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In 1973 I first read Hal Lindsey's book "The Late Great Planet Earth". I was very excited after reading it because we did not study much future prophecy in the denomination I was brought up in. (WELS Lutheran)

"Harold Lee Lindsey (born November 23, 1929) is an American evangelist and Christian writer. He is a Christian Zionist and dispensationalist author and television host. He is most famous for writing a series of popular apocalyptic books suggesting that the rapture was likely to occur in the 1980s." Wikipedia

Reading Lindsey's book caused me to engage in a lifelong study of as yet unfulfilled biblical prophecy. I read all that I could on the subject and also read through the entire bible underlining in red every verse of unfulfilled end times prophecy that I could identify. I also put all of those verses into an 80286 computer word processor (Wordstar & MultiMate) so I could sort them into a chronological order, into an order and a scenario that I thought that they might possibly be fulfilled, updating my study every year for myself based on the previous years current events.

The original work I titled "Countdown to 6000" meaning that we were counting down to 6000 years of human history since God created humans, expecting that at the beginning of the 6000th year Jesus Christ would return followed by the millennium. (1000 years of peace, the heavenly Sabbath)

Jesus Return Will to the Mount of Olives (Olivet)

Note: This study is about the time when Jesus Christ will physically return to earth and his feet will touch the mount of Olives and split it in half. It is not about the tribulation, the reign of the antichrist or the timing of the rapture. For information on those topics see some of the other materials available on this site or search for prophecy books on Amazon.

Zechariah 14:4 NKJV And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.

Acts 1:9-12 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. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called

Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

Then came the 1980's and the rash of writers proclaiming that Christ would return on or before 1988 because that would be one generation (forty years) from the Re-founding of the nation of Israel. They were basing this theory on the scriptures that indicated that some of the people who were alive in the year 1948 when Israel again became a nation would not die until Christ returned and they surmised that a generation meant 40 years. The figs and fig tree in the bible are sometimes used as a representation of the Nation of Israel.

The Sign of the Fig Tree

Hosea 9:10 NIV "When I found Israel, it was like finding grapes in the desert; when I saw your ancestors, it was like seeing the early fruit on the fig tree.

The lesson of the Fig Tree (Mark 13:28-31; Luke 21:29-33)

Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

These verses may indicate that some of those alive when Israel was reborn (1948) would live to see Christ's return. You can read about all the signs of the end times that Jesus was talking about in the verse above in Matthew chapter 24, Luke 21 and Mark 13.

I was not deceived by this false interpretation because on my very first reading of these verses I noticed that it did not say that it would occur in one generation, (40 years) but that some of those alive when Israel was reborn (If Israel was indeed signified by the fig tree in this statement) would live to see Christ's return.

Psalms 90:10 NASB As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years, Or if due to strength, eighty years, Yet their pride is but labor and sorrow; For soon it is gone and we fly away.

I knew that the bible said that 70 or 80 years was the normal lifespan for a human being and that some even today live to 120 years and beyond. I recently read about a woman who verifiably had lived to be 122 years old. Our average lifespan today in 2020 is 85 years of age. I always thought that even if this verse was interpreted correctly, which it may not be, that God would use his own numbers recorded in the bible to fulfill his prophecy, 70 or 80 years. This pushes out the return of Christ to somewhere between 2018 and 2028. Now it would also be correct for God to use the average life-span of the people living in the world today as his formula, which is 85 years of age in 2019. 1948 plus 85 comes to the year 2033. Again, If there were only one person who was alive on May 14, 1948 who was alive at Christ's return the prophecy would be correctly fulfilled. We have the example of the 122 year old woman and God could cause someone to live

even longer if he so desired, perhaps 130 or 140 years. Advances in medical science may make this a normal old age if the Lord tarries.

The point here is that The Lord by example in the Old Testament usually does not usually rescue his people at the earliest possible time, but waits until the situation seems so dire, that it seems as if all hope is lost. I always thought that 80 years would be the most likely scenario for these scriptures to be fulfilled if we have interpreted them correctly, which is by no means certain.

Y2K

Now later, as we approached the year 2000 many were writing that “Y2K” (Year 2000) would cause a global crisis due to computers failing and that this event would lead to the antichrist appearing on the world scene in the ensuing chaos. This did not happen either. A lot of books were sold though, and some made money teaching false interpretations of prophecy.

In more recent time the “Blood Moons” were said to signify Christ's return. That did not happen either.

The summary is that 2028 would be the most likely interpretation for the “fig tree” prophecy to be fulfilled, with a 7 year plus or minus fudge factor due to possible errors in our calendar.

One Thousand Year Days

Now, the next scriptures I would like to look at is Hosea 5:15 & 6:1-2.

Hosea 5:15 I will return again to My place till they acknowledge their offense. Then they will seek My face; In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me.”

Hosea 6:1-2 Come, and let us return to the Lord; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight.

The scripture could read if our interpretation is correct: “After 2000 years he will revive us (restore our nation) and during the 1000 year millennium we will live in his sight.

Hosea 6:2 seems to indicate that there will come a time when God will restore Israel to being a great nation and then subsequently they will “Live in his sight” after the return of Jesus Christ when he rules for 1000 years over all the earth. Of course he will rule forever after that when the last judgement is completed and he creates a new heaven and a new earth.

If the ascension occurred in 33 AD then 2000 years plus 33 is how the year 2033 is calculated. The key here is the two days and the third day. If two days means 2000 years, then Christ's return should be somewhere near 2033, (again with a fudge factor) as it says “I will go and return to my place” which Christ did when he returned to the father and now sits at his right hand.

Mark 16:19 KJV So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. (He returned to his place)

These prophecies tie in perfectly with the 7000 year theory which is that this world since the creation of humankind will go on for 7000 years. Chronological research indicates that the first 4000 years from Adam were fulfilled on the day that Christ was baptized by John in the Jordan river or it could have been at the time of his ascension. (See the Reese Chronological Bible) That leaves 2000 years to complete mankind's governmental self rule and then 1000 years for Christ's rule, commonly called the millennium. (Mille is Latin for 1000)

Psalms 90:4 NKJV For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it is past, and like a watch in the night.

2 Peter 3:8 NKJV But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Revelation 29:4 KJV And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (Commonly called "The Millennium)

The Epistle of Barnabas is a Greek epistle written between AD 70 and 132. Wikipedia (Not necessarily by the biblical Barnabas)

From the Epistle of Barnabas Chapter 13: And elsewhere he saith; If thy children shall keep my sabbaths,

then will I put my mercy upon them. And even in the beginning of the creation he makes mention of the sabbath. And God made in six days the works of his hands; and he finished them on the seventh day, and he rested the seventh day, and sanctified it. Consider, my children, what that signifies, he finished them in six days. The meaning of it is this; that in six thousand years the Lord God will bring all things to an end. For with him one day is a thousand years; as himself testifieth, saying, Behold this day shall be as a thousand years. Therefore, children, in six days, that is, in six thousand years, shall all things be accomplished. And what is that he saith, And he rested the seventh day: he meaneth this; that when his Son shall come, and abolish the season of the Wicked One, and judge the ungodly; and shall change the sun and the moon, and the stars; then he shall gloriously rest in that seventh day.

The Epistle of Barnabas is not scripture but it is indeed old and shows that at least some people during the first 100 years of the church age (from 33 AD to 133 AD) believed in the 7000 year theory of the history of Earth with the return of Jesus Christ occurring after 6000 years from the creation of Adam followed by the millennium

The Last Days

Hebrews 1:2 NKJV but has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

The New Testament in many places says that we were or are in the “Last Days or the Last Times” while the apostles were still preaching and writing. If it had meant 24 hour days or a metaphor for “a short time” Christ would have returned long ago. Apparently it meant that we were in the last days of the heavenly week of 7000 years. Four days (four thousand years) had passed, and three (thousand years) remained. We were past the halfway point, meaning we were in the last three days of the heavenly week. Since Christ is expected to return just before the 1000 year millennium then from the time Christ ascended we were in the “last two heavenly days” if our interpretation is correct.

Also, the prophet Daniel who lived during the 3500 year midway point (Again, see the chart in the Chronological bible) in time was told by an angel that all the things that he had seen in his vision of the end times would be fulfilled in a time, times and a half a time which bible scholars have interpreted to mean 3 1/2. (One plus two plus one half equals three and one half) That could mean 3 1/2 days, 3 1/2 years, 350 years or even 3500 years, which if added to about the time the angel was interpreting the vision to Daniel would total 7000 years before all things would be fulfilled. (Again, Daniel was alive in the year 3500, 3500 years from the creation of Adam and 3500 more years added to that amount of time equals 7000 years total.

The Days of Noah

Genesis 6:5 KJV And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (Like today)

Genesis 6:3 KJV And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

Some have said that this verse meant that mankind's lifespan would be shortened to 120 years. However this is incorrect. In the Psalms God says that the normal lifespan is 70 or 80 years.

Jasher is a Jewish historical book mentioned in the bible. It is not scripture but should be viewed like an encyclopedia. Useful but not perfect. Kind of like Wikipedia. It is in the Ethiopian bible and can be downloaded free online or purchased in paperback on Amazon. The book of Jasher explains the 120 year time period of Genesis chapter 6.

Jasher 5:6-9 And after the lapse of many years, in the four hundred and eightieth year of the life of Noah, when all those men, who followed the Lord had died away from amongst the sons of men, and only Methuselah was then left, God said unto Noah and Methuselah, saying,

Jasher 6:7-8 Speak ye, and proclaim to the sons of men, saying, Thus saith the Lord, return from your evil ways and forsake your works, and the Lord will repent of the evil

that he declared to do to you, so that it shall not come to pass. For thus saith the Lord, Behold I give you a period of one hundred and twenty years; if you will turn to me and forsake your evil ways, then will I also turn away from the evil which I told you, and it shall not exist, saith the Lord.

The Flood Begins With Torrential Rain

Jasher 6:17-23 And the sons of men assembled together, about seven hundred thousand men and women, and they came unto Noah to the ark. And they called to Noah, saying, Open for us that we may come to thee in the ark--and wherefore shall we die? And Noah, with a loud voice, answered them from the ark, saying, Have you not all rebelled against the Lord, and said that he does not exist? and therefore the Lord brought upon you this evil, to destroy and cut you off from the face of the earth. Is not this the thing that I spoke to you of one hundred and twenty years back, and you would not hearken to the voice of the Lord, and now do you desire to live upon earth? And they said to Noah, We are ready to return to the Lord; only open for us that we may live and not die. And Noah answered them, saying, Behold now that you see the trouble of your souls, you wish to return to the Lord; why did you not return during these hundred and twenty years, which the Lord granted you as the determined period? But now you come and tell me this on account of the troubles of your souls, now also the Lord will not listen to you, neither will he give ear to you on this day, so that you will not now succeed in your wishes.

Matthew 24:36-39 NASB "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. "For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. "For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

One more example is the comparison of the "Days of Noah" to the end times. We already see the evil downward spiral of the world we live in being fulfilled assuredly today. However, there may be more to it than that. Apparently God gave the people of the time period of the flood 120 years to repent from the beginning of Noah's call to preach, three 40 year generations. If he does the same for us, which only seems fair, then the question is, when did the end times preaching begin?

End Times Preaching Begins 1906-1914

As near as I can tell the only significant event that involved end times preaching and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit was the revival of the late 1800's and early 1900's, the holiness and pentecostal revivals. These revivals not only occurred in various places in the United States but also overseas. The result was that many new denominations were formed that focused on holiness, spiritual gifts and preaching the gospel to all the world. This goal reaching the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ is still in progress today and

is nearing completion.

The key for me here is the 1906 earthquake in California that was reportedly prophesied in a meeting near Azusa street in Los Angeles. In any event a revival went on at the Azusa street church for years and many visited there and carried the message all over the world.

If there is indeed a time when the preaching began” it would seem that it was in approximately 1906. Adding the 120 years that Noah was given to preach before the flood came brings us to the year 2026, very close to all of the others. There is another opinion though.

World War I, also called First World War or the Great War, was an international conflict that in 1914-18 embroiled most of the nations of Europe along with Russia, the United States, the Middle East, and other regions. The Encyclopedia Britannica.

Now, some have said that World War I was a more likely time marker than the 1906 Azusa street revival for marking the beginning of the end times, and even so, that is right in line with the other calculations. Adding 120 years to 1914 when the war began brings us to the year 2034. Pretty close to all of the other calculations. In fact, for those of you who hold to a belief in a seven year tribulation, the dates 2026 and 2034 could signify both the start and the end of it.

Now, I am not predicting the return of Christ or trying to start a new series of books for myself or another author to write about and profit from. I am merely trying to point out that in a few short years, not more than fourteen we will know whether or not some of our interpretations of prophecy which many have believed for the past 1,986 years are either correct or incorrect. We do not have to wait for thousands of more years to find out as they had to do in the days when the Epistle of Barnabas was written. The end times will either come upon us by 2034 or they won't. If they do not we may have to rethink our interpretations of biblical prophecy. Perhaps Martin Luther was correct after all.

Days of Lot and Sister Sodom

Jesus said that the end times before his return it would not only be like Noah's days but also like Lot's, who was rescued by God before the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Luke 17:28-30 “It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. “It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed.

Ezekiel 16:46-48 Your older sister was Samaria, who lived to the north of you with her daughters; and your younger sister, who lived to the south of you with her daughters, was Sodom. You not only followed their ways and copied their detestable practices, but in all your ways you soon became more depraved than they. As surely as I live, declares

the Sovereign Lord, your sister Sodom and her daughters never did what you and your daughters have done.

Many people think that the only sins that God was concerned about in Sodom was extreme sexual immorality. The bible says that is not the case. They did many more things to anger the Lord than to just practice moral deviancy.

Ezekiel 16:49-50 “Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy. They were haughty and did detestable things before me. Therefore I did away with them as you have seen.

Certainly we can see that our world today reflects the negative values and behaviour that existed in the days of Lot the nephew of Abraham. We are absolutely living in an arrogant, overfed and unconcerned society today, and not just in the United States. Arrogancy against our Creator and his laws are practiced worldwide. There are very few people in the world today, even Christians who are doing what Jesus said to do.

The Greatest Commandment

Matthew 22:34-35 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

Matthew 22:37-40 Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Sodom Will Be Restored in the Future

Some will be shocked to find out just how great God's mercy is. He will actually restore the cities he destroyed just before or after his return.

Ezekiel 16:53-57 “ ‘However, I will restore the fortunes of Sodom and her daughters and of Samaria and her daughters, and your fortunes along with them, so that you may bear your disgrace and be ashamed of all you have done in giving them comfort. And your sisters, Sodom with her daughters and Samaria with her daughters, will return to what they were before; and you and your daughters will return to what you were before. You would not even mention your sister Sodom in the day of your pride, before your wickedness was uncovered.

The Rider on the White Horse: Jesus Rules the World

Revelation 19:11-16: And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which

were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Of course he will be ruling the entire world at that time with a “Rod of Iron” a metaphor for an absolutely strong and powerful monarchy. The ancient sins will not be permitted to be practiced, not just there but everywhere in the world.

The Restoration of Other Ancient Kingdoms

The nation of Israel will not be the only country to be restored in the end times or perhaps after the return of Christ. Sodom and Samaria will also be restored and even Egypt and Assyria will come up to Jerusalem and worship the Lord God.

Isaiah 19:23-25 In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria. The Assyrians will go to Egypt and the Egyptians to Assyria. The Egyptians and Assyrians will worship together. In that day Israel will be the third, along with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing on the earth. The Lord Almighty will bless them, saying, “Blessed be Egypt my people, Assyria my handiwork, and Israel my inheritance.”

Our Lord has a wonderful plan for peace on earth and it may come to pass in the near future if our understanding of the bible is correct. Even if it does not occur in the very near future it will occur someday and it will be a glorious time to serve the Lord.

The Sign of the Gospel

Matt 24:14 NIV And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

There is also an undated sign that we may watch for, it is the sign that the gospel will be preached to every nation in the world. That does not mean that every single person will have heard a sermon preached inviting them to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. It simply means that in every nation in the world there will be some place where the gospel has been available. I have read that 97% of the nations of the world have been reached in 2019. By 2026 or 2034 this job could very easily be completed.

With our modern means of communications it is almost completed now. There are only a few places left in the world where satellite cell phone coverage is not available. The bible can be read on a satellite phone or someone can tell another person about Jesus by speech or texting. Then of course there are all of the social media platforms where people chat, share and blog. Wherever you are you are in the world you are reading about it now.

Also, many Christian denominations are striving to fulfill reaching the world for Christ in person by planting churches and missionaries wherever the gospel has not yet been available. This is sometimes known as “The Finish Commitment.”

Summary

If all of the interpretations written about above are wrong and we are not yet even into the tribulation period by 2034 (the time of great trouble that is predicted to come before Jesus Christ returns) then we have misunderstood God's Word. God's word is true, even if we have misunderstood and misinterpreted it.

Romans 3:4 KJV God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

Numbers 23:19 KJV 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? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Titus 1:2 KJV In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

Our prophetic study is not really that big of a deal if we are wrong because the understanding of future prophecy is entirely unnecessary for salvation, which is really the only important thing. It is fun to speculate on the future and see if we are right or wrong. Kind of like investing in the stock market.

Matt 24:44 ASV Therefore be ye also ready; for in an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Many of us may not even be here in 2034 due to natural death beforehand. However, we need to always be ready to meet our maker at any moment because we do not know when we will take our last breath on this earth or the Lord Jesus Christ will return.

Romans 10:9 KJV That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

2020 Updates and Other Non Numerical Signs

This section is for updates during the year 2020 and for looking at other signs of Christs return that cannot be given an estimated date or time for their fulfillment.

The Sign of False Messiahs

The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

Mark 13:3-4 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?" (Of your coming)

Mark 13:5-8 And Jesus, answering them, began to say: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and will deceive many. But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against

kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. These are the beginnings of sorrows.

Mark 13:21-23 “Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or, ‘Look, He is there!’ do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.

Jesus has warned us in advance to be on the lookout for false messiahs as we near his return. Many false prophects will even be able to appear to do great signs and wonders to deceive unbelievers. Notice it says that if it were possible the delusion would be so strong that even the elect (believers in Jesus Christ) would be deceived “if it were possible.) God will allow this “strong delusion” to occur and come upon those who refuse to believe in him even after all of the proofs he has given the world such as his miraculous rescue of Israel.

2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

The only reason that it is not possible to deceive the elect is due to God's protection for his sheep. No one can take a believer out of Christ's hand, God the father protects us by his power.

John 10:27-29 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand.

Note: There has been a great debate in the Christian world since the middle ages as to whether a believer could walk away from the Lord voluntarily on his or her own after salvation. This is commonly called eternal security versus free will. It is also called Calvinism versus Arminianism.

My question is why would anyone ever want to walk away from the Lord after being rescued from a life of sin, sorrow and sadness. There may be some who desire to do so but it seems awful stupid to me. Perhaps there are a few very wealthy people who miss their life of luxurious sinful indulgence. That scenario certainly does not fit most of us who work or have worked for a living and are looking forward to a blessed time in eternity with our Lord. The parable of the rich man and the poor man illustrates my point. Most of us are not beggars but neither are we billionaires.

There may also be a few people who are not so well to do who just love the pleasures of sin for a season. In some twelve step meetings there is an old saying “Try us for thirty days and if you don't like our program, we will gladly refund your misery.” I think that could be applied to Christianity as well.

2 Peter 20-22 If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and are overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them. Of them the proverbs are true: "A dog returns to its vomit," and, "A sow that is washed returns to her wallowing in the mud."

The Rich Man and Lazarus

Luke 16: 19-26 "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

"The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

"But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

Who would want to spend eternity in the "Lake of Fire" as opposed to being comforted by our God throughout eternity. Like I said, it seems stupid to me.

All Things Made New

Revelation 21:1-8 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes I shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

Revelation 20:15 And anyone whose name was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

The Sign of Peace in Israel

Before the return of Jesus Christ there will be a temporary peace in Israel. We know this because one of the first things that Jesus will do when he returns is rescue the nation of Israel from their enemies who are surrounding them at the time of the Battle of Armageddon. The book of Ezekiel tells us that armies will attack Israel when she is feeling safe and secure and her guard is down.

Ezekiel 38:7-12 7“ ‘Get ready; be prepared, you and all the hordes gathered about you, and take command of them. After many days you will be called to arms. In future years you will invade a land that has recovered from war, whose people were gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate. They had been brought out from the nations, and now all of them live in safety. You and all your troops and the many nations with you will go up, advancing like a storm; you will be like a cloud covering the land.

“ ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: On that day thoughts will come into your mind and you will devise an evil scheme. You will say, “I will invade a land of unwalled villages; I will attack a peaceful and unsuspecting people—all of them living without walls and without gates and bars. I will plunder and loot and turn my hand against the resettled ruins and the people gathered from the nations, rich in livestock and goods, living at the center of the land.

Israel will experience a short time of peace before Christ's return. Israel will be blessed by God and become a very wealthy nation. That is happening today. They are making many scientific and medical discoveries, by the grace of God and are also very prosperous agriculturally. They are also a major producer and exporter of natural gas.

Ezekiel 38:17-23“ ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: You are the one I spoke of in former days by my servants the prophets of Israel. At that time they prophesied for years that I would bring you against them. This is what will happen in that day: When Gog attacks the land of Israel, my hot anger will be aroused, declares the Sovereign Lord. In my zeal and fiery wrath I declare that at that time there shall be a great earthquake (shaking) in the land of Israel. The fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the beasts of the field, every creature that moves along the ground, and all the people on the face of the earth will tremble at my presence. The mountains will be overturned, the cliffs will crumble and every wall will fall to the ground. I will summon a sword against Gog on all my mountains, declares the Sovereign Lord. Every man’s sword will be against his brother. I will execute judgment on him with plague and bloodshed; I will pour down

torrents of rain, hailstones and burning sulfur on him and on his troops and on the many nations with him. And so I will show my greatness and my holiness, and I will make myself known in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the Lord.'

It is my opinion that this war will be one of the last great signs before Christ's return, one last chance to choose to serve the Lord before it is too late. Notice above that the reason that God is doing this is to prove that He is the Sovereign Lord. He predicted that this would happen thousands of years ago and it has never happened in history as yet. It could not have happened at any time since 70 AD because Israel was destroyed by the Romans and did not become a nation again until 1948.

As I read today's news on the "Rapture Ready" website I see that the United States president is about to reveal his peace plan for Israel. Will this be the plan that prepares Israel to feel safe and lead to the attack prophesied in Ezekiel? Time will tell. But, even if this peace treaty does not succeed one most certainly will in the future, and if our biblical understanding is correct it will be in the near future, probably before 2026.

Trump: I will release the Middle East peace plan before Netanyahu visit. US President Donald Trump said Thursday evening that the release of the long-awaited peace plan of his administration is imminent and expected before Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Blue and White leader Benny Gantz's visit to Washington next Tuesday. "Sometime prior to that," he told reporters during a flight to Florida. "Probably, we'll release it a little bit prior to that." Rapture Ready 1/24/20

With Netanyahu By His Side, President Trump Unveils His 'Deal Of The Century' Plan For Peace With Jerusalem As Undivided Capital Of Israel. Well, I have to admit, Trump's Peace Plan is actually pretty good, all things considered. It was strong, it stands for Israel while at the same time acknowledging the Palestinian reality. It even retains all of Jerusalem as the undivided capital of Israel. Amazingly, PM Netanyahu agreed to return to the negotiation table with the Palestinians and reopen peace talks with the Palestinians. That by itself is a huge step. RR 1/28/20

In Shocking Development, Arab Nations Across Middle East Support Trump Peace Plan Tell Palestinians To Return To Negotiating Table With Israel. On Tuesday, I wrote an article where I said to "look for the wildcard" as President Trump prepared to roll out his long-awaited Peace Plan at the White House. Here we are a scant 48 hours later, and we have our wildcard, and boy, it's a good one. Arab leaders across the Middle East in place like the United Arab Emirates, Jordan and Saudi Arabia today are urging the Palestinians to accept the Trump Peace Plan, and return to the negotiating table. Let that little nugget sink in for a moment, is that "come up hither" sounding faintly in the distance? RR 1/29/20

Gantz says will bring U.S. peace plan for Knesset approval next week. Blue & White chairman Benny Gantz announced...he will bring a peace plan for the Middle East

proposed by U.S. President Donald Trump for Knesset approval next week. “In recent months, we met with U.S. President Donald Trump’s team, led by his adviser Jared Kushner, U.S. Ambassador David Friedman and Ambassador to the Middle East Avi Berkowitz, and discussed the U.S. government’s peace plan,” said Gantz... RR 1/30/20

The Last Day Resurrection

When will the Lord raise the dead? According to the scriptures it will be on “**The Last Day.**” Well, when is that? If our seven thousand year theory is correct then it will most likely be at the very beginning of the 7th one thousand year day. This day is also known as “The Day of the Lord” in the bible. It is the heavenly sabbath day, the one thousand year day of rest for humankind with the Lord Jesus Christ ruling over the world from Jerusalem.

*Job 19:25-27 DRV For I know that my Redeemer liveth, **and in the last day I shall rise out of the earth. And I shall be clothed again with my skin, and in my flesh I shall see my God. Whom I myself shall see, and my eyes shall behold, and not another: this my hope is laid up in my bosom.***

John 6:54 NKJV Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, **and I will raise him up at the last day.**

John 11:24 KJV Martha saith unto him, **I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.**

John 6:40 NKJV And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; **and I will raise him up at the last day.”**

John 6:39 NIV And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, **but raise them up at the last day.**

John 6:44 NASB "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; **and I will raise him up on the last day.**

1 Peter 1:5 KJV Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready **to be revealed in the last time.**

1 Peter 1:5 NLT And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, **which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.**

In the book of Revelation we find that the apostle John was in the spirit on the “Lords Day.” Some interpret this to mean that John was in the spirit on the regular weekly sabbath day. But, another meaning could be that John was having a vision of the beginning of the heavenly sabbath, the beginning of the “Lords Day or the “Day of the Lord.”

*Revelation 1:10 NKJV I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, **as of a trumpet,***

If this 2nd viewpoint is correct then John was viewing the events that would occur just before the event called in Revelation “The First Resurrection” will happen. Could the trumpet he heard be the one that signifies the time of the resurrection?

*1 Cor 15:51-52 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: **for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.***

*Rev 20:6 NKJV Blessed and holy is he who has part in the **first resurrection**. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, **and shall reign with Him a thousand years.***

*Rev 20:5 NKJV But the rest of the dead did not live again until the **thousand years** were finished. **This is the first resurrection.***

The verses above could mean that the righteous dead will be raised at the start of the millennium and the unsaved dead and those who died during the millennium will be raised at the end of it. The souls of the righteous would be welcomed into the Lord's kingdom while the lost would join Satan and his angels in the “Lake of Fire.”

Satan Cast into the Lake of Fire

*Revelation 20:7-10 BSB **When the thousand years are complete**, Satan will be released from his prison, and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—to assemble them for battle. Their number is like the sand of the seashore. And they marched across the broad expanse of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. But fire came down from heaven and consumed them. And the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur, into which the beast and the false prophet had already been thrown. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.*

Judgment before the Great White Throne

*Revelation 20:11-15 Then I saw a great white throne and the One seated on it. Earth and heaven fled from His presence, and no place was found for them. **And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne.** And there were open books, and one of them was the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their deeds, as recorded in the books. The sea gave up its dead, and Death and Hades gave up their dead, and each one was judged according to his deeds. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. **This is the second death—the lake of fire.** And if anyone was found whose name was not written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.*

The point of all this is that we are nearing the time in biblical history when 6000 years from the creation of humans will be completed and the beginning of the seventh 1000 year day will begin. While no one knows the timing of the “First Resurrection” if it is to occur near the beginning portion of the millennium we are definitely getting close. No

matter what calendar we use it is near, even at the door.

*Matthew 24:33 KJV So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, **even at the doors.***

Care in Prophetic Interpretation

Now, not to be dogmatic or insist on the previous interpretation above, the term “Last Day” could also be a metaphor meaning “a very long time.” We don't want to get into similar mistakes like the Jews made when Jesus came the first time. They thought that they had it all figured out what the Messiah would do when he arrived, and that was to free them from the yoke of Roman bondage. He did not do that and so they rejected him.

All of our guesses as to the how's and whens of our saviour's return are just that, guesses. God can do it all any way he wants to without any input from us. We need to keep that in mind as we await the return of Christ. It just may not happen the way we have always expected it to. We just need to keep watching.

Zedekiah's Mistake

King Zedekiah, the last king of Judah before the Babylonian conquest and deportation refused to believe the words of the prophets of his time. The Jewish historian Josephus says that this was due to the fact that the prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel seemed to contradict each other. That being the case Zedekiah felt secure in the knowledge that they were both false prophets.

Jeremiah prophesied that King Zedekiah would be carried off in chains to Babylon and the prophet Ezekiel said that the King would not see Babylon.

*Jeremiah 34:3 KJV And thou shalt not escape out of his hand, but shalt surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; **and thine eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak with thee mouth to mouth, and thou shalt go to Babylon.***

*Ezekiel 12:13 My net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare: and I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans; **yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there***

What actually happened was that the king of Babylon captured king Zedekiah, slew all of his sons who were heirs to the throne before his eyes, then he blinded him and carried him off in chains to Babylon where he remained in prison until he died.

Jeremiah 52:11 NLT Then he gouged out Zedekiah's eyes and bound him in bronze chains, and the king of Babylon led him away to Babylon. Zedekiah remained there in prison until the day of his death.

2 Kings 25:7 And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.

Many people claim that there are contradictions in the bible and therefore it is not to be

believed. Nothing could be further from the truth. Our God is more clever than any human lawyer. He has in the past and will in the future fulfill his word exactly as he has told it to his servants the prophets. We may not understand just how he will accomplish it until after it has happened, but afterwards it will be perfectly clear.

Matthew 5:18 KJV For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Matthew 5:18 NIV For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

The Coronavirus 3/25/2020

A pestilence has struck the earth in 2020. There are many arguments about its cause but the severity of it cannot be denied. It has affected the earth worldwide.

Could this be the beginning of the plagues of the "Last Days?" Could this be the beginning of perilous times and the fulfillment of the prophecies in the book of Revelation? Only time will tell.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

If it is the beginning of the predictions being fulfilled that must occur before Christ's return, what can we expect next?

The plagues of Revelation mirror the plagues that came upon Egypt during the Exodus of the Israelites from that country. Revelation is almost a repeat performance but this time it is deliverance of Israel from worldwide persecution.

When Joseph came to Egypt he interpreted the Pharaoh's dreams to mean that there would be seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine. Could this scenario also repeat itself? If so when the coronavirus ends could we possibly have the greatest time of prosperity on the earth that has ever been seen? Another possibility is that there will be 3 1/2 years of plenty followed by 3 1/2 years of tribulation. Both Revelation and Daniel speak of 3 1/2 year time periods relating to the end times. During ancient times things moved more slowly due to a lack of high speed communications and travel. Today God can accomplish in the entire world what would take years to do just in the

Mid-East alone. Or, it could be a shorter time period of blessing followed by disaster or none of the above could turn out to be true. However, it will be interesting to see what happens next in the rest of 2020 the years following.

In the Orthodox Bible there is a book called 2nd Esdras (Greek for 2nd Ezra) that says that in the last days there will be a time of great plenty just before great calamities come upon the earth.

2 Esdras 16:21 Indeed, provisions will be so cheap upon earth that people will imagine that peace is assured for them, and then calamities shall spring up on the earth—the sword, famine, and great confusion.

Throughout the bible God has used the same patterns over and over again to get peoples attention. A time of great blessing was usually followed by disaster if repentance was not accomplished by the blessing. Could we be in for a time prosperity unlike any the world has ever seen after this crisis has passed?

It would not be surprising to me if after the coronavirus threat has come to an end if the DJIA passes 30,000 and the world economy soars. It would also fit in with 2nd Esdras 16:21 if food production surpassed the need for all to have plenty to eat, the only problem with feeding the world would be transportation into remote areas.

Are we approaching the last days? Is a time of great blessing imminent? Will stocks go higher than ever before? And then will all this be followed by unprecedented disasters followed by the return of Christ?

We shall see, but a word of warning to those watching. If we have a time of prosperity, be frugal. Save. Don't go into debt. Use this time to pay everything off and to be prepared for a time of low income. It is no sin or lack of faith to use common sense. Joseph stored the grain up throughout the seven years of plenty to save the people from seven years of famine. It may be a lesson for us to do the same. Even if we do not wind up being in the end of the end times, wise money management is a great way to prepare for future retirement.

Proverbs 6:5-11 Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, 7Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler, 8Provides her supplies in the summer, And gathers her food in the harvest. 9How long will you slumber, O sluggard? When will you rise from your sleep? 10 little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to sleep— 11So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler, And your need like an armed man.

For your perusal, 2 Esdras chapter 16 is available below. (2 Esdras used to be in the apocrypha of the King James Bible until the protestants took it out) If you wish to read

the whole book of 2nd Esdras it is available on the internet free of charge at <http://www.earlyjewishwritings.com>.

The Horror of the Last Days

2 Esdras 16:18-34 The beginning of sorrows, when there shall be much lamentation; the beginning of famine, when many shall perish; the beginning of wars, when the powers shall be terrified; the beginning of calamities, when all shall tremble. What shall they do, when the calamities come? 19 Famine and plague, tribulation and anguish are sent as scourges for the correction of humankind. 20 Yet for all this they will not turn from their iniquities, or ever be mindful of the scourges. 21 Indeed, provisions will be so cheap upon earth that people will imagine that peace is assured for them, and then calamities shall spring up on the earth—the sword, famine, and great confusion. 22 For many of those who live on the earth shall perish by famine; and those who survive the famine shall die by the sword. 23 And the dead shall be thrown out like dung, and there shall be no one to console them; for the earth shall be left desolate, and its cities shall be demolished. 24 No one shall be left to cultivate the earth or to sow it. 25 The trees shall bear fruit, but who will gather it? 26 The grapes shall ripen, but who will tread them? For in all places there shall be great solitude; 27 a person will long to see another human being, or even to hear a human voice. 28 For ten shall be left out of a city; and two, out of the field, those who have hidden themselves in thick groves and clefts in the rocks. 29 Just as in an olive orchard three or four olives may be left on every tree, 30 or just as, when a vineyard is gathered, some clusters may be left by those who search carefully through the vineyard, 31 so in those days three or four shall be left by those who search their houses with the sword. 32 The earth shall be left desolate, and its fields shall be plowed up, and its roads and all its paths shall bring forth thorns, because no sheep will go along them. 33 Virgins shall mourn because they have no bridegrooms; women shall mourn because they have no husbands; their daughters shall mourn, because they have no help. 34 Their bridegrooms shall be killed in war, and their husbands shall perish of famine.

In other news today (3/25/20) some of the Popes own people are upbraiding him for being too liberal, even calling him the antichrist.

Archbishop Jan Lenga: Pope Francis is ‘Usurper and Heretic,’ ‘Leading the World Astray’ Rapture Ready 3/25/20

Catholic Archbishop Jan Lenga, the former head of the Diocese of Karaganda, Khazakhstan and now retired in Poland, was ordered to stop delivering sermons and speaking with the media because of his frequent statements that Pope Francis is a “heretic” spreading “untruths and sins” and “leading the world astray.” “What right do they have to recall what pertains to the church when they themselves have never upheld

it?” he said. “Bergoglio [Pope Francis] has not confirmed himself in the faith and is not passing that faith to others, he is leading the world astray,” “the Antichrist is here.”

Calling this pope the “antichrist” may be a little far fetched, but someday a man will come along who will deceive much of the worlds population including religious leaders and some of their flocks. Both he and his cohort called “The False Prophet” will be cast into the “Lake of Fire” when Jesus Christ returns. We all need to make sure that we do not share their fate.

Revelation 19:20 And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.

Coronavirus Closing Cities Worldwide: A Realization of Ezekiel 36 says Rabbi. Rapture Ready 1/25/20

Rabbi Richter relates that this prophecy is happening as we speak saying: “you look out in the streets you look out in the streets of America, in the world, in Europe. in Italy they’re desolate” He explains that the reason for the desolation relates to a previous verse in Ezekiel which states: So I poured out My wrath on them for the blood which they shed upon their land, and for the idols with which they defiled it. (Ezekiel 36:18) Rabbi Richter also explains that the closure of theater, Hollywood, and professional sports are those very ‘idols’ that Ezekiel was referring to saying: “Idols: no Hollywood, no theater, no NBA, no NHL. All these idols that we have.”

Rabbi Richter raises an interesting point about our modern day idols. The list could be expanded to many more things. However, the interesting point to me is some Israeli's new found interest in studying the scriptures. In another article Israel is having national prayer for an end to the coronavirus. We know from the bible that in the last days Israel will turn back to the Lord and reject their idols. This will occur before the return of Christ because they will cry out to God for deliverance from their end times suffering and he will deliver them by means of the return of Jesus Christ. Then they will know the Lord during the 1000 year millineum and afterwards throughout eternity.

Hebrews 8:8-12 “The days are coming, declares the Lord,when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. 9It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord. 10This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 11No longer will they teach

their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. 12For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

The interesting thing is, could God be using the coronavirus to turn Israel's eyes back to Himself. Time will tell.

UPDATE 6/21/20

Well, it has been months since the last update and the coronavirus is still with us. On top of that we are experiencing civil unrest.

Daniel Webster wrote: If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity.

We see every day the symptoms of our problems on television and the internet, but these are just symptoms and not the problem. The real problem is that we are not practicing what Jesus said was the most important thing:

The Greatest Commandment (Deuteronomy 6:1-19; Matthew 22:34-40)

Mark 12:28-34 Now one of the scribes had come up and heard their debate. Noticing how well Jesus had answered them, he asked Him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?"

29 Jesus replied, "This is the most important: 'Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One. 30Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' *31*The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'^h No other commandment is greater than these."

32 "Right, Teacher," the scribe replied. "You have stated correctly that God is One and there is no other but Him, *33*and to love Him with all your heart and with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself, which is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." *34* When Jesus saw that the man had answered wisely, He said, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

All of our problems stem from not obeying these two commandments. If we were all striving to serve the Lord to the best of our abilities and obeying his word by loving our neighbors as much as we love ourselves our problems would soon be minimized. Unfortunately, short of a God sent worldwide revival of the Christian faith, that

probably will not happen.

What is more likely to happen unless things change quickly and drastically is that we will have to permanently lose our freedoms in the USA and the only way to restore order will be to get rid of our democracy and become a dictatorship. (A king in the bible can be a king, a president or any type of leader of a country) This has been Satan's plan since the beginning to control this world, to control the kings of the world.

Matthew 24:22 "If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

It will be short lived however, no more than seven years and perhaps less because Jesus said that unless those end times days were cut short every human being on earth would die. They will be cut short though by the return of Jesus Christ. It may be getting close.

Rev 17:12-14 And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast. 13These are of one mind, and they hand over their power and authority to the beast. 14They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful."

From there it is only one step for our dictator to give his power to a future world king called in the bible, the Antichrist. Read through the book of Revelation to see in more detail what that time period will be like. Not good at all.

However, on a personal basis we can have peace in our hearts knowing that no matter what happens we will be with Christ for all eternity if we have obeyed the call of the gospel.

Romans 10:9-10 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
10For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.