com/?pageId=318981#ixzz1RLLuKhTl

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Wed, 06 Jul 2011 16:59:21 GMT
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In reference to the above article:

"She said some of the denomination's pastors refer to God with terms such as "Creator" and "Father and Mother."

This is such New Age termonology.

"There are a lot of people who decided, if God still is speaking to us, there is more light and truth to break forth," she said.

...Angels of Light!

A sad and astounding article. I could comment on so much more, but I won't.

And now for the good news! Jesus is coming soon! Whoohoo!!!

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Wed, 06 Jul 2011 17:04:42 GMT
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GWB wrote on Wed, 06 July 2011 11:59
And now for the good news! Jesus is coming soon! Whoohoo!!!

Amen to that....

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Wed, 06 Jul 2011 21:23:46 GMT
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james wrote on Wed, 15 June 2011 15:18Judgment?

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Just an update on Harold Camping...

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2& objectid=10736748

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Wed, 06 Jul 2011 21:57:23 GMT
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Thanks for the update, James.

To me, this guy is just another sign of the times in which we live.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sat, 09 Jul 2011 15:08:00 GMT
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This is just something else to make one wonder how in the world Christian Americans can think we're a nation under God with godly leaders. Here's U.S. House of Representative, Charlie Rangel, D-N.Y., who's been busted for various ethics violations, 'playing' the religion card(so to speak) asking 'What whould Jesus do?'

He says for people to ask their pastors, rabbis, and imams what is right(well since hardly no one teaches Biblical truths on debt, borrowing, charging interest, what kind of answer will be given? because the churches as well as their members are up to their eyeballs in debt too)...concerning how to deal with the 14.3 Trillion dollar debt we as a nation owe. Of course he wants to just raise the debt ceiling, borrow some more money, and pretend everything is wonderful. Not that the Republicans have a workable solution either...

http://politics.blogs.foxnews.com/2011/07/08/religion-rangel -and-debt-ceiling

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Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Sun, 10 Jul 2011 17:34:17 GMT
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I watched "Seven Signs of the Apocalypse" on the History Channel.

Not that I need confirmation of God's Word by science, but it was very good in presenting how some of the judgments in Revelation could very well happen. One way or the other, God's Word will come to pass.

For example, the program mentioned how the seas turn red in different areas due to red toxin. They said it then kills creatures in the sea. If it happened world wide, it would kill people living on the shores due to the toxins released. It was very interesting.

I just thought I would share the info. This is, of course, for those who have a TV.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Fri, 15 Jul 2011 12:18:21 GMT

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"Sign, sign, everywhere a sign..." song by 5 Man Electric Band

Jerry Brown, governor of California, just signed into law a bill that requires 'gay history' to be taught in all public schools in that state. (think they'll include Sodom and Gomorrah?)

Just another 'sign' of the Last Days...

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Fri, 22 Jul 2011 01:04:26 GMT
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I came across an interesting video (35 minutes) that gives a good explanation for one of the biggest problems that exist within the apostate church system of man...Many professing salvation have never been born again, they've responed to alter calls and professed a 'belief' in God, yet there has been little change in their lives that results in true obedience and good fruit.

R.A. Torrey once said that saving faith is believing God; not just believing 'in' God.(James 2:19)

http://www.youtube.com/user/LogosApologia#p/f/2/2oi5PR96Efs

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by william on Fri, 22 Jul 2011 14:46:54 GMT
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That was a good video James, proving once again that the problem with the church is... drum roll... us!

The Church would be perfect were it not for the people.<grin>

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Last Days

Posted by james on Mon, 15 Aug 2011 21:05:36 GMT
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I'm sure that at different points in history someone has declared God's Word to be in error and the writers not inspired by The Holy Spirit; but as the end draws nearer and with the ability to access imformation like never before, it seems the heretics are coming out of the woodwork.(well, maybe a more accurate discription would be coming out of the pit of Hell.)

A man named Clare G. Weakley Jr. is taking blasphemy to a new depth of depravity. Mr. Weakley touts himself as a "Non-denominational Internet Chaplain to ALL people of every religious system." He was educated through the Methodist denomination but now has expanded his horizons. He writes and publishes on The Christian Community website.

He says that The book of Revelation is heresy and he has proof...in his own twisted, deceived, unregenerate mind. He says, "Why would any careful Christian take 'Revelation' seriously after reading it?" His summation of it is, "Trouble me no more about it."

They're here folks...false teachers, prophets, deceivers sent to plant seeds of double in the minds of the gullible, ungrounded, itching ears, church pew fillers.

http://www.christian-community.org/library/revelheresy.html

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by JWBTI on Mon, 15 Aug 2011 23:12:08 GMT
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James wrote:

They're here folks...false teachers, prophets, deceivers sent to plant seeds of double in the minds of the gullible, ungrounded, itching ears, church pew fillers.
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Yes they are !

Clare G. Weakley Jr. He says that The book of Revelation is heresy and he has proof !?

The Female sect of the church and most of the males have thrown out all of Pauls Teachings (Paul wasnâ€™t inspired by the Holy Spirit)

Now Take away The Gospels and the Teachings of Jesus !

99.9 % of the churches have thrown out the Prayer of Faith for Healingâ€¦â€¦..

You canâ€™t tell God how to answer your prayers, beside thatâ€¦â€¦
How do we know That God really wants to heal that person ?
You know thatâ€¦â€¦ Death is the ultimate healing !
Sometimes you just got to take your hands off and let God do what ever He willâ€¦..
Heal them or kill themâ€¦â€¦..You donâ€™t want to mess with Gods sovereignty !
Who are we to judge what God wants for that person !

Those statements came out of a Full Gospel, Pentecostal Church of God -- 2011
Sad â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦..

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Tue, 16 Aug 2011 02:29:11 GMT
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Does anyone know anything about the WEU becoming "The Ten" as of July 1st? There are 27 nations in the WEU, but as of this date, only 10 can vote.

I heard this today, and can't seem to verify anything for sure.

Some beleive that these are the ten horns in Revelation.

Thoughts?

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Tue, 16 Aug 2011 02:51:31 GMT
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According to a brief Google search (I'm not up on European alliances and politics) the WEU agreed to terminate their alliance powers to the EU and have it wraped up by June 2011. Of the 28 members only 10 were in the voting delegation...Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxenbourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, and The United Kingdom. There were 6 associate members; 5 observers; and 7 associate partners.

I could find no follow up info beyond June of 2011. Maybe sense in actuality they were always 'The Ten' as far as real power goes, they decided to drop the remaining 18 nations. They might have felt they'd have more strength if united with the European Union instead of their possibly outdated alliance???

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Tue, 16 Aug 2011 08:50:29 GMT
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Thanks, James. I think it is interesting and something to keep my eye on. We will see how He works in this end-time.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Tue, 23 Aug 2011 11:00:45 GMT
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Baby Boomers...

First may I say that my trust is in The Lord for both the present and the future; and these posts that reflect and comment on what is happening in these Last Days are not shared to foster fear or anxiety, but to remind and encourage fellow believers to draw nearer to God and place our total trust in Him to provide, protect, deliver, and comfort us in the coming times of peril.

For many this is a reality, they flat out don't have enough money for their 'golden years', though many planned ahead and thought they did. Inflation and the other economic problems have placed a strain on senior citizens (most others as well) that they aren't prepared for and there doesn't seem to be an answer to be found through the wisdom of man. I am probably more aware of this than some due to my working with people preparing their tax returns. I see the problem growing worse every year, many are in major financial trouble with no solution in sight.

Believing, understanding, obeying Psalms 91 (the whole Word of God, actually) is crucial if we expect to see God intervene on our behalf...We must dwell in the secret place 24/7, not visit upon occasion (Sunday) but be totally surrendered to God, trusting Him and Him alone as our sufficiency.

Just a thought that came to mind as I finished this post...Currency (money) values will come and go with inflation and economic turmoil (including gold), but Faith in God to provide is priceless and can't be devalued or rendered useless nor will there ever come a time where it won't be there. Amen.

http://theeconomiccollapseblog.com/archives/21-signs-that-th
e-new-reality-for-many-baby-boomers-will-be-to-work-as-wage- slaves-until-they-drop-dead

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Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sun, 28 Aug 2011 15:56:44 GMT
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I was thinking about the downfall of America over the last 40 years and what lead to it. For sure there are numerous things that one could point to such as the sexual revolution, drugs, rock and roll,(rebellion of my generation) as well as greed, and self centeredness. And there's no doubt in my mind that America and it's citizens are just beginning to reap the fruit of what has been sown.

I was curious once as to what the most read Bible verse was, of course it is John 3:16; but I came across a survey that said in America, Matthew 7:1 is the most quoted verse.

"Judge not, that ye be not judged."

In thinking about that and how so many (both christian and nonbelievers)have used it out of context to justify their mantra of 'live and let live', 'to each his own', and 'that's your interpretation'. Very few have the courage to stand up to the immorality that's running rampant throughout this nation, and when someone does they're quoted Matthew 7:1 and called judgemental and critical. The moral standard given us by God (The Bible) is used to refute following the clear instructions given us for walking righteously from the same source(The Bible). Heathen and many 'church members' alike will quote, Judge not, in a heart beat in defense of those living as Sodomites, whoremongers, adulterers, idolatry, murders(abortion), and every other sin known; yet never mention that that same WORD they are quoting states plainly that those who continue in those sins shall be cast into the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.

The live and let live mentality, don't judge, has became so predominate that those who do stand for truth are considered as hatemongers and trouble makers...We ARE to judge SIN, and condemn it...We ARE to love the sinner, NOT the SIN. Love always speaks the TRUTH and the TRUTH is that unless one REPENTS and is Born-Again (saved, become a new creation in Jesus Christ...not just one who verbally confesses to be a 'believer' without the fruit of a changed heart) they WILL NOT see the Kingdom of GOD. (John 3:3)

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Fri, 02 Sep 2011 17:40:37 GMT

Rumours... Not the best selling album by Fleetwood Mac with this title:)

As I exercised this morning in our fitness center, I was watching FoxNews and they were reporting on one problem after the other, from the devastating hurricane that hit the northeast, the earthquake near the nations capital, to the latest negative figures on unemployment, to civil unrest in foreign countries. The word Rumours kept coming to my mind, (and yes for a moment I did think of the record album by Fleetwood Mac) then I started remembering what Jesus told His disciples concerning the last days.

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

All these are the beginning of sorrows." Matthew 24:6-8

What kept going through my mind was what a rumour is; general talk or hearsay of doubtful accuracy. They promote themselves (FoxNews) as fair and balanced, yet they make statements that can not be true, and certainly not accurate. Example, "there was absolutely no jobs created in the month of August, none, zero; the numbers remained the same from July." Well anyone with any common sense or the least bit of discernment knows that there were jobs created in August, people went to work at new jobs. What they should have said was that the numbers stayed the same due to the number of people losing their jobs was equal to the number getting new jobs.e.g.The newly franchised resturant down the street 'created' 28 new jobs in August, but the one that closed in another city due to economic circumstances cost 28 people their jobs... Thus no change in employment figures.

And speaking of unemployment figures and accuracy, the nationwide unemployment figure of 9.1% that is repeated daily by the media and government, is NOT accurate. They have no way of knowing how many people have not applied for unemployment due to being self employed, or their benefits have been depleated, or they have simply given up or don't qualify for other reasons. But because of politics, the truth is swept under the rug.

I expect rumours (inaccuracies) from the media and government, what troubles me is when they come from pulpits under the guise of 'thus saith the lord'. e.g. America's best days lie ahead, we are yet to see our finest hour. America is God's nation, christian and God fearing. Great things are in store for this nation...What happened to the prophecy I heard in 2008 that 2009 what going to be a year of financial blessings and anointing upon 'the church' like never seen before. Well, the

false prophet who spoke those words probably had a good year financially due to the fleecing of the followers of his ministry that teaches the false prosperity message, but the rest failed to happen; nor did it happen in 2010 and as 2011 is over half gone it doesn't appear that this is the 'financial breakout' year either.

Rumours, put out to mislead and deceive, inaccurate information both concerning secular matters as well as spiritual.

The LAST DAYS, the beginning of sorrows, God's judgment...

"Behold, I have told you before." Matthew 24:25

"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your LORD doth come." V42

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Fri, 09 Sep 2011 16:08:54 GMT
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Increased Knowledge...

"...and knowledge shall be increased." Daniel 12:4b

Signs of the Last Days, increased knowledge. I remember my grandpa telling me about when he was a boy they traveled (what few times they did) by horse and buggy or walked. The only communication with people who lived any distance was by mail. The only news reports were from a weekly newspaper(if you lived near a city, country folks just lived their lives in their own small area of the world.) During his life he witnessed the invention of the automobile, airplane, radio, television; he saw the advances in medical science,(transplants, cure for diseases); he saw space travel and the founding of professional sports leagues; just to name a few.

All that we take for granted and just yawn at,e.g.the monthly advances in communication technologies...I mean, think about it, internet, texting, skyping, tweeting, cable/HD/3D, music with thousands of songs crystal clear on a device smaller than a pack of gum ...this stuff wasn't even around in Hobart Freemans day(25 yr. ago) I can prepare taxes using a computer and software program that increases accuracy and productivity that I would have never believed 20 years ago. Research? information?...just Google it...Biblegateway, blue letter Bible, ect. at our finger tips, no running to a library or digging through books(for the most part). It is amazing...

And yet, for all mans learning(mankind in general), he hasn't gotten wisdom. Mankind is farther

from God than ever(imo) and the pride that comes with the ever increasing knowledge gives man a sense of self suffiency that makes seeking God, or even thinking that He is needed, of no importance.

What about those into religion? Hasn't 'knowledge' increased in these last days? 'Everyone' has a Bible, everyone goes to church, everyone gets to watch TBN, everyone is a 'christian' after all, we are one nation under God...NOT!

Yes, knowledge is increasing...just another fortold sign coming to pass that tells us we are in the last days.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Fri, 09 Sep 2011 20:02:41 GMT
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james wrote on Fri, 09 September 2011 11:08

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Here is an interesting quote from a Buddhist.

â€œAll know the way, but few actually walk it.

Seems Christianity isnt the only religion with this problem.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sat, 10 Sep 2011 00:30:47 GMT
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I think the inability to walk a commitmented life, to anything, is a universal problem amongest mankind. Especially those living in the Western world.

But from what I've observed, I'd conclude that the average Buddhist(or Muslim or Hindu) is far more dedicated to their gods and obedience to that which they believe to be 'the way', than professing Christians are to Jesus Christ and obedience to His teachings.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Tue, 13 Sep 2011 13:13:50 GMT
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This certainly describes these last days.

http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/story/2011-09-14/ameri
ca-religious-denominations/50376288/1?csp=34news&utm_sou
rce=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+
usatoday-NewsTopStories+%28News+-+Top+Stories%29&utm_con tent=Google+Reader

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Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Thu, 15 Sep 2011 16:14:28 GMT
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Well we now have another basis for divorce.

http://www.usatoday.com/life/television/news/story/2011-09-1 5/pat-robertson/50412904/1

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Thu, 15 Sep 2011 17:14:15 GMT
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I don't know if Pat Robertson was originally called by God for ministry or not, but through the last 25 years his actions show a man who has confused the two kingdoms and lost his way. In 1988 when he ran for the Republican Party's nomination for president of the United States, he began down a path that has exposed to whom his allegiance lies.

He, along with Jerry Farwell (Moral Majority)and a few other men in American christendom's hierarchy, were very instrumental in the deception that swept through the harlot church sytem in this country that convinced people in the churches that patriotism and being christian were one and the same. They taught over the pulpit as well as TV the church had a responsibility to become actively involved in the political system of this nation through financially supporting and voting for the 'conservative party' candidates (that'd be Rupublican, and of course God's choice).

He's been know to make statements contrary to Bible long before this one on divorce. Oh yeah, he said God told him to run for president.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Thu, 15 Sep 2011 17:24:41 GMT
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james wrote on Thu, 15 September 2011 12:14 Oh yeah, he said God told him to run for president.

Well you know James. God told Oral to build a hospital also.

So unbelieveable it makes my head hurt.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Mon, 19 Sep 2011 22:37:47 GMT
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"Itâ€™s a high-stakes showdown at the United Nations. The Palestinian Authority is pushing for complete statehood -- a move that not only violates international law and the U.N.'s own charter, but represents grave danger to Israel. The Palestinian Authority has embraced Hamas as part of its government -- a terrorist organization that vows to destroy Israel." ACLJ

More headlines and news that was prophecied hundreds of years ago. We will see how it all plays out.

Subject: Re: Last Days

Posted by grandom on Thu, 22 Sep 2011 01:19:33 GMT
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This isnt a surprise to anyone is it?

http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2011/09/20/oc-couple-threaten
ed-with-500-per-meeting-fines-for-home-bible-study/

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Fri, 23 Sep 2011 22:42:13 GMT
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I'm not saying this proves we're in the Last Days, but then again maybe it does. Sad to say, I've spent time in both these institutions and I'd have to think long and hard which to chose should I have to make that decision. Both have the potential to change a person, for good or for bad.

Bay Minette, Alabama very near to where the Bay of The Holy Spirit Revival is located. At least the offender has a choice of churches, not so with jails. You got Brownsville (Pensacola, FL) a short drive, a very large Catholic church in nearby Mobile and tons of Southern Baptist, Methodist, and some charasmatic assemblies; on the jail side, one probably won't have his faith weakened or compromised or be caught up in deception. They amount of the fine probably wouldn't come close to the years worth of 'tithes'. Plus ya get feed and a roof overhead...decisions, decisions.

http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/09/23/national/main20110 680.shtml

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Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by JWBTI on Fri, 23 Sep 2011 23:24:29 GMT
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Quote:

If offenders select church, they'll be allowed to pick the place of worship but must check in weekly with the pastor and police.

Hey, this isnâ€™t new ! The church has been doin this for years !
You know, if you skip Service and the Tithes on Sunday, the pastor will be checking

On you Monday to see why you werenâ€™t thereâ€¦.
The pastor is the police if you miss your Tithes and offerings on Sunday .

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Fri, 23 Sep 2011 23:41:57 GMT
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I`m with you James.

I might have to take jail.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Fri, 23 Sep 2011 23:43:09 GMT
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JWBTI wrote on Fri, 23 September 2011 18:24Quote:

The pastor is the police if you miss your Tithes and offerings on Sunday .

I cant hardly believe that..

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sat, 01 Oct 2011 13:54:15 GMT
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Follow up on Rob Bell...

Rob Bell is leaving Mars Hill, the mega-church he founded in Michigan, and is leaded for the Hollywood lights. He's taking the false message of quasi-love winning/universal salvation/no hell, on tour to the multitudes...Just what the 'world' is waiting to hear, in these Last Days.

http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2011/septemberweb-only/r ob-bell-leaves-mars-hill.html

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sat, 01 Oct 2011 14:51:04 GMT
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Need further convincing?

Here's a couple articles from the 'Religious' section of today's USA Today. The first (top article) is about the Pentagon giving military chaplains the authority to wed 'gay couples'.(just a thought here...if 'Gay Pride' got together with 'Patriotic Pride' and they had a military parade.....never mind; wave that flag and salute!)

The second article I found interesting is the 3rd one down from Sept.23,2011 titled: "Bishop: Bread alone will do for the Communion at most Masses." Besides the obvious observation about not needing the fruit of the vine in their communion(not getting into the Catholic heresy of the eucharist); another problem is revealed concerning the separation of the clergy and laity..."Olmsted is a stickler for 'Church' authority." That Harlot Church(Roman Catholic) is easily discerned by most protestants, not so within their own demoninational systems of man.

Actually there are several articles there that reflect the state of 'religion' in these Last Days.

http://content.usatoday.com/communities/Religion/index

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by grandom on Sat, 01 Oct 2011 17:21:54 GMT
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james wrote on Sat, 01 October 2011 09:51Need further convincing?

Here is another one for the books James.

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44741162/ns/politics-the_new_yor k_times/

Churches and politics.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sun, 09 Oct 2011 12:56:37 GMT
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And the downward spiral continues...

Imagine the audacity of a denominational system that had a doctrine that "ostracized and alienated" people from their leadership due to something as benign sodomy. How mean... what were they thinking? (written in hyperbole)

http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/10/08/us-presbyterian-church-ordains-first-gay-minister/?test=latestnews

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Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Thu, 27 Oct 2011 15:06:02 GMT
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Sad to say this is a quite accurate parody of the contemporary/emergent/modern hip church of today, especially here in America.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3RJBd8zE48A

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Tue, 01 Nov 2011 03:01:18 GMT
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Christian church teams up with high priestess of Isis...

Famous denomination welcoming paganism with guided meditations.

http://www.wnd.com/?pageId=360365

Where are men like Elijah today? This blasphemous mess wouldn't be tolerated by godly men in the days of righteousness. But no wait, this is politically correct amerika with anything goes (under the covering of religious freedom and constitutional 'rights')...

Last days for those living in a daze...Wake-up!

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by william on Tue, 01 Nov 2011 03:58:34 GMT
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Wild!

As a side note, just to head off any trouble <grin>, I had not read your note here when I posted over in the other section. I mentioned something about our treatment of denominational Christians. I WAS NOT REFERRING TO THIS!! Pagan practices like these aren't just a matter of folks needing enlightenment -- they need another kind of help -- salvation coupled with a good dose of deliverance!

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by wishing34 on Wed, 11 Jan 2012 03:04:44 GMT
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Greetings,

I just heard a MP3 and the minister referred to this verse:

1Co 2:4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

And the minister said that it meant that even though a man is not strong as a public speaker God can make his words be heard by the people â€“ basically meaning God can make his words be effective even though the man is weak as a public speaker.

The minister completely missed the meaning of the verse which is that Paul ministered with signs and wonders.

If the minister cannot recognize the signs and wonders in the church in the Scriptures

then how shall he and the people expect signs and wonders in the churches today?

Jman

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At the time of this post . . .
FA, the satellites, the spinoffs,and the FA diaspora have been having church without apostles for 40 years and 10 days.
Initial start date 1/1/72

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Wed, 15 Feb 2012 19:06:34 GMT
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I'm not that easily shocked or left speechless, but today I'm just shaking my head in amazement. I woke earlier than normal today and turned on the TV (about 4:30am) and came across a guy on the religious channel named E. Benard Jordan. He claims to be not only a prophet, but he says he's a MASTER PROPHET ; and for a $200 seed sown into 'him' anyone watching could get a personal prophecy from him(as well as a CD that help one fulfill their destiny).

He quoted II Chronicles 20:20 several times with the emphasis one the second part. "...Believe in The LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper." He dropped the names of Hollywood stars and celebrities as people to whom he had prophecied to and how successful their lives were now due to his prophecies.

I looked him up(I had never heard of him before this morning) and found that for just $3000 I could become a prophet as well. Just think, being mentored by a 'master prophet'. No wonder it's so hard to interest people in The Kingdom of God, they think people like this (and hundreds more on these 'religious tv channels') are what Christianity is all about..."Give me, give me, give me, and

you'll prosper, prosper, prosper."

Yes it reveals the greed in people (both the deceiver and the deceived), but it also is one of the biggest false doctrines being propagated in these last days.And I think it's more prevalent in Charismatic circles than anywhere else in the Harlot System of man. I read of godly men of old who cut down the groves to false gods and tore down pagan alters; how Jesus, filled with righteous indignation, drove out the moneymakers from the temple. It makes me want to scream from the roof tops..."Frauds, Liars, Charlatans, Fleecers of the sheep, Deceivers, FALSE PROPHETS...RUN PEOPLE! RUN!"

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by JWBTI on Thu, 16 Feb 2012 21:50:11 GMT
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James this one only cost $20.00

Blasphemy Night at St. Georgeâ€™s Church
Anglicans in Canada must have been jealous of Presbyterians in the USA prancing around in animal costumes and calling it a worship service. They pondered and pondered, and finally up with something worse. The other night at St. Georgeâ€™s Anglican Church in St. Catherines, Ontario, a band of giggling pagan priestesses staged The Vagina Monologues (admission, $20): and they performed it at the altar.....
http://www.newswithviews.com/Duigon/lee135.htm

4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:
5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Rev 17:4-5 (KJV)

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Thu, 16 Feb 2012 22:04:55 GMT
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The sad part is that these things are happening on Main Street, America.

Some people see no harm in this activity at all. Also, if you are the one to point out the evil in the occult or the activity itself, they will call you "bizarre."

Evilness is coming in like a flood. Most of the time, all I hear is zzzzzz.....in response to this fact.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by JWBTI on Fri, 17 Feb 2012 00:08:20 GMT
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Yep...Main Street USA
From our local paper Van Wert,Ohio

Countryside Chapel hosts murder mystery

Countryside Chapel and Fortney Enterprises will soon unveil the brand new murder mystery comedy, Who Killed Pastor Deadbody?
This hilarious family-friendly whodunit performance will be on Saturday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m.

Countryside Chapel is located four miles west of Convoy on Convoy Road (6072 Mentzer Church Road, Convoy) In lieu of an admission fee, the church is asking for non-perishable food donations for the local food pantry.

POSTED: 02/15/12 at 1:29 am. FILED UNDER: Church, Lifestyles

So Sad!

3 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;
4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

2 Tim 4:3-4 (KJV)

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sun, 19 Feb 2012 14:50:39 GMT

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Friday morning I saw a man on the Inspiration Network named 'Dr' Todd Coontz who was using numbers as his way of getting money. He said God told him while working out on a treadmill that the number 273 was a special number. He went on to explain that the 2 meant agreement(Matt.18, two agreeing); 7 means divine number (God's #); 3 means Holy Trinity or resurrection(Jesus rose on 3rd day)...Added togethter they total 12 which means divine governance. Of course, why didn't I think of that? Sow the $273 seed and you will receive a 'miracle breakthrough'. Easy, just have the old credit card ready and Walla! Prosperity will overtake you, the curse of poverty will be broken, so he says.

I know there are watchdog groups out there and watchmen on the walls warning the sheep, yet still it continues. People will continue to give their last dollar in hopes of getting 'their' miracle(some are hoping for healings, others need financial relief, and some believe they are following the will of God for their lives and God is really speaking through these men...and some are greedy themselves and view the false prosperity message as a way to get <much like the lottery> without having to live the gospel message.

273...Pleeeze!

added later: I was googling this guy, Todd Coontz, and found some clips of him on YouTube begging for money.(there are a bunch using numbers given him by God, so he says.) I was reading the comments beneath the video and found one that should be read by every person who even 'thinks' of giving money to these people.

"Greedy lazy dogs, the only sowing that needs to be done is the sewing of their mouths shut."

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Wed, 29 Feb 2012 22:44:36 GMT
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I came across this article on Master Prophet E. Benard Jordan that was written 5 years ago. How many times do we see a man in ministry seemingly starting out with an anointing and calling only to fall into deception and heresy later as their ministry grew and MONEY became the focus.(not saying this is true with this guy; I was thinking of Oral Roberts and William Branham and others) btw: His son Manesseh Jordan, now a rising star on TBN is being proclaimed a 'prophet' as well.

http://blogs.dallasobserver.com/unfairpark/2007/02/prophet_o r_heretic_either_way.php

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Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Thu, 08 Mar 2012 17:59:14 GMT
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james wrote on Wed, 06 July 2011 16:23james wrote on Wed, 15 June 2011 15:18Judgment?

Harold Camping suffered a stroke last week that has left him with a problem, slurred speech. I've read where others are saying it's Gods' judgment against the false predictions he has made. I don't think so, I'm of the opinion that if God wanted him shut up, He'd have done it years ago, rather than after he had already made 2 false calculations/predictions. The radio station he owns has been running messages from their archives.

Just an update on Harold Camping...

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2& objectid=10736748

Another update on Harold Camping...This one cause for rejoicing.(Maybe this is the reason The Lord didn't allow him to die when he had the stroke last summer, to allow him time to repent.)

http://www.christianpost.com/news/harold-camping-admits-sin-end-to-doomsday-predictions-70953/

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Tue, 03 Apr 2012 13:59:26 GMT
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WHAT NEXT?

While I know everyone keeps up with the Miss Universe contest,(along with the Miss America Pageant) NOT! I couldn't miss the headlines this morning about the poor discriminated against man from Canada who has become 'a woman' through surgery and was briefly banned from Donald Trump's beauty contest. Of course Gloria Allred came rushing to his/hers aid, the defender of the oppressed... and walla, Donald reverses his decision and is allowing the transsexual to compete in the pageant.

End times? Last days? The cup has been running over for quite some time...the cup of iniquity.

http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/entertainment/2012/04/trump-wont-bar-transsexual-beauty-queen-from-shot-at-miss-universe

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Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Sun, 08 Apr 2012 13:31:29 GMT
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What happened? How did it get like this?...

As I grow older I find myself living in a society where there is no right from wrong; there are no standards whereby men live righteously; the 'church' world wanders aimlessly farther and farther away from the Word of God as false love, false doctrines, false prophets, and false christianity swallow up those unwilling to make a stand. Don't dare try shining light on these issues, don't dare try tearing down these false idols and altars that have been made a substitute of true worship and obedience.

It's a good thing Christianity isn't a popularity contest because no true Christian would ever get a vote. But, thank God for His mercy and grace, it's NOT a popularity contest and it's NOT for the faint of heart. We are called to be salt and light to this world,(and the institutional religious system of man called the 'church' seems to be in darkness as much as those who don't even 'profess' Christ) Pagan worship, traditions of man, idolatry, every sin known to man has infiltrated the church to the point people have no idea what Jesus is all about...die to self, crucified life, holiness, obeidence??? " What's your problem, discernment, what's that?" Easter bunnies, Santa Claus, Halloween; adultery, divorce, remarriage; homosexuality, gay marriage; false prophets, apostles, and doctrines; 100's of denominations, all paths lead to God, and 'judge not' love that is based on feelings and emotions...

Watchmen, prophets, John the Baptist... Yes, we definitely need them today, but WE have a responsibility regardless of the responses we get...speak the truth, in love, reprove the works of darkness. We should feel as Lot did, vexed by the unrighteous deeds surrounding us.(2Peter 2:7-8) Vexed day to day, willing to stand for righteousness, willing to die if necessary...Certainly willing to accept a little criticism from those blinded by the enemy. Wake us Lord, wake us.

VEX: grieve; afflict.

VEXATION: distressing thing.

VEXED: irritated; angered.

"Many tender-minded Christians fear to sin against love by daring to inquire into anything that comes wearing the cloak of Christianity and breathing the name of Jesus. They dare not examine the credentials of the latest prophet to hit their town lest they be guilty of rejecting something which may be of God.

They timidly remember how the Pharisees refused to accept Christ when He came, and they do not want to be caught in the same snare, so they either reserve judgment or shut their eyes and accept everything without question." A.W.Tozer (written decades ago)

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Mon, 16 Apr 2012 13:21:36 GMT
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Speaking of 'How did it get this way?'...

The local Vineyard church passed out flyer's inviting people to come to their 'special easter egg hunt'; they had a helicopter fly over a park and drop eggs and prizes...Really!

I guess they could justify that by saying at least they got people to "look up"...I was too busy with taxes to get to go , I just wonder if they had the helicopter painted to look like a rabbit?

Since it was held at Veteran's Park I hope the sounds of the helicopter blades overhead didn't cause any flashbacks to any veterans who might have been there.

btw: I know Jman called for a moratorium on trusting Jesus for healing(I hope and pray no one was influenced to do so), but I'm wondering if people interpreted that to include posting on the forum.

Hello? Anyone out there?

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by william on Mon, 16 Apr 2012 13:45:33 GMT
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We had the exact same kind of event up here in north alabama... it only cost $10k... not bad when you consider how many people were "touched". <grin>

I'm up for a new discussion--anything in particular?

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Tue, 17 Jul 2012 02:20:48 GMT
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As I read Psalms 74 I'm reminded of the times we live in, the last days, and how what was written then is revelant for today. With all the warnings throughout The Word against false teachers/prophets bringing reproach upon The Name of Christ. There are people flocking to 'where-ever' to see signs and wonders from 'who-ever' only to find out later they were deceived. Where are the true prophets of God? Where are the true signs and wonders? How long will God allow these men who say they're send of God to blaspheme His Holy Name?

"We see not our signs: there is no more any prophet: neither is there among us any that knoweth how long.

O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?"Psalms 74:9-10

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Tue, 14 Aug 2012 15:35:12 GMT
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I continue to see and hear these false prosperity preachers "prophesying" of how God is going to abundantly bless/restore/make great again, America and all Christians who "sow" into their ministry.

Where are the true prophets, teachers, watchmen? May their voices rise into one, to proclaim The Truth, to warn a slumbering people rather than the false hope and lies spoken today by these thieves and charlatans.

"His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.

Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant." Isaiah 56:10-12

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by william on Tue, 14 Aug 2012 15:39:54 GMT
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As Gomer would say -- "Surprise, Surprise, Surprise!"

A rude awakening awaits those who prophesy peace, when there is no peace.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Tue, 14 Aug 2012 20:18:39 GMT
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I will never forget when Dr. Freeman said that America would be judged for the way the black man was treated.

I can't see where we have made much progress in this area. I know our current president is African American, but I still see and hear about such great animosity between the races.

I also know that it is prophecy being fulfilled.

Anymore, there is no shame or accountability to anything.

Where is common decency?

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by JWBTI on Wed, 15 Aug 2012 02:00:55 GMT

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14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?
Dan 3:14-15 (KJV)

Is it True ? That there be some , that refuse to serve the gods of men, nor worship
The golden images that man has set up ? (mans church system)
(Independent and denominational)

Yes ! It is true !

Now when the music starts, if you donâ€™t give worship and admiration to the
Praise team and fall down and worship the image that man has made, they will
Cast you out you also.

Donâ€™t forget your tithe an offering so we can support our golden images !
Oh, I forgotâ€¦weâ€™ll be taking up a special offering for the praise team also !
They need the money so they can entertain us better, so dig deep!

So Sad !

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Wed, 15 Aug 2012 02:14:34 GMT
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Well I'm certainly no Hobart Freeman but I will say this; somebody is going have to answer for the blood of the American Indian's who were killed, their land taken, and being forced to live in poverty on reservations.

Yes, the black man has fared much better, they don't compare to what happened to the real Americans. That's not to excuse what the black race has gone through as trivial, but as mentioned, a black man has become president of this nation. The Indians have very little, apart

from a few gambling casino's.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Wed, 29 Aug 2012 19:58:17 GMT
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I have been reading along on JTBTV forum as posters are discussing whether or not Hurricane Isaac is God's judgment on New Orleans. One thing of intrest is the fact that it's almost to the day 7 years since Katrina hit and another thing is, the homosexual's are holding a huge party there this week(just as they were when Katrina hit in 2005) known as Southern Decadence New Orleans 2012.

It seems to some to be judgment, others see it as just the way it is...a storm. I read where someone at the Republican Convention in Tampa, Fl. is taking credit for 'praying' the storm away from Tampa so those fine 'God fearing, conservative, moral majority, christian, backbone of america, people' could have their convention without interruption. Saying stuff like, "The devil couldn't ruin this event, we're taking back america...".

So we (professing Christians) got some thinking Satan is behind the storm, and others believing it's God behind it bringing judgment on the homosexuals and those in New Orleans for not repenting during the past 7 years. Oh! and every one knows that Isaac means, 'to laugh'...so of course any prophetic/apostolic/discerner worth his/her salt knows God is 'laughing' last with this judgment.

Meanwhile, a lot of the midwest that desperatly needs rain will get some relief with the aftermath of the storm. (Guess who they'll be atributing it to?)

No wonder the churches are declining in membership, what is the unregenerate to think while observing 'christians' and their instability? Who'd want to become a part of that?

Do I think America is wicked? Yep! Should we as a nation repent? Yep! Will we? I guess that is the question of all questions.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by william on Thu, 30 Aug 2012 02:13:37 GMT
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You know, I'm hearing those kinds of things more and more lately.

I wonder who will get blamed for the tribulation disasters? <grin>

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Wed, 12 Dec 2012 15:45:20 GMT
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12-12-12...Mayan Calendar?

I noticed someone speaking of the date today,12-12-12, and how long it would be until the numbers would line up like this again and it reminded me that this is supposed to be the year the world ends, according to the Mayan Calendar. The movie, Avatar, sparked a lot of interest in the Mayan Calendar and the Mayan Tree of Life, especially in the minds of the youth who watched it. Once again we see Satan at work deceiving hearts and minds, planting seeds...

I think the date the people who believe this are using is 12-21-12. On a newsclip they had a college professor who told his class of young students(who had bought into the doomsday pretictions of the Mayan Calendar) that they had better study for their finals anyway, just in case. Another person was stressed about whether or not to buy gifts for the pagan holiday...the newscaster said it shouldn't interupt the shopping season. That says it all, nothing gets in the way of 'the spirit of christmas'.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Wed, 30 Jan 2013 16:11:54 GMT
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james wrote on Sun, 19 February 2012 08:50Friday morning I saw a man on the Inspiration Network named 'Dr' Todd Coontz who was using numbers as his way of getting money. He said God told him while working out on a treadmill that the number 273 was a special number. He went on to explain that the 2 meant agreement(Matt.18, two agreeing); 7 means divine number (God's #); 3 means Holy Trinity or resurrection(Jesus rose on 3rd day)...Added togethter they total 12 which means divine governance. Of course, why didn't I think of that? Sow the $273 seed and you will receive a 'miracle breakthrough'. Easy, just have the old credit card ready and Walla! Prosperity will overtake you, the curse of poverty will be broken, so he says.

I know there are watchdog groups out there and watchmen on the walls warning the sheep, yet still it continues. People will continue to give their last dollar in hopes of getting 'their' miracle(some are hoping for healings, others need financial relief, and some believe they are following the will of God for their lives and God is really speaking through these men...and some are greedy themselves and view the false prosperity message as a way to get <much like the lottery> without having to live the gospel message.

273...Pleeeze!

added later: I was googling this guy, Todd Coontz, and found some clips of him on YouTube begging for money.(there are a bunch using numbers given him by God, so he says.) I was reading the comments beneath the video and found one that should be read by every person who even 'thinks' of giving money to these people.

"Greedy lazy dogs, the only sowing that needs to be done is the sewing of their mouths shut."

I realize this isn't ground breaking news and of little interest to anyone, but this morning I came across this same man, ONE YEAR LATER, running this SAME taped video on a religious channel...The same exact fresh, anointed, WORD from 'God'...

I was thinking, what with inflation and all, it's probably a better deal today than then(only $273) to get that special double anointed miracle of financial breakthrough...

My daily Bible reading has me in Jeremiah and today I was reading chapter 28 and how Hananiah prophecied a false prophecy that effected peoples lives(thinking that God was going to deliver them from Nebuchadnezzar in two years). Jeremiah said, "Amen: the Lord do so:...Nevertheless hear thou now this word ..." And Jeremiah then told Hananiah..."Hear now, Hananiah; The LORD hath not sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie."

We're not short of prophets in these Last Days, they're everywhere...the problem is, they're False Prophets looking only to profit.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by thewailinwoman on Fri, 08 Feb 2013 00:21:18 GMT
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Thank you for the warning Brother. Learned about this many years ago through a teaching by Pastor Freeman. I stopped listening to people like Kenneth Copeland and those associated with him and mostly all tele-preachers.

Blessings,
Sharon

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Fri, 08 Mar 2013 19:00:02 GMT
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I know we've commented on 'the Emergent Church' and Brian McLaren and those who consider themselves "the new christians" and endorse these 'new' ideas as coming from God; (Rick Warren is in this group...Purpose Driven Life) but this really caught in my spirit as I read where McLaren is calling for a 5 year moratorium on making any pronouncements concering homosexuality and IF ALL homosexual behavior is always sinful. He says, "We aren't sure if or where lines are to be drawn nor do we know how to enforce with fairness whatever lines are drawn." So much for God's Word being The Standard whereby ministers judge whether or not actions are righteous or ungodly.

Why would the pastor of a mega-church, well know 'christian' author, conference speaker, church reformer <spoken with tongue in cheek>, make such anti-Bible statements? Well in October his son was married to another man and Brian McLaren lead the 'commitment ceremony'.

You know, by the standards many 'christian leaders' today go by, if they were back in the New Testament days and were addressing the church at Corinth concerning the man Paul had instructed them to disipline for sins of fornication; they'd probably say just let it ride for about 5 years (moratorium) and then see if they felt it was still a sinful act. Mercy, mercy, mercy!

Seems I recall another call for a moratorium about year or so ago...

To read the article go to:

http://www.holybibleprophecy.org/2012/10/01/emergent-leader-brian-mclaren-practices-what-he-preaches-by-elliott-nesch,

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Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Sat, 09 Mar 2013 01:15:51 GMT
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A very good friend of mine has an awesome testimony.

They have been praying for their child in this area. The Holy Spirit fell on their loved one for three days. It was supernatural when you hear the testimony.

By themself, the loved one was caught up into the heavens. They saw spiritual warfare in the spirit., etc. They said that warfare is happening all of the time and all around everyone. This story is incredible. This person all alone and led by the HS, physically pulled this demon out of their body.

They got saved, spoke in tongues, got delivered, went to the heavens for three days, and they now are doing exploits on the streets.

I have learned to really care less what people think when over the top, supernatural stories are told. It is all real. To confess to be a Christian and not believe in over the top, supernatural stories, is ludicrous. The Bible is full of over the top stories, but I believe all of them.

I was reading in Mth where Jesus had just fed the thousands with two fish and five loaves of bread. Directly after this "crazy" incident, the followers of Jesus were flipping out because they were in a boat in a storm and they believed they belonged at the bottom of the lake.

About this time, Jesus walks *past* them while walking on the water by the boat that seems doomed.

The disciples don't even believe it could be "crazy" enough to be Jesus. They got their heads into it and called Jesus a ghost!!!

Jesus, of course, comes to the rescue and sits in the boat enjoying the calm waters with the disciple's brains discombobulated.

Jesus said that they were stressed out due to the "hardness" of their hearts. If you look up the word hardness in Strong's, it means "destitute in spirit." To not simply believe, walk in, and expect the supernatural is being destitute. After all, we were made and created to operate this way. Satan tries to distract us and tries to keep us in his material realm.

Demons are spirit and need a physical body. Animals have a body, but not a spirit. Humans have a body and spirit and satan and his demons want to inhabit humans in order to be more effective.

These dudes were not being rebellious (hard of heart.) They just could not wrap their heads around the supernatural. They could not be simple (like a kid) and let it happen. They had to figure it out. Soooo..... they tried to explain the miracle; it was a ghost. I kind of find this ironic, since a ghost is supernatural! (Demon) lol

People think they are going to a supernatural heaven, but still will not believe in supernatural,

demonic activity while here on this earth. They can't even fathem that the devil has his army educated , demons and humans, for his demonic spiritual warfare. "Crazy," huh!?

Now, this delivered person goes into the dark places of this earth and ministers to prostitutes, witches, addicts, etc., to see them saved and delivered. One guy was on the way to murder somebody and handed them his bullets.

When I asked them about an anointing to do such exploits, they said they just believe and go when they are not working. This person is in the late 20's. They visited FA as a babe in the womb.

The healings and deliverance testimonies are awesome.....over the top.....here in the USA....in Atlanta. One person raised from the dead.

I am beginning to wonder why I am waiting for an anointing, or an apostle, for that matter. I think I just need to go do it!

"Through the mouth of babes....."

Glory to His name!!!

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by Gary on Sat, 09 Mar 2013 11:40:52 GMT
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We have so many extremes today taking place in the church world. On the one hand sin is welcome at the door while the church then uses signs and wonders incorporated as entertainment.

Jesus said, an adulterous and perverse generation seeks after signs.

I personally think when gay marriages are legalized that this will bring a wave of persecution to true believers.

If you don't accept everything and make excuses like the rest of the church world, they will call us bigots, racists, unloving, etc.

I think were in the first stages of the great falling away spoken of in scriptures. When the church world welcomes sin at the door and then makes excuses its a good indicator there is problems ahead.

Sin is welcome and then signs and wonders are sought after is a deadly mix.

Rick Warren, Tony Campolo, and other big name ministries are all on the same bandwagon.

Time is shorter then what most think!

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Fri, 15 Mar 2013 19:50:46 GMT
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Last Days...

Last week I posted a link to the article about Brian McLaren and his 'gay' son, who married another man.

Today Rob Portman, a Rebuplican Senator from Ohio reversed his position on same-sex marriage due to the revelation that his son is also 'gay'.

Again we see people, and not just everyday people, leaders of this nation, changing their standards based on their life's experiences and situations rather than standing on the Truth of God's Word.. Portman said he considered his Christian faith, which led him to decide that "in a way, this strengthens the institution of marriage." Yep, he did say that! And went on to say, "The overriding message of love and compassion that I take from The Bible, and certainly from the Golden Rule, and that fact that I believe we are all created by our maker, that has influenced me in terms of my change on this issue."

I'm not gay bashing nor do I have a lack of love for those involved in this lifestyle. Also I'm not blaming America's downward spiral just on homosexuals; there's plently of guilt to be laid at the

feet of the 'hetrosexuals' as well. Living in adultery and fornication, living together without being married, are sins that if unrepented of will send a soul to Hell. But this issue, as some people call it, has taken over the last few years. I read somewhere???<so much for my journalist due diligence> that the percent of Americans who support same-sex marriage has risen from 27% in 1996: to 37% in 2006: to 53% now.
O.K.! O.K.!I went Googling, and it was the Gallup Poll.<grin>

http://nbcpolitics.nbcnews.com/_news/2013/03/15/17323938-gops-rob-portman-announces-support-for-same-sex-marriage

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Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Mon, 18 Mar 2013 17:11:10 GMT
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Once again, Biblical standards are ignored, that is why it is SO important to be grounded in God's Word for our standard, it doesn't change with 'our experiences and feelings'. I understand the 'human reasoning' side of it, people look back at the 60's and the Civil Rights Movement and try to equate the two, it's not the same issue. And it's not that the individuals shouldn't be treated with respect as we should treat all people as Jesus did.

I've really been blessed by A.W.Tozer's book on "The Pursuit of God"; it's Idolatry that's our problem, self on the throne instead of God. All these sins that so easily beset mankind, adultery, fornication, homosexuality, abortion, various addictions, ect. all can be traced back to SELF. "I"

want to do it and 'nobody' is going to tell me what to do! God doesn't factor into most peoples lives unless someone is faced with something serious like an illness or they run short of money, then it's Oh God, please help me.

This is Grace, in spite of all our sins, trangressions, and iniquities, God still loves us enough to forgive us if we'll only turn unto Him and repent, cry out, weep and mourn, humble ourselves. (James 4:8-10)

As individuals we can only speak the truth in love, pray for those who haven't received Christ as Lord and Saviour yet, and be sure to press in for our own salvation and right relationship with God knowing that it's not enough to start the race well, we must finish it well. I'm convienced that if our eyes are single upon Jesus, gazing upon Him and hungering and thirsting for His Righteousness, we'll not be ashamed in that day.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by william on Mon, 18 Mar 2013 19:37:51 GMT
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I also agree with you, James, that when a political leader claiming to be a Christian misrepresents the truth of the Gospel, they do damage to the cause of true Christianity, but again, what can we do about that?

Do we really expect the world to reflect Christian values? Yes, it's nice when the two value systems coincide but more often than not it's unrealistic for us to have this expectation.

I know you two aren't expressing the flawed viewpoint that many seem to have about this and that your concern lies squarely with the way Christians have bought into the world's value system but let's face it, it is easy to jump on this, and every other bandwagon, that seeks to force morality on immoral people. These endeavors continue to consume the valuable time of the Christian.

I run into this kind of thinking on a regular basis and it is sometimes easier just to agree with them than try to explain the reasons that a re-definition-of-marriage-policy is not something that I'm

going to waste time fighting.

It's kinda like the Prayer-in-School thing... how much time and how many resources have been wasted in battling this "enemy"... and where has it gotten us?

Remember the 10-commandments-in-the-Alabama-statehouse debate? Just think about all of the un-redeemable time that Christians will need to account for in that fiasco!

Anyway, just some random thoughts... (since I haven't posted in a while!)

Blessings,
William

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Posted by james on Tue, 19 Mar 2013 15:58:42 GMT
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You're right, it doesn't have that much to do with 'the church', I wasn't attempting to imply that it does. And I sure don't think America is a "Christian Nation".
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let's face it, it is easy to jump on this, and every other bandwagon, that seeks to force morality on immoral people. These endeavors continue to consume the valuable time of the Christian.True, true, but it's AEA week and business is slow so...<grin> If I followed my heart I'd post the whole A.W.Tozer book "The Pursuit of God"...it's that inspiring to me, Really!

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It's kinda like the Prayer-in-School thing... how much time and how many resources have been wasted in battling this "enemy"... and where has it gotten us? Not too far.

Remember the 10-commandments-in-the-Alabama-statehouse debate? Just think about all of the un-redeemable time that Christians will need to account for in that fiasco!Yes I do, and no I didn't go with the assembly I attended then to 'protest' on behalf of "all God fearing Christians" as my peers insisted I do. But I do have plently of un-redeemable time to account for besides that.

Anyway, just some random thoughts... (since I haven't posted in a while!)Speaking of "posting in a while", I'm expecting Tom to share his definition of true Biblical faith on here any day now.....

Blessings,
William

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Posted by william on Tue, 19 Mar 2013 16:22:35 GMT
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It's been awhile since I read the Pursuit of God; I may need to pull it off of the shelf. The Knowledge of the Holy (Tozer) is still fresh on my mind though, it is awesome!

Blessings,
William

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Posted by Gary on Tue, 19 Mar 2013 23:11:14 GMT
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I think if anything the church is the only voice out there that is opposing gay marriage, and making a big deal about it. So the government is making this an issue, which I don't see what they will gain from this.

You would not believe all the people I have talked to that have said; they have no problem with men getting married to each other. I have heard it from some Christians as well.

The bad part about it is I do not see where the Bible says go ye into all the world and speak against gay marriage. Some churches have made certain sins their hobby horse.

At the same time; I do see a lot of churches in our area starting to crumble under media pressure and they are welcoming practicing sinners to take a seat and continue in their sin.

It will be interesting to see how all of this will pan out in the end.

Gary

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Wed, 20 Mar 2013 05:26:34 GMT
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I am guilty of ranting and raving on Facebook when this country touches Israel.

Really.....King Obislam sends 500 billion worth of jets to Egypt, as in Israel's enemy!?!

I could have cared less about politics until this president came along!

Hmmmmm.....Time to die out and just pray. That is a novel idea.

Obummer is bad, but..... What if we had the Romans to deal with?

Time for me to regroup.....

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Posted by sparkles on Fri, 22 Mar 2013 01:59:44 GMT
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With all these people coming out and giving their stamp of approval to the homosexual agenda it will only mean persecution and criticism of the Christian/person who takes a stand against such wickedness. I believe we will continue to see more anti biblical beliefs being publicly endorsed
by people in positions of power. And unfortunately there will be those in the churches who will cave under the pressure to be politically correct so as not to offend someone. The more we hear the politicians and compromising ministers give their approval to the homosexual agenda and the Emergent Church, the more important it is for true Christians to stand up against such errors and deceptions. We need to pray for those who do stand in the pulpits today to take a stand for righteousness and holiness. And to pray for God to raise up watchmen(like we have here on Overcomers Online) to warn the people of God of the wolves in sheep clothing.
James, when you shared your post the verse that came to mind was: Psalm 119:11 â€œThy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.â€•
The verses before these are: Psalm 119:9-10 â€œWherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?
by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not
wander from thy commandments.â€•
Our newspaper just said Rob Bell came out supporting same-sex marriage. The quote in the paper was:
I am for marriage. I am for fidelity. I am for love, whether itâ€™s a man and a woman, a woman and a woman, a man and a man, And I think the ship has sailed. This is the world we are living in, and we
need to affirm people wherever they are.â€•
At some point we wonder if some of these have gone too far and committed apostasy. They call evil
good, and take the clear teachings of Godâ€™s word and

twist them. How does this happen? 2 Thess. 2:10-12
They received not the love of the truth. And for this cause
God will send them a strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

It is critical that we love the truth and walk in it, so we can help others out of Satan's grasp, and be pleasing to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Fri, 22 Mar 2013 05:02:49 GMT
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Before, during, and even after WW11 people compromised about protecting Israel and the Jew.

Then again, there was Corrie Ten Boom.

It is not coming. It IS here. You are a target when you take a stand and you do not blend in. "Come out from among them and be separate from this world."

I have been, and am, a target. Others on OO have experienced the same.

God is faithful to keep us under the shadow of His wings. It might be in a concentration camp, though.

We have to be willing to die spiritually and physically. This, combined with love filled faith is powerful and unstoppable.

Even if we are killed for our beliefs, what we have claimed is done! "It is finished."

This absolutely drives my occult, satanists relatives crazy!!!!

His delivering powers are mighty to behold. His will might be for us to believe unto Glory.

What is so bad about that!?!

Subject: Re: Last Days

Posted by Gary on Fri, 22 Mar 2013 09:21:42 GMT
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There's a good chance we won't be in a concentration camp as well. Time is short but imagining all these scenarios I wonder about.

Not saying things are bad and will get worse but everything takes time.

We can only take one day at a time.

My worst scenario is not a concentration camp but I sure do not want to end up in some nursing home.

I'm believing God that I will have strength till the end, my time to go, or Jesus returns, whichever happens in what order I don't know.

Gary

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Fri, 22 Mar 2013 12:16:59 GMT
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If Jesus tarries, I will leave this world like my dad. Long story, but he died peacefully in his sleep at home.

God is in control and He will choose our fate, regardless.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by GWB on Sat, 23 Mar 2013 20:06:55 GMT
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What is America going to do when real persecution is the norm, like most countries?

America likes her luxeries and has gotten so very cushy.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by Gary on Mon, 25 Mar 2013 08:34:14 GMT
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I know a lot has been said in this post concerning homosexuality. I have seen recent articles on other Christian boards that have discussed this issue as well.

I was thinking of this and realized the straight community is just as guilty as we fined out, most are living together and have a lot of excuses for not getting married.

Just a thought I was thinking of here on this whole issue.

Gary

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Tue, 05 Nov 2013 21:53:47 GMT
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james wrote on Sun, 13 December 2009 13:11 I haven't done that much reading of christian literature outside of Bro. Freeman..

Anyway, it's hard to say everything in a post, I just endevor to guard the faith I've been given, and don't want anything in my head that would undermine The Truths I have received. Have I missed out of anything by having this mindset? I don't know, I guess time will tell.

Thanks for sharing, God bless,

james

I wanted to share a brief testimony concerning growth and changes that I've experienced since I wrote the above message 4 years ago. It was true that I didn't read very much Christian literature besides HEF, but after reading the reaction that statement caused I decided to examine myself as to why. I think it was because I was afraid I would 'open a door' to something unscriptural and it would wreck my faith. That told me there was something wrong with my faith if after almost 30 years I wasn't mature and grounded enough in my relationship with Jesus and His Word that I

couldn't discern truth from error.(now I'm not saying I will read just anything that comes down the pike, there's a lot of 'trash' published in the name of Christianity just to make someone wealthy.)

I've read some books that in the past I wouldn't have looked twice at, and several have had a huge impact on my walk and relationship with Jesus. No, I haven't agreed with every word written or every doctrine presented, but there have been nuggets within that have blessed me tremendously. I might could have defined Grace with words, but over the last couple years I learned what Grace is...and it was totally an act of Grace that God revealed that to my heart...starting with something I read in a book by a 'mainstream' Christian writer.

Also pertaining to protecting the truths I'd been given, I have discovered that by reexamining those doctrines/truths I held so dear(with the help of the members of OvercomersOnline) such as medical science being occult across the board with no room for execptions, that I was inconsistent and holding to 'truths' that didn't hold true. I guess one of the biggest changes that occured within my relationship/walk with Jesus is that I no longer 'feel' I need to protect or defend what I've been taught(including FA & HEF), if it's God(and I'm convienced the vast majority is/was) then it'll stand up to any examination and scrutiny. And when I find something that isn't God(maybe just a man's opinion) I, by God's grace, discard it(as hard as it seems to do sometimes).

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by Gary on Wed, 06 Nov 2013 06:09:04 GMT
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I wouldn't throw the baby out of the bath water just yet!

They'll come a time when men will not be able to run to man unless they have a mark so they can buy, sell, or trade.

Jesus constantly talked about faith in God and putting our whole trust in Him.

It is better to trust in the Lord then to put your confidence in man.

Gary

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Posted by william on Wed, 06 Nov 2013 06:47:21 GMT
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Hi Gary,

I don't think that James meant what you think... his comments, at least concerning the medical science issue, was in reference to a thread on the forum where we had a long discussion over one aspect of the teaching we received. It involved the branding of *all* medical science as occult (which we were taught) verses the idea that not all of what science has given us is necessarily *from Satan*.

To question that absolute statement --that "ALL medical science is occult", is not the same thing as saying that we should now trust in the arm of the flesh (or trust in medical science).

I think teaching that *all* medical science was from the occult was flawed at its foundation but that said --I trust fully in the atonement of Jesus for the healing of my body, I think that James does too!

A lack of faith is a serious thing for a believer, but it isn't nearly so serious as teaching that someone who avails themselves of medical technology is turning to Satan for their remedy and now needs to go through occult deliverance for doing so.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by Gary on Wed, 06 Nov 2013 21:08:43 GMT
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Quote:I don't think that James meant what you think... his comments, at least concerning the medical science issue,

William,

I have been known to do that once in a while.

Sometimes I need to get in the habit of going back and rereading these posts.

Gary

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Thu, 19 Dec 2013 14:43:08 GMT
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"And He said unto them,Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." Luke 12:15

I just noticed on the news about a woman in Georgia winning one half of the Mega Millions Lottery of $636 million, Her take it now, one time lump sum after taxes will be about $120 million. Each year it seems those 'playing the lottery' buy more and more tickets, pushing the totals to be won higher and higher. So many people think that will be the answer to their problems, yet there are many horror stories of how the money destroyed lives and familes. Without Jesus it's all vanity and vexation of spirit.(Ecclesiastes 1:14)

Another story I noticed was about a man on a TV show called "Duck Dynasty" (about a family in Louisana who makes duck calls for hunters<really!>) Anyway, he stated in an interview that homosexuals wouldn't go to heaven(along with mentioning other unforgiven sins) so now they (the network that airs the show) have suspended him and the 'gay community' are all up in arms.

Last Days? Certainly a reflection of our society...SOOO needing Jesus.

Subject: Re: Last Days

Posted by james on Wed, 28 Jan 2015 15:18:27 GMT
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This thread took several twists along the way with several topics discussed, but if I may I'd like to make a comment concerning same-sex-marriage.(I've tried to get away from ranting and raving so much over the last few years and start finding constructive, encouraging, and edifying things to share.)

Alabama is now in the process of allowing same-sex-marriage, though I must say the governor, attorney general, and other state officials are fighting it in court. No other state has won on appeal to date and most likely Alabama won't either. I expected it would happen,but, I sure didn't think it would happen this quickly.

36 states have same-sex-marriage and the others are fast approaching it. 25 of those states were forced by court decision to comply, 8 by state legislation, and 3 by popular vote. 14 states banned it through constitutional amendments and state laws...yet still the federal court system is over-ruling these states one at a time. Alabama is going through the appeals system to block it but the hand writing is on the wall...

Like William said a couple years ago in discussing prayer in schools, ten commandment in the court house ban, ect. it's the way of the world and as American society continues it's downward fall it will only get worse.

But with all that said, still it grieves my soul to see the evil of man's heart being revealed and society defending it as civil liberties and personal freedoms...equal 'rights'. My encouragement to anyone reading this is this, let's don't become jaded and start winking at sin just because it seems like an overwhelming task to speak the truth (in love) and stand against moral decay in society, and I don't mean to 'stand' in protest holding signs and marching. We are called to be salt and light, how that applies in day to day The Holy Spirit will guide us in, if we will seek His guidance.

How many more days/weeks/months/years are left until the return of The Lord? No one knows, but the prophecies given in The Bible point to this being the "last days" we're living in.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by Mark L on Thu, 29 Jan 2015 01:53:03 GMT
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Thats well said James.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Thu, 05 Mar 2015 21:06:38 GMT
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Satan's Wiles...

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My rock music 'soapbox' isn't so high and mighty, nor am I lily white when it comes to my musical roots; but I do warn anyone unaware of the power of music and the wiles Satan employs to trap and deceive people...be careful of what you listen to, watch, and read. Once a stronghold is established it's much harder to rid ones mind and memory of the trash taken in. A scripture comes to mind found in Romans 13:14 "But put ye on The Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof."

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by Gary on Fri, 06 Mar 2015 10:08:44 GMT
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I know exactly what you mean here. Music is a powerful force on the human mind and flesh. Ever walk into a place and hear some old song from long ago when we were young. All the old memories return and its like it takes us back in time, where you can remember the place that you first heard the song or listened to the music.

I tried to look up the scriptures one time to show someone that satan use to be in charge of the worship in heaven. At least that is the way I was taught it. In looking up the scriptures its very vague what he actually did in heaven. The only thing that is clear is that he led a rebellion and influenced a third of the angels to rebel against God.

With that said, I realize that he does have a very real place in music. I heard a story about this black blues guitar player that was not that good when he started out. Supposedly he disappeared for a while and went down to the "crossroads" and sold his soul to the devil. Whatever took place they say when this man came back be was an outstanding musician. You hear a lot of rock stars who incorporate this in their music, how they went down to the crossroads.

Sadly rock and roll has a seat in the church world that exists in this end times.

Gary

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Fri, 06 Mar 2015 14:47:05 GMT
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You're speaking of the Blues guitarist Robert Johnson who died at an early age (like so many others). Eric Clapton always has said that Johnson was the major influence behind his love for Blues music. The song "Crossroads" was written by Johnson and recorded by several artist including Clapton.

I wonder about the saying that many people have 'made deals' with the devil to become famous musicians. Johnson died in his twenties, as did Joplin, Hendrix, Morrison, Holly, Allman, Van Zant, Redding, Hank William, and many more.

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Posted by william on Fri, 06 Mar 2015 18:59:11 GMT
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I think the 'how-to-stand-against-moral-decay' in society is the real question here. I mean it's not like we have a lot of control over what the non-christian society does or says. We do have influence however, and if the way we live out our lives has an affect on others that's well and good but there are problems when it goes beyond influence and becomes a whip. Can anyone be whipped into obedience to Christ? Obviously no, but sometimes outward conformity can be coerced! (Not that I'm in any way advocating for this!<grin>)

We've probably all heard sermons about all of the compromise that permeated the life of Lot... you

know, how he lived right in the midst of all that categorized Sodom and seemingly did nothing about it. (Of course those that know the Bible can easily point to a passage that perhaps gives one pause before judging Lot too severely!)

It all boils down to how morality is achieved.

For the Christian morality stems from our love for God and His revelation to us concerning Himself. We are given the ability, as free-born men and women, to choose the good over the evil. This ability is a result of being set free from the slavery of sin. This ability is not present in those who are still slaves to sin.

For the world there are limits as to what morality even means. If it means doing this (something deemed good) and not doing that (something deemed evil,) then there are some merits that, while not redemptive, do benefit society as a whole. This kind of morality can be achieved through coercion, through societal taboos, and probably some other ways, but overall this keeps a measure of peace even if it's only temporary. e.g. God's judgment in the time of Noah happened when the cup of iniquity was filled up; Sodom was destroyed because that cup was full; Babylon's time will come when the cup of iniquity starts to run over!

This is kinda like what we see in Romans 13 concerning the superintending Hand of God using the secular authority as a sword that executes His judgment, or we could say --His wrath against evil.

I can't see any redemptive purpose here unless we consider that by keeping these things in check one is given more time to repent. God is, after all, merciful and not willing that any should perish - 2Pet 3:9. In other words there isn't a meritorious redemptive aspect achieved by following some moral code apart from repentance. Sure, one can stay away from his neighbor's wife as a result of societal taboos against adultery (which is almost non-existent now as our cup of iniquity is almost filled up!) and this is a good thing, but it won't save anyone.

I guess what I'm saying here is that we aren't necessarily 'winking at sin' if, like Lot, we aren't trying to run for city council (or plug in whatever method that one uses in their attempt to coerce society to behave godly).

(James, I know this isn't what you meant when you used the phrase 'winking at sin', I'm only referring in a general way to those who berate us for not doing all we can to get those 10-Commandments back into the capital!<grin>... you, just like Lot, are grieved by seeing the state of our world --that is the natural response of the godly. 2Pet 2:7-8)

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Fri, 06 Mar 2015 21:02:44 GMT
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I guess the reason for me giving my thoughts about the moral decay all around stems from my job; I get a glimpse into the lives of people when I have to ask certain questions while preparing their tax returns. I hear comments that reflect a total absence of a moral compass or standard in many people. The ones who aren't necessarily personally involved in it often have the attitude of "I'm OK, you're OK" or "to each his own" or "live and let live". I do have some clients who are Christians and live godly lives; but I also many with their hearts hardened against sin. No shame whatsoever with being homosexual, or living with someone without being married, or having cheated on their spouses, or lying in order to reduce their tax debt or increase their refund.

I suppose I was just 'preaching' to myself.....again. <grin>

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by william on Sat, 07 Mar 2015 02:42:47 GMT
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No, not just to yourself... I agree with you. Like you said, there doesn't seem to be any shame any more.

The lack of shame in the world I think comes from a failure of those moral taboos that are imposed by the rest of the culture or society... those have pretty much been on the decay for a long time. They do work, at least on a superficial level but when the values of the society decay then there is little reason for people to continue to abide by them. A rotten heart may try to avoid evil if the pressure of the societal norms is great, but once people on a wide scale begin to call evil good and good evil then there isn't enough reason left for them to go against the grain.

The value of our Christian influence on these people can't be underestimated either. That's why it is so important for us to be that salt and light, again not in a coercive kind of way (we can't impose our morality on them) but as we uphold the righteous standard even as the world's standards decay we are showing that it is still possible to, by God's Grace, walk in the light.

And this kind of influence isn't on the same level as a societal taboo; it's much deeper, it is on a heart level which is why having a heart transplant is so important! Our responsibility is to preach this (the gospel). We know that this is effective because we've experienced it. But if we are simply trying to get the world to change its ways by conforming to some outward so-called-christian standard then we may as well stick our heads in the sand somewhere for all of the good that that will do.

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Remember the biblical definition of marriage from the ethics series? A marriage is when two people (not two people and the state) come together for the purpose of creating a family. Sure, it is useful to let the community know (especially the faith community) what has taken place and it is helpful for legal reasons for these two people to see this as a permanent arrangement that will have future implications (children, finances, etc.) but in the final analysis this decision hinges on the central players --the two people coming together.

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Posted by Gary on Sat, 07 Mar 2015 12:19:20 GMT
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Not trying to take away from what you have shared but adding some thoughts here. Look at society as a whole, first people all take birth control and then move in together and could careless to being married. I was at a wedding several years ago and no one wanted to catch the bouquet of flowers tossed in the air by the bride. One teenager piped up and said, "who wants to get married anyway".

I think there's been a major breakdown in society long before gays decided they all want to get married. The cup of sin is full as you stated. But we hear very little concerning that the straight community is all living in fornication and adultery.

This whole scenario is sort of a "catch 22" unfolding before our eyes.

I think for us who were raised in a different generation its a bit of a shock but we came from a time

when society had some type of moral compass. We can all remember how it use to be when we were young, society was our conscience. I did not come from a Christian home but my parents had all kinds of strict rules.

But the thing with our generation was that sin was more underground and not out in the open like today. Society looked down on certain types of sin and maybe Christianity had influence here that everyone followed. The baby boomers broke out of the shell and had a huge change on what society thought.
But we were just as evil and fleshly as this generation we now see. We were all children born in sin. Fortunately God intervened in our lives.

I agree that running around with signs and protesting what is going on in the world has no effect but is giving society fuel to despise Christianity.

At this point in time a true Revival would break the cycle of sin.

Its going to be interesting to see how all of this plays out in our life time.

Gary

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Tue, 17 Mar 2015 13:47:41 GMT
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I happened to watch a little of C-Span2 this morning around 4am and there was a Senate subcommittee meeting with the Social Security Administration's top leadership being broadcast again(originally they had met on Monday during business hours). Some senators were drilling the SSA on the huge amount of money being wasted in various ways including funds paid out to undeserving people. There was testimony of people receiving benefits for 20-25 years for a person who'd been dead for all those years.

They said that it was due to the incompetence and 'glitches in the system', usually they blamed individual states for not filing death notices when people pass away. Accord to their numbers, there are 6.5 million active social security numbers for people 112 years old and older. The director stated that there were probably less than 100 people alive in America 112 years old or older.

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Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by Gary on Tue, 17 Mar 2015 23:39:11 GMT
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That's going to hurt a lot of elderly people out there who depend on it.

Oh yeah you probably heard about the preacher needing 65 million for a jet to spread the Gospel. What next?

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Wed, 18 Mar 2015 13:57:48 GMT
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If, Social Security goes under it will hurt millions of people who depend on it as their sole source of income; children, widows, and those really disabled. But the elderly will be hurt the most, they're already dealing with the effects of inflation. They worked in a time when the income wasn't near what it is today for so many and their benefits are meager compared with the generations following them. Often medical expenses (not to mention the increasing cost of Medicare, now

$1,259 per year)) consume all the elderly's SS income.

A client mentioned Mr. Dollar and his plea for funding for the deluxe Gulfstream....I Googled him and found he had taken it off his website, it seems the backlash of public opinion and comments caused him to reconsider. The false prosperity message is growing like wildfire among the church, especially the 'charismatics'. I'll stop with that, before I start ranting and raving.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Tue, 30 Jun 2015 13:58:25 GMT
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How Did We Get To This....

I enjoy most sports, football, baseball, basketball, tennis, golf, ect. and ESPN has given sport fans tons of coverage of almost any sport one could imagine. So a few years ago ESPN started giving awards to people in various sports and sport related accomplishments. These awards rival the Oscars, Golden Globe Awards, CMA and others. They're known as the ESPYS; I see today where they are awarding Bruce Jenner, now going by the name of Caitlyn Jenner, the Arthur Ashe Award for "courage". This warped, twisted, society we live in thinks that the perverse act of changing ones gender and dressing as the opposite sex is an act of courage.

God told Joshua to be of good courage in leading Israel into the promised land, he exhibited courage as a leader and as a man who feared God and obeyed Him. We live in a world where people think courage is being proud of being a homosexual, or transgendered, or any of the other immoral positions people take and openly flaunting it. The leaders who make the final decisions concerning legal and moral acts in society (Supreme Court) in matters such as abortion and same-sex-marriage are ungodly men indoctrinated with a false standard of right and wrong.

So to answer my own question, we got here by every man doing what is right in his own eyes and total disregard for God and His Word. There is no standard whereby people live, and therefore without convictions of righteousness to guide a mans conscious we wind up with what we have.....a godless, self centered, pleasure seeking society....spirling downward at an ever increasing speed.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by Gary on Tue, 30 Jun 2015 22:00:18 GMT
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That's too bad sports use to be good clean fun.

People are afraid to take a stand in every arena of life because they would be put down by the Media.

Every man does whatever wickedness he wants in America and is seen as some kind of hero!

Now people who get operations and have a sex change can get a court order that allows them to change their birth certificate and change their gender. After that there is no trace on any records showing how they were really born.

For instance, if a man becomes a woman and has the court change his records it will show he was born a woman. Talk about government lies and confusion.

I saw a clip where tonight on MPR, public television they are doing a special on transgender children, one little boy mentioned said, he was nine years old and that he knew he was a girl at the age of six. The only thing he lacks now he told us is to get his birth record changed and to have his operation.

That kid has been brain washed by his liberal parents.

Its heading down hill very rapidly, its a matter of time before the persecution starts that David Wilkerson predicted. Its here now but on a small scale, slamming Christianity while trying to put Christians in a bad light. The media is totally controlled by satan.

This is only the tip of the iceberg what we hear going on in society.

For America the cup of sin is full and runneth over.

Gary

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by Gary on Fri, 25 Sep 2015 08:55:38 GMT
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Okay we see the Russians, Syrians and Iranians all joining together and starting a military cell in Baghdad. The Iranian, and Syrians, are said to be sponsoring terrorist groups around the world, why would Russia want to join in with these individuals?

http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2015/09/25/russians-syrians-and-iranians-setting-up-military-coordination-cell-in-baghda d/?intcmp=hpbt2

If nothing else the stage is being set for some cataclysmic event.

Even so come quickly Lord Jesus!

Gary

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by Gary on Mon, 28 Sep 2015 09:42:51 GMT
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Well the "super moon" or "blood moon" is finally over and we have no major catastrophe's taking place that were predicted by different individuals.

I'm sure its not the end of doomsday prophecies. The next time there is a "blood moon" like the one last night, will appear in 18 years from now, if you happened to of missed it.

Gary

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Posted by james on Wed, 16 Dec 2015 20:29:45 GMT
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Posted by Gary on Thu, 17 Dec 2015 11:00:59 GMT
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This lady lacks discernment and obviously charisma magazine goes along with it.

I can see where Jesus is talking to His disciples and many of the things foretold came to pass shortly after He ascended to Heaven. But there is also an indication He is speaking of the end of the world where many of these same events will take place in that time.

Having not read the article I don't know what she is intending to say concerning, this is a "wonderful" time here on the earth.

The saints of old had a different perspective but they were at times under periods of intense persecution for proclaiming Christ.

I was just reading about Irenaeus, who was being taken to be fed to the wild beasts. It is written that: "as one of our people said, when he was condemned to the beasts on account of his testimony unto God, I am God's wheat, and by the teeth of wild beasts am I ground, that I may be found pure bread".

Quote:
For they loved not the present world, but Him that died for our sakes and was raised by God for us.

He also stated: I know what is expedient for me. Now do I begin to be a disciple. May nothing of things visible and things invisible envy me; that I may attain unto Jesus Christ. Let fire and cross and attacks of beasts, let wrenching of bones, cutting of limbs, crushing of the body, tortures of the devil-let all these come upon me "if" only I may attain unto Jesus Christ." [/quote]

The attitude today is; your born again so your going to make it in, your not saved by works so there's nothing you can do, so why all the striving to attain Him. This world offers a lot of distractions.

Why would these Christians of old see that they had to "attain Christ" if their already going to heaven?

Maybe they heard and saw something that the modern day disciple cannot "see".

They were willing by their testimony and the testimony of eye witnesses to forsake all to win Christ. There was nothing in this old world that shined as bright, as the Son of God.

Paul wrote:
Quote:

Philippians 3:9-11

9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Paul states "if by any means" "I may attain".

It appears they wanted to strive to "know Christ" and nothing was that important that would keep them from it. This involves a measure of separation from the world and its ways. Why? This life is only temporary as a little cloud of smoke, here one minute and gone the next. Eternity is forever, winning Christ is worth more then all this world could ever offer.

I know you understand this as well, but the attitude of this woman and Charismas endorsement, conveys the attitude of most, they have lost sight of what the scriptures are telling us. Their fulfilling a sign, and that is; that we are in the last days.

Jesus said; I will come as a thief in the night when they least suspect it, be not like those who sleep.

Its hard to write some things because it can lead down many roads of thought and you cannot say everything in a small post without it being misinterpreted, or if nothing else not fully understood.

Like Paul said: "if by any means I may attain to the resurrection of the dead". The only "wonderful time" were living in is, "that Jesus may come soon and take us out of here."

Gary

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Mon, 15 Feb 2016 18:19:24 GMT
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With the death of Antonin Scalia and the opportunity for the current president, Barack Obama to recommend a new Supreme Court Justice, will this change the balance of power? I would think so, especially since the person replacing him will be a liberal. Can the Republicans delay the conformation long enough for someone else to be in the presidency? Maybe a Republican?

Isn't it a blessing to know God is in control and we don't have to worry about all these political power struggles that so many get caught up in? Donald, Ted, and Marco, or Bernie and Hilary...I can't imagine the future with any of these people, yet more than likely one of them is God's predetermined choice to help fulfill His plan. Just as the new Supreme Court Justice will be.

Thought I'd comment since the board has been slow lately...<grin>.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by steve on Wed, 17 Feb 2016 16:19:23 GMT
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Been awhile since posting on forums, so having a little difficulties with the quotes. I hope that is ok just to jump in and give my two cents worth.

Several times have people speak against lot.
Lot was called a righteous man by God. Who are we to think differently because he chose the best piece of ground (which turned out to be a bad choice). If he had not been under Gods' protection, he would have been killed a long time ago, before the angels came to rescue, him for telling people what they were doing was wrong. Have very little doubts that he spend a lot of time at the gates warning people not to stay the night in the city. Lot was called righteous, not his family.

Sports. This is me, not meant as judgment against others. One day while watching a football game, realized that while jumping up and down with a good play that when ever a preacher made a good point the thought up jumping up and down did not occur. Well, kinda lost taste for sports.

This homosexuality thing. I do find it offensive that if one does not go along with it, it often will come with a harsh price. Have heard stories about bakers and flower shops not doing homosexual wedding paying a harsh price. "We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone, "except homosexuals". God said it was going to be this way.

My rants.
Noticed a couple of years ago that people lie without any conscious.

People are getting rich off of selling the gospel.

No christian, my beliefs again, should have anything to do with politics. They are full of professional liars. Everything the Godly party does is un Godly. In a spiritual sense, one party is legalism and other is lawlessness. What a choice.

The wayward church. Somebody lays on hand and the person can: make roar like a lion, bay like a jackal, fall to the ground with uncontrollable laughter/tears. The list goes on. The new gifts? There are even theologians that justify this, names are not remembered on purpose.

The letters to the 7 church in Revelation. They were real churches and are in the book to warn us not to fall prey to their errors. Am in disagreement with being ages time that man has/is going threw.

Well, pretty much all my rants in one post.

It nice to voice this, now (hopefully) can move on without carrying these irritations to the point of getting lost in them.

Subject: Re: Last Days
Posted by james on Wed, 17 Feb 2016 19:02:31 GMT
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steve wrote on Wed, 17 February 2016 10:19
Well, pretty much all my rants in one post.

It nice to voice this, now (hopefully) can move on without carrying these irritations to the point of getting lost in them.

It's good to get stuff 'off' our chest....

I do like sports, especially SEC football(Auburn), but I get your point...Often our (meaning believers in Christ) enthusiasm for secular activities are more demonstrative than our zeal and fire for godly things...not that I believe sports are ungodly...but there's a bunch of ungodly things that go on around sporting events and venues.

I better get back to work before the boss gets on my case...