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3 1. Are we getting closer?

4 Current events may give us pause to wonder how close the end-time events of Bible prophecy really are.
5 The doctrine of the "Imminent Return of Christ" has always recognized that Jesus could have returned at any
6 time since His Ascension. (Matthew 24: 44; II Peter 3:10) He did not say when, but only that He would. (John
7 14:3) In order to recognize His omnipotence, it has always been necessary to admit that He could return at any
8 time. The fact that centuries have passed makes it clear that He intends to let the world live out its opportunity
9 to believe in Him and follow Him to a degree and time that are a mystery known only to the Father. He can
10 supernaturally accelerate events or curve the timeline of history if He pleases. He has not. He can; but it is
11 becoming clear that man is creating conditions, technology, and systems that fit prophecy.

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13 2. What are some possible clues?

14 It may now be possible to correlate current events with Bible prophecies. In the past, it has been
15 difficult to understand how certain things in the Bible could occur. The technologies of the times made the
16 images described impossible to contemplate except by calling them allegorical or by taking refuge in the thought
17 that God can do anything, even though we can't see exactly how. The latter of course is true, but it is now clear
18 that many of the Revelation and other prophecies can be fulfilled with the man-made means that we see
19 developing around us.

20 Never has there been a time like this. We know that in the last two hundred years, "civilization" and
21 technology have advanced along an increasingly sharp curve. We need no longer be mystified, or mystical, about
22 the meaning of prophecies, for we have seen them and are living through their fulfillment.

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24 3. Conditions that appear to fit Bible descriptions

- 25 a. The apparent sign of travel and crowding "Many shall run to and fro" (Daniel 12:4) We did not
26 have that before the proliferation of the motor vehicle and airplanes. Before 1900, it was hard
27 to envision what this meant. Now, we can properly conclude that we are in the period foretold.
28 With cars, trucks, trains, and planes, the world is a "smaller" place.
29 b. Knowledge shall increase" (Daniel 12:4). The printing press is little more than 500 years old, the
30 telephone 130, radio 100, electricity, gas and oil about 140, X-rays 100, TV 70, personal fax and
31 computers about "45-ish", and on it goes. As technology has increased, so has the accumulated
32 knowledge of man. We are told that every few years existing knowledge doubles. There is
33 more information than we can assimilate, and more ways to store it. These are unprecedented.

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35 4. Religious conditions and issues

- 36 a. The world over which the antichrist is to rule is described as of one religion. In recent time, the
37 pressure to accept all religions as equally valid has increased. And it is now "politically incorrect"
38 to advance the merits of one religion over another, or to suggest the superiority of one's beliefs.
39 This idea has been growing for a long time as has been violence, terror attacks, social hatred,
40 condemnation, economic and political harassment of Christians and Jews (Satan hates both, as
41 do the lost and evil, sometimes without realizing why.)
42 b. The accusations against true Christianity, particularly American Christianity, that it is dangerous
43 or its practitioners mentally ill, will be intensified in social thought, then in law. In America,
44 Christians have had a Constitution that codifies unparalleled rights of freedom to pursue and
45 advance their faith. A few other places have relative freedom. Take that away, and what bars a
46 unified religion? Nothing. It is now easier to see how the world and American society could
47 accept this as evolution, humanism, and ecumenicalism capture more minds. A Biblically-
48 illiterate, Godless people are more easily subverted by lies. **Much of this has always been true**
49 **somewhere, but this is worldwide at the same time.**

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5. Political globalism

- a. It will also be a world of one leader. We have seen how rapidly nations can dissolve, reform, realign themselves, and change motives. The Soviet Union broke up. After 9/11, practically overnight, we had a new set of allies and enemies. After the current virus, nations aligned almost instantly based on the integrity of their responses. Highly placed and influential figures are calling for a supranational, global government and universal monitoring of people's health, location, and movements. It is naive to think that various stressful, frightening, or threatening events could not motivate more such changes.

- b. The primary barrier to a one-world political system is and has always been America. If America were no longer a world power, there would be a political vacuum into which a charismatic antichrist could quite believably step. Several American Presidents have espoused their vision of a "New World Order." The threat of "weapons of mass destruction" coupled with a technologically and financially unified world have done what emperor's armies could not do in the past. The whole world immediately knows anything that happens anywhere, and pressure can be brought to bear on any one spot with the speed of a phone calls, computer stroke, missile, or laser. Unity is no longer a utopian philosopher's fantasy, but rather a forced reality. It will become more so. **IF we consider America to have been a latter-day buffer, then we must consider her absence to be a possible outcome to remove that buffer from the world.**

6. Interconnection in real time

The financial markets react now as one, interconnected worldwide. Worldwide currency, even electronic currency, is neither a fantasy nor an impossibility. Technology now binds the earth together. Communication and surveillance networks are spreading and unifying at lightning speed. The Bible talks of the middle of the tribulation as the time when the antichrist reveals his true colors, breaks the peace with Israel, and does his worst. The technology for "all the world to wonder after him", and to see him killed, lie in state, and be resurrected, now exists. (Revelation 13: 3, 4,14) It did not exist twenty or two hundred years ago. The world is tying together satellite, cable, microwave, and Internet networks at an exponentially increasing rate. If there was unlimited money, and national support, couldn't the antichrist's "real-time" tracking network be completed very quickly?

7. Imminent, but more so?

We cannot properly believe that the rapture has to wait for these things to be developed. If it occurred today, the world could finish this job in plenty of time to meet the prophesied conditions for its use by the "Beast". (Rev.13: 16, 17) A world in which the antichrist may be seen globally and simultaneously is already here. The super-computer capacity and the real time links to make it work are present in technology and so nearly complete in physical reality that the "Beast" could be here now.

8. The means of cataclysmic destruction

- a. It is striking that the prophecies of the last times mention no nation like America. The armies of the north, Gog and Magog, are mentioned as coming after Israel (Ezekiel 38, 39) "for a spoil." (Ezekiel 38:10-12) America now impedes that, and presumably would be gone or no longer powerful by then. By what means? We know that in the tribulation, great numbers of people and great areas of land are destroyed in ways that could easily be nuclear. (Revelation 8: 7-12) There are other methods, but nuclear fits the description well. It seems not just possible to me, but likely, that between now and the middle of the tribulation, America ceases to exist as a world power, and maybe, at all. It is difficult to see Russia coming after Israel, or China marching 200 million men toward Israel, or a unified world political system, without the America we now know being taken out of the way as any meaningful barrier. Will we be destroyed? Or so wholly co-opted by the forces of evil that we no longer object? Are we concerned for Revival?

- 101 b. India, Pakistan, several parts of the former Soviet Union, Russia, Israel, China, North Korea,
102 France, the UK, the USA, and maybe some others I don't know about are all nuclear powers. We
103 are in constant war and conflict around the world. One despot, feeling growing pressure in his
104 failing regime or country, could in seconds launch missiles. Does anyone doubt that Israel would
105 not use nukes to defend itself if it thought it was necessary? Now we have hypersonic missiles,
106 laser weapons, satellite guidance, and drones. Any such conflict would engage all superpowers.
- 107 c. Can we predict what could happen if Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, China, Russia, feels that they have only
108 one last chance to preserve their interests? Missiles can reach from China to California in about
109 40 minutes, from India to Pakistan in only a few, to Israel from neighboring enemies in seconds.
110 Is it unthinkable that a nuclear holocaust in which one third of the world is destroyed, including
111 all that matters in America, could occur in moments?

112 9. The demise of Christian faith and influence

- 113 a. It is difficult to see the world religious system becoming one as long as Christianity is strong. The
114 leadership, influence, and money that have driven world missions have until recently flowed
115 from America. American Christianity has been the primary broadcaster of the Gospel, but
116 seems to be fading. Will America be gone, or useless by then? ***It is certain the the Holy Spirit's***
117 ***indwelling presence will be gone. That is the barrier that matters most, not America nor***
118 ***political influence, and He WILL be gone.***
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- 121 b. Revelation describes Rome as being the center of the ten kingdoms and the false religion.
122 (Revelation 17: 9,12,18.) Bible-believers have always spotted Catholicism in the prophetic mix.
123 Now we can see the additives of new age, shamanism, mysticism, social-based, environmental,
124 earth-focused, and ecumenical "Christianity" being thrown into a gigantic blender of "tolerance"
125 and unity. The resulting batter will have one common flavor of "unity." It is this mixture that will
126 be served to the world without objection by the Antichrist himself. The only intolerance will be
127 against God!
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- 129 c. We are seeing the explosion of cults, the occult, and "unity" as we live right now. It is easy to
130 envision a coming world in which all "radical" religious people, especially Christians, are no
131 longer welcomed, but feared as "haters." It is a short step to persecution, and it now exists in
132 China, Islamic nations such as the Sudan, Afghanistan, and Saudi Arabia; Pakistan; Myanmar;
133 Nigeria, and many other places.
- 134 d. Our American society is moving toward the acceptance of any religion as valid EXCEPT Biblical
135 Christianity. Nowhere does the Bible limit how bad things could get before the rapture. It only
136 lists events as coming before or after it. Indeed, Christians have suffered terribly under the
137 Caesars, the Inquisition, and in Europe, and still today in many places.

138 10. Submission and Monitoring

- 139 a. The "smart card" and the injectible bio-chip are already here. It is a short step to the bio-chip as
140 the universal medium for identification, commerce, and currency. What if your entire life--all
141 work, government, school, medical, financial, and citizenship records --were on one chip, in your
142 hand or forehead? And what if a scanner had to read that for EVERY movement and transaction
143 you did? (Revelation 13:16-17) Banking, paychecks, medicine, doctor visits, purchases of all
144 kinds, starting your car, paying bills, getting water, buying groceries, voting, entering buildings--
145 what if all those required the scanning of your chip? And what if not having one, or not having
146 "good" information on yours, meant that the folks running the scanner were to hold you for the
147 police, and call them on you? That is the world described in Revelation under the antichrist.
148 The technology to do all of that is here. Its perfusion throughout the world is not only possible,
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150 but is underway, and could be completed so quickly that it leaves us no comfortable belief that
151 more time is needed.

- 152 b. The motive for submission
- 153 i. The Rapture itself will bring the world to a panicked halt with likely explanations of alien
154 abduction in preparation of an invasion, or of the goddess Earth healing herself. Either
155 way, the demand for a ruler/avatar figure will be instant and total.
 - 156 ii. The illness we are seeing right now is a picture of this desperation and willingness to
157 surrender rights and freedom. Imagine how much worse that reaction would be with
158 worse disaster and the absence of the Holy Spirit and Christian influence.

159 11. Israel as God's prophetic "time clock"

160 Then, there is Israel. (Mark 13:28-30) World attention perpetually focuses on Israel.

- 161 a. Restoration, 1949
- 162 b. Survival of wars 1949, 1967, 1973
- 163 c. The terror wars of *jihad* since 1979
- 164 d. The involvement of superpowers
 - 165 i. Russia in Afghanistan
 - 166 ii. America in Afghanistan
 - 167 iii. Desert Storm, the status quo maintained
 - 168 iv. The Iran-Iraq war
 - 169 v. Desert Freedom, the removal of Hussein
 - 170 vi. 9/11
- 171 e. Israel has stated for a few years now that they would agree to peace, even if it means giving up
172 land, in return for the Arabs abandoning their commitment to the destruction of Israel, and a
173 guarantee of compliance enforced by the USA or UN. In other words, Israel is ready to sign a
174 peace treaty, giving land for security. How close is that to I Thessalonians 5: 3: "when they say
175 peace and safety, sudden destruction is upon them"? Or to the prophecies about the covenant
176 between the Beast (antichrist) and Israel, which he breaks after three and one-half years?
177 (Daniel 9:27) When Israel starts talking about signing peace treaties of land for security, a
178 believer should start looking upward. They are closer than ever to that reality. This was not
179 possible until their restoration.

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181 The truth is that now, more than ever, the Lord Jesus Christ could catch his church away at any moment.
182 If He did it today, the prophecies of Daniel, Thessalonians, and Revelation could be fulfilled, in plenty of time for
183 the antichrist and tribulation, and in ways that we not only can foresee, but which already exist.

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185 **In light of this, things are the same as always in this respect: the hope of His appearing has always**
186 **been the believer's motive for living a pure life, for working and watching, and for looking for His soon return.**
187 **(I Thess. 5:6; Titus 2:12-13; I John 3:3; II Peter 3:11)** So much the more as time passes, for even if He does not
188 return soon, our knowledge that He could should keep us ready. (Luke 12:40)

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190 What is not the same is the certain knowledge as time passes, the closer it must be. Never before has
191 the world been so fully in the condition described, with the technology for instant global communications and
192 rapid mass destruction, and with the means and motivation for a unified "New World Order."

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194 These things do not mandate His return. Matthew 24:36 indicates that only God the Father knows
195 when. But these conditions show that the aftermath of the Rapture are more readily possible now than ever.
196 He can tarry as He pleases.

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198 Or not.

201 References and Scriptural Passages Section

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203 • Doctrinal Position

204 Our historic Baptist faith holds to the doctrines of Dispensationalism and a Pre-Tribulational Rapture. A typical
205 Statement of Faith might read something like this:

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207 SECTION - THE RETURN OF CHRIST: We believe in the bodily resurrection of our Lord, His ascension into
208 Heaven, His present life there for us as our High Priest and Advocate, and His personal, bodily, visible,
209 premillennial return to establish His kingdom on earth, to reign as the only potentate: the King of Kings and Lord
210 of Lords. (Luke 24:26-43; John 20:24-29; Acts 1:9, 10; I Corinthians 15:20-25; I Timothy 6:14, 15; Revelation 1:7;
211 19:11-16; 20:6).

212 SECTION - THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH: We believe that at any moment the rapture of the saved may occur,
213 when the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven. . . ." to catch up His people to meet Him in the air; and so
214 shall we ever be with the Lord. (John 14:1-3; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; I Corinthians 15:51-58).

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217 Some Scripture references on the Rapture and the things that follow. Outlines of the events and sequence will
218 follow in the next lesson.

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220 Matthew 24:44: Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

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222 2 Pet 3:10: But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away
223 with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein
224 shall be burned up.

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226 John 14:3: And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I
227 am, *there* ye may be also.

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229 I Thess. 4: ¹³But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye
230 sorrow not, even as others which have no hope ¹⁴For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them
231 also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

232 ¹⁵For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the
233 Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. ¹⁶**For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout,**

234 **with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ¹⁷Then we**

235 **which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air:**

236 **and so shall we ever be with the Lord.**

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238 I Thessalonians 5:

239 1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

240 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a **thief in the night.**

241 **3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them,** as travail upon a
242 woman with child; and they shall not escape.

243 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

244 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

245 **6 Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober.**

246 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

247 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the
248 hope of salvation.

249 9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,
250 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him?
251 Dan 12:4: But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run
252 to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.
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254 I Cor. !5: ⁵¹ Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²In a moment, in
255 **the twinkling of an eye**, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised
256 incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put
257 on immortality.
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259 **Rev 13:3: And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all**
260 **the world wondered after the beast.**
261 **Rev 13:4: And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast,**
262 **saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?**
263 Rev 13:5: And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given
264 unto him to continue forty *and* two months.
265 Rev 13:6: And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and
266 them that dwell in heaven.
267 Rev 13:7: And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given
268 him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.
269 Rev 13:8: And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life
270 of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
271 Rev 13:9: If any man have an ear, let him hear.
272 Rev 13:10: He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed
273 with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.
274 Rev 13:11: And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he
275 spake as a dragon.
276 Rev 13:12: And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which
277 dwell therein to worship the first beast, **whose deadly wound was healed.**
278 Rev 13:13: And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the
279 sight of men,
280 Rev 13:14: And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by *the means of* those miracles which he had power to
281 do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the
282 beast, **which had the wound by a sword, and did live.**
283 **Rev 13:16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their**
284 **right hand, or in their foreheads:**
285 **Rev 13:17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the**
286 **number of his name.**
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288 Ezek 38:1 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
289 Ezek 38:2 Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and
290 prophesy against him, Ezek 38:3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Gog, the chief
291 prince of Meshech and Tubal:
292 Ezek 38:4 And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army,
293 horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts *of armour*, *even* a great company *with* bucklers and
294 shields, all of them handling swords: Ezek 38:5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and
295 helmet: Ezek 38:6 Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: *and*
296 many people with thee.

297 Ezek 38:7 Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee,
298 and be thou a guard unto them.

299 Ezek 38:8 After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land *that is* brought
300 back from the sword, *and is* gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been
301 always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.

302 Ezek 38:9 Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy
303 bands, and many people with thee.

304 **Ezek 38:10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, *that at the same time shall things come into***
305 **thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought:**

306 **Ezek 38:11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest,**
307 **that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,**

308 **Ezek 38:12 To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places *that are now***
309 **inhabited, and upon the people *that are* gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that**
310 **dwell in the midst of the land.**

311 Ezek 38:13 Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto
312 thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and
313 gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

314 Ezek 38:14 Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In that day **when my**
315 **people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it?**

316 Ezek 38:15 And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of
317 them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:

318 Ezek 38:16 And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the
319 latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in
320 thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

321 Ezek 38:17 Thus saith the Lord GOD; *Art* thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the
322 prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days *many* years that I would bring thee against them?

323 Ezek 38:18 And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the
324 Lord GOD, *that* my fury shall come up in my face.

325 Ezek 38:19 For in my jealousy *and* in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great
326 shaking in the land of Israel;

327 Ezek 38:20 So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all
328 creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that *are* upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my
329 presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to
330 the ground.

331 Ezek 38:21 And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's
332 sword shall be against his brother.

333 Ezek 38:22 And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his
334 bands, and upon the many people that *are* with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and
335 brimstone.

336 Ezek 38:23 Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and
337 they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

338 Ezek 39:1 Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am*
339 against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

340 Ezek 39:2 And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from
341 the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:

342 Ezek 39:3 And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.

343 Ezek 39:4 Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that *is* with thee:
344 I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and *to* the beasts of the field to be devoured.

345 Ezek 39:5 Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord GOD.

346 Ezek 39:6 And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall
347 know that I *am* the LORD.

348 Ezek 39:7 So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not *let them* pollute my
349 holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I *am* the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

350 Ezek 39:8 Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord GOD; this *is* the day whereof I have spoken.

351 Ezek 39:9 And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons,
352 both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall
353 burn them with fire seven years:

354 Ezek 39:10 So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down *any* out of the forests; for they
355 shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them,
356 saith the Lord GOD.

357 Ezek 39:11 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the
358 valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the *noses* of the passengers: and there shall they
359 bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call *it* The valley of Hamongog.

360 Ezek 39:12 And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land.

361 Ezek 39:13 Yea, all the people of the land shall bury *them*; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall
362 be glorified, saith the Lord GOD.

363 Ezek 39:14 And they shall sever out men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the
364 passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they
365 search.

366 Ezek 39:15 And the passengers *that* pass through the land, when *any* seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a
367 sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamongog.

368 Ezek 39:16 And also the name of the city *shall be* Hamonah. Thus shall they cleanse the land.

369 Ezek 39:17 And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast
370 of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice
371 for you, *even* a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.

372 Ezek 39:18 Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of
373 lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan.

374 Ezek 39:19 And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have
375 sacrificed for you.

376 Ezek 39:20 Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of
377 war, saith the Lord GOD.

378 Ezek 39:21 And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have
379 executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them.

380 Ezek 39:22 So the house of Israel shall know that I *am* the LORD their God from that day and forward.

381 Ezek 39:23 And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because
382 they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies:
383 so fell they all by the sword.

384 Ezek 39:24 According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions have I done unto them, and hid
385 my face from them.

386 Ezek 39:25 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy
387 upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name;

388 Ezek 39:26 After that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed
389 against me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none made *them* afraid.

390 Ezek 39:27 When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands,
391 and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations;

392 Ezek 39:28 Then shall they know that I *am* the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity
393 among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there.

394 Ezek 39:29 Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of
395 Israel, saith the Lord GOD

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397 Rev 8:7 The first angel sounded, and there followed **hail and fire mingled with blood**, and they were cast upon
398 the earth: **and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.**

399 Rev 8:8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea:
400 and the third part of the sea became blood;

401 Rev 8:9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the
402 ships were destroyed. Rev 8:10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as
403 it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;

404 Rev 8:11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood;
405 and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

406 Rev 8:12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the
407 moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a
408 third part of it, and the night likewise.

409 (NOTE: could this be a "nuclear winter?")

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411 Rev 17:9 And here *is* the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are **seven mountains, on which the**
412 **woman sitteth.** Rev 17:12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are **ten kings**, which have received **no kingdom**
413 **as yet;** but **receive power as kings one hour with the beast.**

414 Rev 17:18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, **which reigneth over the kings of the earth.**

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416 Rev 13:16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right
417 hand, or in their foreheads:

418 Rev 13:17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the
419 number of his name.

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421 Mark 13:28 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye
422 know that summer is near:

423 Mark 13:29 So ye **in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the**
424 **doors.**

425 Mark 13:30 Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.

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427 Daniel 9: 21 Yea, whiles I *was* speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the
428 beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

429 22 And he informed *me*, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and
430 understanding.

431 23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to show *thee*; for thou
432 *art* greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

433 24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to
434 make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to
435 seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

436 25 Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build
437 Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince *shall be* seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be
438 built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

439 26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the
440 prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and
441 unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

442 27 **And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause**
443 **the sacrifice and the oblation to cease**, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it*
444 desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate
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446 Titus 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and
447 godly, in this present world; 13: **Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God**
448 **and our Saviour Jesus Christ;**

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450 1 John 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in **him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.**

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452 2 Pet 3:11 *Seeing* then *that* all these things shall be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought ye to be** in *all*
453 holy conversation and godliness,

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455 Luke 12:40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not

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457 Additional references:

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459 Acts 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is
460 taken up from you into heaven, shall so come **in like manner** as ye have seen him go into heaven.

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462 Mark 13: ²⁹ So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the
463 doors.

464 ³⁰ Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.

465 ³¹ Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

466 ³² But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but
467 the Father.

468 ³³ Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

469 ³⁴ For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and
470 to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

471 35: Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at
472 the cockcrowing, or in the morning: 36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say
473 unto all, Watch.

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475 *Even so come, Lord Jesus*