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SIX COMING EVENTS IN THE ENDTIMES

The twenty-first century began with a promise of greater peace for mankind but within the first three years, we have experienced wars, terrorism and fears rising from insecurities that have not been experienced before. Jesus said that you will hear of wars and rumours of wars but we are not to be troubled for all these things must come to pass but the end is not yet (Matt 24:6). How then shall we know we are near the end? Although we do not know the hour or the day of the coming of our Lord, there are signposts in the Bible that mark us reaching the final years of the end times.

1. There will be a shift of world economic power from the United States to Europe.

Somewhere at the beginning of the twentieth century, there was a shift of world economic power from Britain to the United States. The pound, which used to be the favoured international currency, became slowly replaced by the American dollar. Somewhere at the beginning of the twenty-first century, there will be a shift of world economic power from the United States to the European Union. The American dollar will slowly be replaced by the Euro as the international currency of choice. I do not know whether it will take a war or a natural disaster but it will definitely take place. The shift of the twentieth century took place through two world wars.

The biblical basis for this to take place is

The worst part of it is that everyone will be eating, drinking and marrying and giving in marriage without regard to the shortness of time left as the days before the flood. It also implies that society at large is nonchalant about the hideousness of the sins around them. Possibly sinful behaviour would have become socially accepted and even the norm as in Sodom and Gomorrah.

4. There will be great natural disasters accompanied by unusual cosmic events heralding the arrival of the endtimes to the non Bible reading world.

Events of great significance have always seemed heralded by some great earthquake, natural disaster or cosmic phenomena. It is like the planet sounding its last painful breath. Paul makes mention of the fact the planet earth groans waiting to give birth (Rom 8:22). When Jesus died on the cross, there was unusual darkness that covered the land of Israel (Luke 23:44, 45). The Bible predicts wonders in the heaven above and signs in the earth beneath in the end times (Acts 2:19).

5. There will be an increase in demonic activities and manifestations of a supernatural nature.

Satan and his demons know that their time is short. They are going to throw a last ditch effort at trying to manifest supernatural phenomena through combined effort to deceive mankind. Paul warns of apostasy in the end times and of demonic doctrines and deceiving spirits (2 Tim 4:1). Moses was challenged by the magicians Jannes and

the Bible prediction of the restoration of the economic power of the ten toes or ten horns (Dan 2:41-43; 7:24).

2. There will be a treaty signed between Israel and Syria akin to that signed between Israel and Egypt.

Isaiah predicts a threesome group of Egypt, Assyria and Israel living together under the blessing of the Lord (Isaiah 19:24, 25). Although the fullness of it will not be seen in the church age, we will see the preparatory signs of these nations coming together. I also understand that the geographical areas of historical Assyria are not quite what Syria covers today but I sensed that modern Syria will be a pioneer in this grouping.

3. The sins of Sodom and Gomorrah will be widely accepted and publicly practiced (possibly legalised) by society.

During the days before Noah's flood, the wickedness of men was great upon the earth (Gen 6:5). The Bible describes the men of Sodom as exceedingly wicked and sinful against the Lord (Gen 13:13). Jesus predicted that the end times will be like the days of Noah and of Lot (Luke 17:26-29).

Jambres, who imitated the signs of Moses up to the second plague (2 Tim 3:8; Ex 7: 11, 22; 8: 7). No matter how supernatural phenomena may be, if it does not lead one to God but instead lead one away from God, the phenomena should be rejected. The Bible is very emphatic in the fact that all wonders, visions, or even fulfilled prophecies that lead one away from God be totally rejected (Deut 13:1-5).

6. There will be a great revival that will bring the church to perfection.

The culmination of all the work of men and women of God who have stood in the fivefold ministries for the body of Christ is the perfection of the church of Jesus Christ to the full stature of His fullness (Eph 4:13). The church of Jesus Christ will be the manifestation of Jesus' prayer in John 17. Oneness with the Lord and oneness with each other in perfection and power. The works of Jesus and the greater works of Jesus will be manifested (John 14:12). The Lord is not going to come for an imperfect church. Rather it will be a church without spot or blemish (Eph 5:27). O God, how we hunger and long for this last great move of God.

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