

IS THIS THE END?

A NIGHT ABOUT END TIMES

OVERVIEW OF THE NIGHT

1. Why **tonight**?
2. What on Earth is **God doing**?
3. What's the big deal with **Israel**?
4. Things have to **end eventually..HOW**?
5. **Tribulation** vs. the **Wrath of God**
6. The **Rapture** and the **Man of Lawlessness**
7. So... what should **I be doing** now?

WHY TONIGHT? *Because...*

- The question “Is this the End?” is already being asked by many.
- The growing turmoil and instability in the world.
- The Israel and Hamas conflict happening as we speak.
- Your Elders have felt led to speak into it.
- The Scripture wants us to be “in the know” not “in the dark”.
- Conspiracy WILL draw many away from TRUTH.
- Each day is one day closer to the End.

WHAT ON EARTH IS GOD DOING?

FROM BEGINNING...

- **GENESIS 3:15** *I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.*

TO THE END...

- **REVELATION 12:3** *...behold, a great red dragon...and the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it.*

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HEAVENLY CONFLICT = EARTHLY CONFLICT

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ABEL AND CAIN

ISAAC AND ISHMAEL

JACOB AND ESAU

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MESSIAH CHRIST AND ANTICHRIST

WHAT ON EARTH IS GOD DOING?

GOD'S KINGDOM VS. SATAN'S KINGDOM

- **DANIEL 2:44** *And in days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever...*
- **DANIEL 7:23** *'as for the fourth beast, there shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all the kingdoms, and it shall devour the whole earth, and trample it down, and break it in pieces.*

WHAT ON EARTH IS GOD DOING?

Psalm 115:3 our God is in the heavens; he does whatever He pleases.

God, in His good pleasure, has brought His Son into the world for His glory, His Son's Preeminence, and His Elect's salvation. As a result, God, His Son, and His followers will be exalted above the Devil and his followers who thought they could oppose God. And that at the name of Jesus every knee bow and tongue confess that He is Lord!

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL WITH ISRAEL?

- God's chosen people to bring about His offspring
 - Israel :: 12 Tribes
 - 10 and 2 division :: 1 Kings 12; Ezek. 36-38
 - Israel made a nation May 14th, 1948!
 - Jews from the Tribe of Judah
 - Messiah from Judah
 - God will keep His promises to Israel (Abrahamic Covenant)
 - Israel plays a key role in God's culminating story
 - Gentile's natural response should be gratitude and love for the Jews
 - Let's look at some verses...

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL WITH ISRAEL?

- Genesis 12:1-3

1 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. **2** And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. **3** I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL WITH ISRAEL?

- Psalm 122

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

“May they be secure who love you!

7 Peace be within your walls

and security within your towers!”

8 For my brothers and companions' sake

I will say, “Peace be within you!”

9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,

I will seek your good.

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL WITH ISRAEL?

- Zech. 12:2-3

2 “Behold, I am about to make Jerusalem a cup of staggering to all the surrounding peoples. The siege of Jerusalem will also be against Judah. **3** On that day I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples. All who lift it will surely hurt themselves. And all the nations of the earth will gather against it.

See chapters 12-14 for more details concerning Jerusalem/house of David

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL WITH ISRAEL?

- Ezek. 38:7-11 :: of Gog and Magog (modern day Russia?)

7 “Be ready and keep ready, you and all your hosts that are assembled about you, and be a guard for them. **8** After many days you will be mustered. In the latter years you will go against the land that is restored from war, the land whose people were gathered from many peoples upon the mountains of Israel, which had been a continual waste. Its people were brought out from the peoples and now dwell securely, all of them. **9** You will advance, coming on like a storm. You will be like a cloud covering the land, you and all your hordes, and many peoples with you.

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL WITH ISRAEL?

- TURN TO ROMANS 9, 10, 11
 - 9:30-33 GENTILES OBTAINED THROUGH FAITH WHAT ISRAEL TRIED TO GET THROUGH WORKS
 - 10:18-21 THIS WAS PROPHESED AGAINST ISRAEL BUT ALSO THE ONLY WAY TO TURN HER EYES TO HER TRUE MESSIAH
 - 11:25-32 :: THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES ARE AT WORK UNTIL ISRAEL'S SALVATION IS TO COME.
 - See also LUKE 21:24 "UNTIL TIMES OF GENTILES FULFILLED"

THINGS HAVE TO END EVENTUALLY...HOW?

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DANIEL 2: KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR

sees a **STONE NOT CUT WITH** **POWERFUL**
KING

- **H**ANDS!
- **C**: Medo-Persia
- **W**: Greece
- **L**egs: Rome
- **F**eet: Modern *Europe - Today*

DAN 2:35

DANIEL 7: DANIEL sees a vision of a
beasts (**AND ALL** **4 MONSTERS**)

- **L**ion: *Syria*
- **B**east: *Persia*
- **L**egs: **4 heads/wings**: *Greece*
- **D**ragon: *monotrosity: Rome*
- **10** **DAN. 7:27** **horn**: *Antichrist Kingdom*

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- THE 70TH WEEK Daniel 9:24-27 *culminates in Armageddon and Eternity*
- JESUS details this week (7 years) in Matthew 24
 - V.4-8 BIRTH PAINS (wars, famine, earthquakes, Antichrist and false christs)
 - V.9-14 APOSTASY AND LAWLESSNESS (tribulation)
 - V.15 ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION (Antichrist)
 - V.17-28 GREAT TRIBULATION (Martyrdom)
 - V.29 THE HEAVENS SHAKEN
 - V.30-31 THE RAPTURE
 - 36-51 THE DAY OF THE LORD (God's Wrath)

The TRIBULATION VS. THE WRATH OF GOD

TRIBULATION

- *Hard times, Trouble, pressures from evil on Earth (vary in degree throughout history)*
 - *At the end, tribulation will be the worst it's ever been, specifically for God's people.*
 - *See Matthew 24:21*
- *Never used as a title for the last 7 year period of the world.*
- *Confusion about "when" the rapture happens because of this word.*
- *Should not be confused with The Wrath of God/The Day of the Lord*

The TRIBULATION VS. THE WRATH OF GOD

The Wrath of God

- *God's punishment poured out upon unbelieving mankind.*
- *"THE DAY OF THE LORD" is the title for God's Day of Vengeance on the world.*
 - *Isaiah 34:8 "For the Lord has a Day of vengeance, a year of recompense for the cause of Zion."*
 - *Isaiah 61:2 "...the day of vengeance of our God."*
 - *Rev. 22:12 "Behold, I am coming bringing my recompense with me..."*

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 - *TURN TO 2 THESSALONIANS 1:5-12*

speaking of 1 and 2 Thessalonians...

RAPTURE AND THE MAN OF LAWLESSNESS

- The Rapture
 - Latin for “caught up”
 - Greek word used: *harpazo* “plucked, caught up, taken away”
 - *1 Thessalonians 4:16*
 - *2 Thessalonians 2:1*
 - *Matthew 24:29-31*
 - *initiating the Wrath of God being poured out on the world.*

RAPTURE AND THE MAN OF LAWLESSNESS

- The Antichrist, Man of lawlessness, little horn, the Beast, The man of Sin, Son of Perdition...
 - *The Anti God (dragon) possessing the Antichrist (the Beast) (Rev. 13)*
 - *Prophesied in Daniel 2 & 7, Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21*
 - *The "ONE who makes desolate"*
 - *Abomination of Desolation*
 - *Global Influence and Global Control Rev. 13:5-9*
 - *Exalt himself as God*
 - *see 2 Thessalonians ...next slide*

RAPTURE AND THE MAN OF LAWLESSNESS

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

SO...WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING NOW?

- "...not to quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us..." 2 Thess. 2
- "...encourage one another with these words." 1 Thess. 4:18
- "...see to it that no one leads you astray..." Matt 24:4
- "...see that you are not alarmed..." Matthew 24:6
- "...but the one who endures to the end will be saved." Matt. 24:13
- "...Therefore you must also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." Matt. 24:44

SO...WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING NOW?

TURN TO MATTHEW 24:45-51

TURN TO LUKE 21:34-36

UNTIL THEN, STAY ON MISSION MATTHEW 28:16-20

UNTIL THEN, HEED PAUL'S WARNING AGAINST IDLENESS
2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-15

SO...WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING NOW?

HE WHO TESTIFIES TO THESE THINGS SAY, "SURELY I AM
COMING SOON." AMEN. COME, LORD JESUS!
THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS BE WITH ALL. AMEN.

REVELATION 22:20-21

