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Signs of the Times, and what to look for in 2020

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Topics we will cover today

- Where am I coming from Biblically, as we have this discussion?
- Very short look at where we are in the last days timeline
- What are the top signs the Bible gives us to understand prophecy?
- Which signs are we seeing now (prioritized view)
- What do we need to pay attention to in 2020
- Resources for you if you are interested.
- Q/A

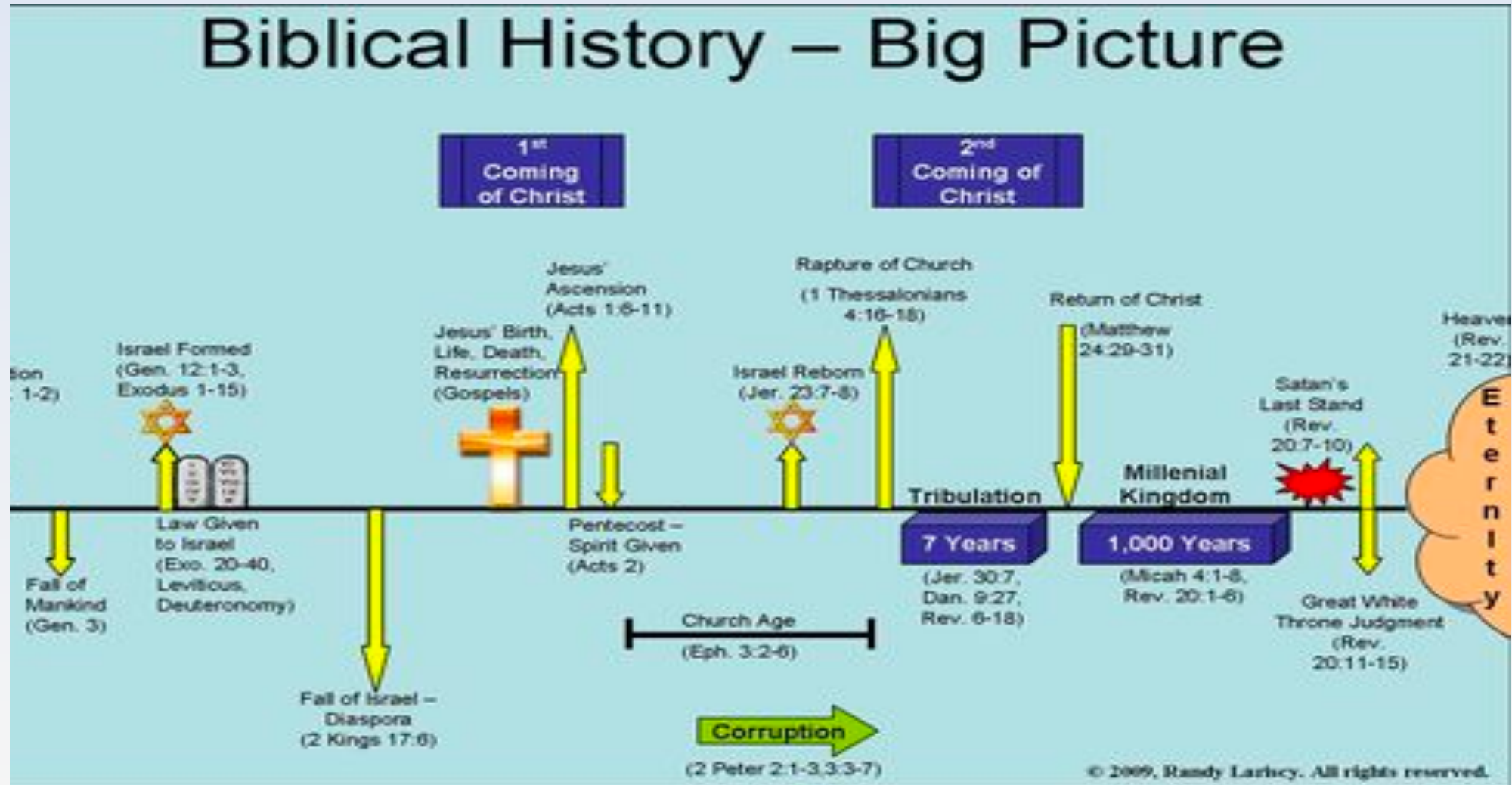
My own beliefs about the End times

- I am not a prophet, but only report and understand what the Lord gives me to understand.
- Matt 16:1-4
 - The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and tested him by asking him to show them **a sign** from heaven.
 - ² He replied, *“When evening comes, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,’ ³ and in the morning, ‘Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.’ You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. ⁴ A wicked and adulterous generation looks for a sign, but none will be given it except the **sign of Jonah.**”* Jesus then left them and went away

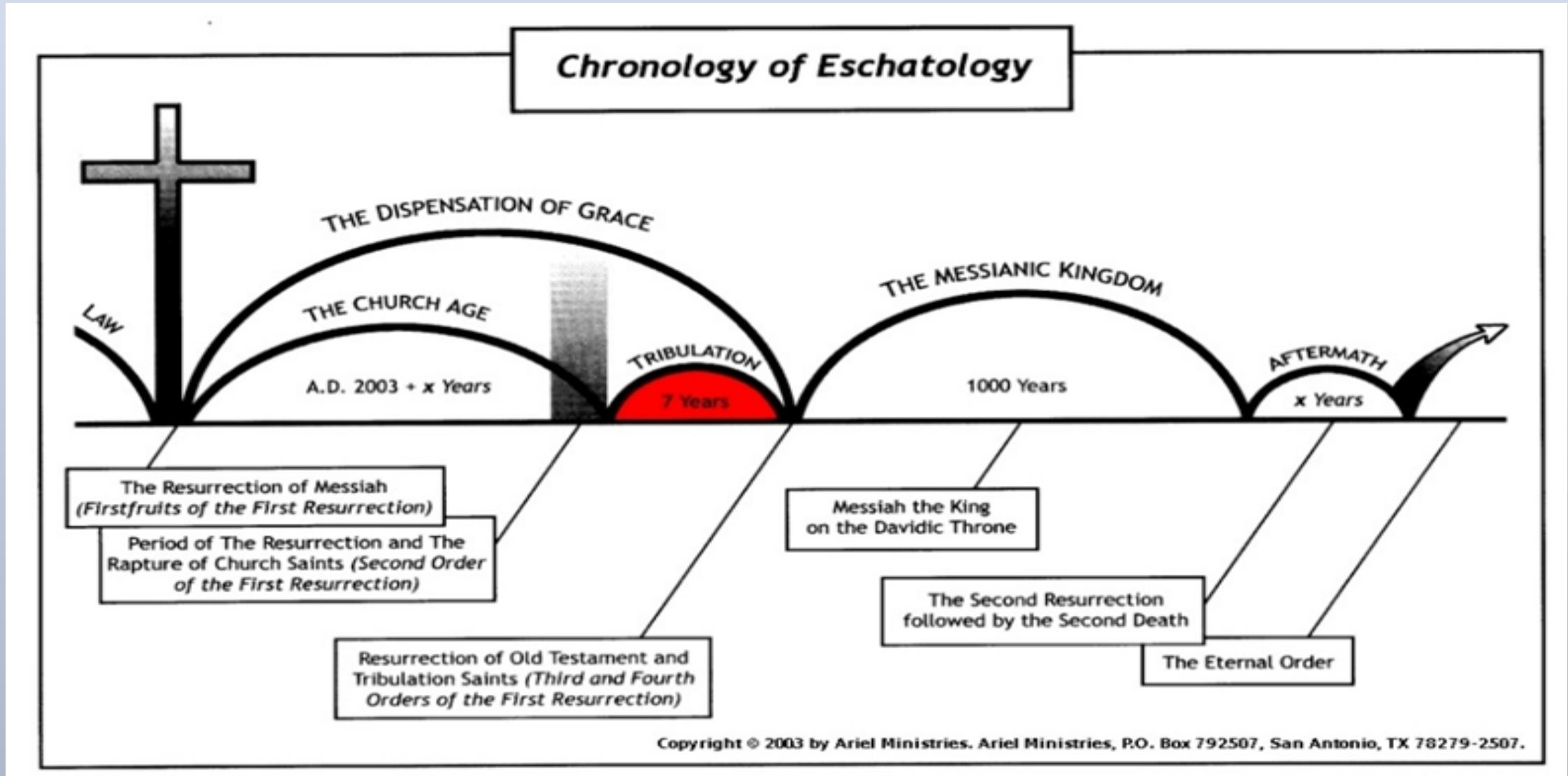
Beliefs...so you can understand where I am coming from

- I am not a prophet, but I am a “watchman on the wall” Ezekiel 33
- I believe totally that the Bible is the inspired word of God, without error (exc translation)
- I also take the Bible as literal and grammatically correct. If the Bible says something, unless it is clearly a metaphor or indicates it is something to be taken spiritually, then I take it literally.
- *In terms of end times beliefs*, I am pre-trib rapture, pre-millennial, and dispensational in my theology

Where we are in the Last Days timeline ?



Another View



Top Signs the Bible gives us for the 2nd Advent and End of the Age?



David Jeremiah's book **The Book of Signs**

31 undeniable prophecies of the Apocalypse, arranged in 5 broad categories



International Signs

Israel
Europe
Russia
Babylon
America



Cultural Signs

Materialism
Immorality
Radical Islam
Persecution
Spiritual Warfare
Apathy



Heavenly Signs

Rapture of the church
Resurrection (of the Saints)
Heaven
Judgment Seat of Christ
Rewards
Worship



Tribulation Signs

Four Horsemen
AntiChrist (Beast)
False Prophet
Martyrs
144,000
Two witnesses
Dragon (Satan)
Mark of the Beast
Armageddon



End Signs

Return of the King
Millennium
GWT Judgment
New Heaven & New Earth
Holy City

Another way to look at these

- Signs of Stage Setting
- Signs of Players in Place
- Cultural Signs for now

I want to look at them in this way not to boil the ocean with ideas and discussion, but to focus on what I believe are the keys for us today

Seven things that will set the stage



Israel back in the Land – Dry Bones, land of milk and honey, technology and military power



Revived Roman Empire Anti-Christ



**One World Religion
False prophet**



**Wars against Israel, World against Israel
Gog/Magog**



Apathy and Apostasy in “church” Dying denominations and falling away



Culturally like the Days of Noah, and Lot



Pestilence and Environmental disasters

What had to happen to get us here?

Master Sign is Israel

- Israel had to be defeated and the Temple destroyed
- Israel had to be scattered across the whole world
- Jews had to be persecuted wherever they were in the world
- Jews had to keep their traditions alive and healthy as dispersed.
- Hebrew had to die out as a language
- Land of Israel had to become desolate.
- But for Israel to be attacked in modern prophecy, it had to exist
- So...May 14, 1948 Israel was re-born in a day
- Hebrew was reconstituted as a spoken and written language

Israel's Return

- Nation with boundaries declared in 1948 by UN
- Trans Jordan also made a nation.
- “Palestine” who had never been a nation was offered part of Jordan, but Jordan didn’t want it, and the Arabs wanted all of Israel, so it never happened.
- Land was desolate
- Cities Rebuilt, Aliyah happened and Jews from all over but mainly Europe (Germany/Russia/Poland) fled to Israel
- Israel grew and now 8th most powerful country in the world and 5th most powerful Technology wise. Top Military, Health, and Creativity in the world and by far tops in the Middle East
- Land flowing with milk and Honey, and crops, and even Natural Gas wells
- So, here we are...ready for the closing phase of prophecy to be fulfilled.

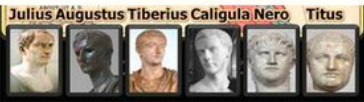
One World Church

- For this to happen, several things must occur
 - Major religious leaders “fall away” from historic beliefs
 - Chaos and unrest in the world to make the climate for new beliefs
 - Governments unable to maintain order
 - Young people cut off from historic beliefs and norms (Education)
- What do we see now in 2019
 - Roman Pope discussing historic rift mending with Orthodox churches
 - Roman Pope building ties to Islam Clerics and taking political positions on immigration to Migrants to Climate Change to Salvation
 - “Christian” leaders falling away and denying major tenets of faith moving to a more spiritual form of belief
 - Chaos and unrest everywhere. Environmental disasters...Earthquakes, Floods
- *For 2020 it will not slow down...momentum continues...aids Peace Process*

One World Government

- We see the UN, International Criminal Court, the EU, Global Climate change advocates pushing for countries to turn over sovereignty to them.
- Issues like worldwide weapons control, Climate regulation enforcement, Health, worldwide justice, open borders, forced sharing of resources, controlled speech, currency and rights to buy/sell...and many more are coming to the fore.
- Administration “tools” like cameras, listening devices, facial recognition. Global access control, implanted chips are beginning to make inroads everywhere.
- When Chaos reigns, all will be looking for a “Man with a Plan” to fix it all and provide peace and security.
 - Many leaders vying for this role...Macrone, Putin, EU Leaders but the AC is yet to appear.
- *In 2020 look for more of the same. Technology and Chaos in the world will be a source of unrest. Elections in US, Israel, Brexit, Iran, Hong Kong*



GOLD	BABYLONIAN EMPIRE 605-539 BC THE LION Dan. 2:1 And in the second reign of Nebuchadnezzar, he dreamed dreams, where with his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him. 31. Thou, O King, sawest, and beheld a great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. 32. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, 33. His legs of iron, his feet part of iron, part of clay. 38. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beast of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.
SILVER	MEDO - PERSIAN EMPIRE 539-331 BC THE BEAR 39. And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, 
BRASS	GRECIAN EMPIRE 331-168 BC THE LEOPARD 39. And another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. Alexander the Greek 
IRON	ROMAN EMPIRE 168 BC-AD 476 THE DRAGON 40. And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. 
IRON & CLAY	DIVIDED KINGDOMS HEADED BY REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE: AMERICA. AD 476 - 2ND AVANT 41. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potter's clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. 42. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. 43. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of man: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. DANIEL 2:32-32

Revived Roman Empire

- Straight out of Daniel Chapter 2 – 5 Gentile Kingdoms before the End
- All have come and gone now except the last, which we are still in the middle of:
 - Divided Kingdom – East and West
 - Holy Roman Empire – mixed state and religion
 - Emergence of European Catholicism and Popes and Emperors
 - Strong remnants all through Europe and UK, and young lions – US
- Feet of clay and iron. Cultures only held together by veneer of belief but weak (Europe clan and tribe culture)
- Coming back together as EU with some allegiance still to RCC
- *In 2020, watch for EU to militarize, and solidify ties, while diminishing country sovereign authority.*

Wars against Israel, and Hate for Jews

- Antisemitism is on the rise worldwide. Europe historically antisemitic but now the US and Canada are following suit. *Will get worse in 2020 and ultimately the world will stand against Israel, and they will be alone (except for God)*
- Constant threat of war and skirmishes against Israel from Muslim neighbors. *In 2020, expect a real conflict to break out either in Gaza, Lebanon, or Iran...maybe more than one.*
- 3 wars to remember
 - Ps 83 war where Israel diminishes next door enemies (see point 2)
 - Destruction of Damascus (already happening against Iran military targets)- Isaiah 17
 - Biggie is Gog/Magog war
- Three separate conflicts but may happen in close proximity

Gog and Magog War

- Sometimes called Armageddon. From Har Megiddo
- Fought with large alliance of troops and countries against Israel
- Ezekiel Ch 39 tells of the war and its outcome
- Genesis Ch 10 is the Table of Nations that came from Noah's sons scattering to re-populate the earth.
- War comes to plunder Israel's riches and destroy the Jews and their nation

Gog and Magog



Participants

Rosh – Russia

Gog – Prince of Rosh (leader)

Magog – Part of Russia and the “stans”

Persia – Iran and part of Pakistan

Tubal. Gomer, Beth Togarmah – Turkey

Put – Libya

Cush – Ethiopia and Sudan

200 Million man army – China?

Note: Several of the countries close to Israel do not appear to participate

Why is this interesting NOW?

- These countries have never been in an alliance before now, but then Israel was not a country until 1948
- Russia asserting itself in the Middle East as never before: war games, defense, weapons, economic aid, strategic planning, warm water naval and AF bases in Syria, missiles and arms for Iran, Syria, and Egypt,
- All except Russia are Muslim countries who have a stated goal of destroying Israel.
- Iran is going full-tilt to develop nuclear bombs and rockets to threaten Israel.
- Capability to move large forces into area to attack Israel
 - Land bridge from Crimea takeover for Russia
 - Strategic Iraq corridor for Iran.
 - Naval exercises planned now for China, Russia, Iran
 - Turkey becoming more Islamic and has moved troops into Libya, opposing US and getting arms from Russia
- *Watch in 2020 for Russia to take sides against Israel in some conflict, sparking a US response.*
- *US is planning on another 8000 troops in ME in case of Iran aggression, watch for this to happen and see where they place them as deterrent.*
- *Build up now and possibly a few skirmishes but Gog/Magog after Rapture (I believe anyway)*

What are we to do?

- From Dr Jeremiah's Book of Signs, he answers this question. Of course we are to be **salt and light** to others, but specifically he says:
 1. Refrain from judging others 1 Cor 4:5 *⁵ Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God*
 2. Remember the Lords Table 1 Cor 11:26. *²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*
 3. Respond to life Spiritually Col 3:1-4 *Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

What are we to do?

4. Relate to one another in LOVE 1Thess 3:12-13; Jude v 21 ¹² *May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones. ²¹ keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.*
5. Restore the bereaved 1 Thess 4:13-18
6. Recommit to your ministry 2 Tim 4:1-2
7. Refuse to neglect church Heb 10:24-25
8. Remain Steadfast James 5:7-8
9. Renounce SIN in our lives. 1 John 2:28-29
10. Reach the Lost. Jude 21-23

One last thing...Revelation 22:16-

- *16 “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you^[a] this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.”*
- *17 The Spirit and the bride say, “**Come!**” And let the one who hears say, “**Come!**” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.*
- *18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll. 19 And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll.*
- *20 He who testifies to these things says, “**Yes, I am coming soon.**”*
- ***Amen.** Come, Lord Jesus.*
- *21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people. **Amen.***