

# 14 Things to Watch in Prophecy IV

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The reason that we cover a lot of these things and look at them is because we're watching them develop. Number six was the Fall of the Modern Descendants of Israel (see part 3 this series).

## VII. Kings of the North and the East

The beginning of this we find in Dan. 11. Let's talk about Europe because in order for the King of the North to develop there has to be a transformation take place in Europe. We have a pattern of this with the rise of Hitler. Europe was in great depression; Germany was completely impotent, and that gave rise to Hitler.

European-wise we see the same thing, plus you have in Europe all the Muslims; something has to happen to them. Otherwise, they take over all of Europe and Europe becomes nonexistent. Something is going to have to happen there. But nevertheless, it will happen, and one of the ten heads of *the beast* in Rev. 13 will become the King of the North.

Once the King of the North comes down and conquers Egypt, goes into the Holy Land—and then we'll cover the abomination of desolation—here's what's going to happen:

Daniel 11:44: "But tidings out of the east..." Does this not make much more sense today than 40 years ago? *Yes, indeed!* China is threatening six different areas where they are on a 'war footing,' trying out the power that they have now. The reports are, and I've seen them, they're building these express rails—bullet trains—two lines going west into Russia and then into southern Europe.

Kazakhstan is trying to build a big gas line going west. If they get it to Syria, that's going to put a lot of pressure on the gulf states and their economies. We don't know what's going to happen with the gulf states and Iran with the nuclear problem that is there today.

Speculation: My opinion is that since Benjamin Netanyahu has been strapped down by the Obama administration, the Jews are not sitting there weeping, crying, twittling their thumbs and ringing their hands. I believe—this is my opinion—if I were them I would get all my computer experts and technology—and they have some of the best in the world—and I would suspect that there may be a nuclear underground 'accident' in one or two of the processing centers that the Iranian's have.

Another thing that the Israelis are doing: they are training their pilots for all of Iran, the whole Middle East and the eastern part of the

Mediterranean Sea. They used to have their pilots fly the planes, but now they actually have these simulator planes and they have the full view of the entire geographical area where they are flying—wherever it is. They know all the details of Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Turkey and Syria. They know where everything it is. Keep your eye on that, too.

"...and out of the north shall alarm him.... [Of course, Russia and China are aligned more than ever before.] ...Then he will go forth with great fury to destroy and to utterly annihilate many" (v 44).

Let's see the fulfillment. Let's backup and get a timeframe so we know what we're talking about. We know that the Tribulation is going to be three and a half years. The first part of the Tribulation is going to come against the modern nations of the United States and Britain. We also know from Hosea 5:31 and 6:1-3 that God is going to leave Israel alone until they return to God. The prophecy in Hos. 6 is that after two days God will revive us and in the third day we will be made to 'stand up.'

Each day is a year in prophecy, so at the beginning of the third year of the Tribulation, that's when we have the sign of the Son of man, the opening of the heavens and the sealing of the 144,000 and the great innumerable multitude. After that there's a period of time. The events going on in the Philippines with the great cyclone that went through there...

Let's do a little comparing: here's the earth, Christ makes Himself known by ripping open the heavens and rolling them back like a scroll. He shakes the heavens, the earth, the sea and everything. This is going to make most of the world look like what happened in the Philippines. I was watching this very carefully. It took them two weeks to get roads opened. When this happens—and if this happens on Pentecost, which it probably does (Rev. 7). Then we come to:

Rev. 8 probably begins on Trumpets because the first of the 'trumpet plagues' is blown. That gives a three and a half month period for the world to get things re-organized so they can start fighting each other again. I think that makes more sense when you put it all together.

Revelation 8:1: "Now, when He opened the seventh seal... [out of which comes the 7 trumpet plagues] ...*there* was silence in heaven *for* about a half hour. Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

And another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar; and much incense was given to him, so that he might offer *it* with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar that *was* before the throne” (vs 1-3).

This shows no one has gone to heaven. Everyone is on the earth praying—that is the saints! (v 4).

Verse 5: “And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire from the altar, and cast *it* into the earth; and there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings, and an earthquake. Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound *their* trumpets” (vs 5-6). Just like the seals, the first four come 1, 2, 3, 4 right after another; likewise, with the ‘trumpet plagues’—1, 2, 3, 4!

Verse 6: “And the first angel sounded *his* trumpet; and there was hail and fire mingled with blood, and it was cast upon the earth; and a third of the trees were burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up. Then the second angel sounded *his* trumpet; and *there* was cast into the sea as *it were* a great mountain burning with fire, and a third of the sea became blood; and a third of the living creatures that *were* in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed. And the third angel sounded *his* trumpet; and *there* fell out of heaven a great star, burning like a lamp; and it fell on a third of the rivers, and on the fountains of waters. Now, the name of the star is Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood; and many men died from *drinking* the waters because they were made bitter. Then the fourth angel sounded *his* trumpet; and a third of the sun was smitten, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars; so that a third of them were darkened; and a third part of the day did not shine, and likewise *a third part of the night*” (vs 6-12).

This answers the question: Why did Jesus say that ‘no man knows the day or the hour’? *Because the earth, the moon in relationship with the sun has been changed!* Therefore, you really don’t know what day it really is. Though this may happen on Trumpets, you don’t know how long it is until the next Pentecost when the resurrection occurs.

The earth may be moved out of its orbit enough so it could be a day or two or three difference from the Calculated Hebrew Calendar that is in effect at the present time.

No man knows the day or the hour! That’s why we can know some of the times and seasons based on the Holy Days, but not the day or the hour, because of these astronomical events that are taking place.

Verse 13: “And I looked; and I heard an

angel flying in the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, ‘Woe, woe, woe to those who are dwelling on the earth, because of the voices of the remaining trumpets of the three angels who *are* about to sound *their* trumpets.’”

We have a real phenomena taking place. Satan the devil pulls out all stops! Now he has permission to do something that he has wanted to do for a long time! What is that?

Remember in 2-Peter, Peter writes that God cast the angels that sinned into Tartarus, Greek for a *place of restraint!* Satan has wanted to get them out of there so *he* will have more power. It’s going to happen beginning in Rev. 9. this is what is going to empower the kings of the north—actually the *beast power* retaliating to the north and to the east—and then will empower greatly the kings of the east.

As we look today and see China rising and India rising, Vietnam, Malaysia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Iran—all of those nations coming up. They are going to be involved in this great fantastic fight that’s going to take place.

Revelation 9:1: “And the fifth angel sounded *his* trumpet; and I saw a star *that* had fallen from heaven to the earth... [remember, stars are angels] ...and there was given to him... [showing that it is an angel] ...the key to the bottomless abyss.” That’s where all the demons are held in captivity.

Verse 2: “And he opened the bottomless abyss; and there went up smoke from the pit, like *the* smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke from the pit. Then locusts came onto the earth from the smoke...” (vs 2-3). These are picturing the demons coming out.

“...and power was given to them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was said to them that they should not damage the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree...” (vs 3-4). Why does it say that? *Remember, all of the green grass was burned up! A third of the trees were burned up!* This shows a period of time. We’re coming from Pentecost on down to Trumpets and a little bit past.

What happens when there’s a great fire? *As soon as there’s any kind of moisture, the grass grows!* It doesn’t matter what the event was, it grows! Here the grass grew back. They needed the grass to help the oxygen supply in the world.

“...or any green thing, or any tree... [because the trees were also reviving] ...but only the men who did not have the seal of God in their foreheads” (v 4). Showing that those who have the seal of God or the Holy Spirit of God have not yet been resurrected; they’re still on the earth.

Remember, before this, there were a great number that were martyred in the fifth seal (Rev. 7). Then we have the 144,000 and great innumerable multitude. They were sealed! It's talking about all these people here.

Verse 5: "And it was given to them that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months; and their torment *was* like *the* torment of a scorpion when it stings a man."

I don't know that is. I don't like scorpions and the worst thing in the world that I've seen on television is Andrew Zimmer and Bazaar Foods. People eat roasted scorpions! I don't know how they do that! I guess very carefully! I don't know what it's like to be stung by a scorpion; I'm not going to try and test it out either.

Verse 6: "And in those days men will seek death..." Here's what's going to happen: The King of the North is going to come down and take over where the King of the South is. He's going to hear of all the troubles and difficulties in the north and east, and here is going to come this great demonic super-weapon to immobilize them for five months. They will "...seek death..."

Verse 7: "And the appearance of the locusts *was* like horses prepared for war; and on their heads *were* crowns like *those* of gold; and their faces *were* like *the* faces of men; and they had hair like women's hair; and their teeth *were* like *those* of lions. And they had breastplates like iron breastplates; and the sound of their wings *was* like *the* sound of chariots *drawn* by many horses running to war" (vs 7-9). This sounds an awful lot like many of the planes and helicopter that are available today that we know of, which could not be known then.

Can you imagine right after John had written this vision and it was sent out to the churches and they were read this? *This is astonishing!* They had no concept of everything being worldwide. We have that concept today because we know it, it's real!

This is why, at first, half of the churches did not accept the book of Revelation. This is why the Vaticanus New Testament does not have the book of Revelation in it. Remember, the Vaticanus came from Egypt. Remember: *trust nothing from Egypt at any time!*

Currently on the History Channel is playing all the Gnostic gospels, all worked out in episodes, especially the one concerning Mary Magdalene, who is supposed to be the wife of Jesus Christ. Thomas was supposed to have written that Mary Magdalene kissed Jesus very lovingly. This is where they get the 'Knights Templar' and the 'Holy Grail,' because Jesus was supposed to have had children with Mary Magdalene.

If you were asked to disprove that from the Bible, how would you do it? It can be done! I want you to think on that for just a minute!

Sidebar: The One Who became Jesus Christ was the Lord God of the Old Testament. We find in Ezek. 16 that God was married to Israel. In Isa. 58 He says, 'I am your husband.' What are the terms of marriage? *Until death do you part!* This was a covenant! That's why Jesus had to die. The answer comes out in Rom. 7 that Christ died to complete the covenant with Israel so He would be free, so that the New Testament Church could marry Him. God will not commit adultery spiritually, even with the relationship with Israel and the children of Israel; even though He gave Israel a divorce and sent her away. He did not remarry!

Verse 10: "And they had tails like scorpions, and stingers; and they were *given* power to injure men with their tails *for* five months. And they have over them a king, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew *is* Abaddon, but *the* name he has in Greek *is* Apollyon.... [Satan the devil!] ...The first woe is past..." (vs 10-12). Let's see the prophecy of the greatest army in the history of the world; it's actually called *armies*. You cannot have one army with this many in it. There are many armies and you can't have them all in one place at one time.

Verse 12: "The first woe is past. Behold, after these things two more woes are still to come. And the sixth angel sounded *his* trumpet; and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar that *is* before God; *and* it said to the sixth angel, who had the trumpet, 'Loose the four angels who are bound in the great River Euphrates'" (vs 12-14). How is that for a place for a prison? They're loosed!

Verse 15: "Then the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year... [God alone knows this] ...were loosed, so that they might kill a third of men; and the number of *the armies* of the horsemen *was* two hundred thousand thousand; and I heard the number of them" (vs 15-16).

Think about what China is going to have to become. They have a population of about 1.8-billion at the present time. A full third of the peasants are still working on the farms as they used to. They have built many cities to move them out of the farming areas and into these cities. They have built 70 cities, each of them able to hold 3-5 million people. They are sitting there empty!

They're going to have to rise to such a great economic power, the greatest that has ever been in the history of the world. It's going to be awesome when it does. They are going to use their power virtually any way they want to. It's going to be quite a thing when that takes place—200-million!

Verse 17: “And so I saw the horses in the vision, and those sitting on them, who had fiery breastplates, even like jacinth and brimstone. And the heads of the horses *were* like heads of lions, and fire and smoke and brimstone shoot out of their mouths. By these three a third of men were killed: by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone that shoot out of their mouths” (vs 17-18).

I want you think of the great terrible devastation that this is going to bring on the whole world. When we are resurrected and we come back to the earth to rule with Christ, ***we are going to inherit a great, gigantic catastrophe!*** God is going to use us to straighten it out. That’s why it’s very important that we understand that God has called us to this, and that we rise above what most ‘religions’ do, and that is ***play church!***

Yield to God and let His Holy Spirit

- lead us
- guide us
- cleanse us
- perfect us
- give us the mind of Christ

*and through the washing of the water by the Word*

- have our minds cleansed daily

***Think of all the images that we have coming into our mind!***

When you sit down and watch the news, never before have people been submitted to that kind of thing. Remember that all of these things go into your mind, even if it’s just a flash of something. This is why we need to pray everyday, ‘Lord, cleanse my mind with the washing of the water by the Word.’ These are big-time things that are going to happen, and this is what God has called us to.

Verse 19: “For their power is in their mouths; for their tails *are* like serpents, *and* have heads, and with them they inflict wounds.” We know that these are men. They might have demonic power—absolutely for sure; they might have technological things that we have talked about, like extra strength as men because of the apparatuses that they’re able to devise. But nevertheless, they are still men against men, regardless of the weaponry that they have.

Verse 20: “But the rest of the men who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the works of their hands...” All the way through, ***God demands repentance!***

“...that they might not worship demons, and idols of gold and silver and brass and stone and wood, which do not have the power to see, nor to hear, nor to walk. And **they did not repent** of their murders... [so these are men] ...nor of their

sorceries, nor of their fornications, nor of their thievery” (vs 20-21).

### **VIII. The Temple in Jerusalem Must be Built**

First of all, let’s see about the canonization of the New Testament. Let’s see what Matt. 24 tells us. The key to understanding at the end-time is this. Many of these things happened with the destruction of the temple in 70<sub>A.D.</sub> But not all these things took place. We’re going to see one very profound.

Matthew 24:33: “In like manner also, when you see **all these things**, know that it is near, even at the doors.” The key is *all these things!* What was missing in 70<sub>A.D.</sub>? There was the temple! It was destroyed! But what was missing?

Verse 15: “‘Therefore, when you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the Holy place’ (the one who reads, let him understand).” This was Jesus speaking verbally to His disciples, but he did not say that last phrase: “...the one who reads, let him understand.”

He did not say that! Why did God have that put in there? *Because, the abomination that makes desolate’ did not happen with the destruction of the temple in 70<sub>A.D.</sub>!*

Let’s combine that with something else, with Rev. 11. When the Apostle John wrote the book of Revelation, he was getting close to 100-years-old. He, and probably Philip and Andrew<sup>[transcriber’s correction]</sup> helped him in canonizing the New Testament. They all knew that the temple was destroyed in 70<sub>A.D.</sub> If it was destroyed and this vision was given approximately 25-28 years later, this presents a problem in understanding Matt. 24 without that parenthetical statement. Here’s why:

Revelation 11:1: “Then *the angel* gave me a measuring rod like a staff, saying, ‘Arise and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and those who worship in it.’” This was in vision! This is for the end-time, because toward the end of the chapter is when the two witnesses are resurrected. John could see from this that the temple had to be re-built.

Verse 2: “But leave out the court that *is* within the temple *area*, and do not measure it because it has been given *up* to the Gentiles; and they shall trample upon the Holy city *for* forty-two months.”

John, Philip and Andrew canonized and finalized the New Testament of which 2-Thess. 2 was part. What is interesting is that the first epistle that Paul wrote was 1-Thess., which was in 50 or 52<sub>A.D.</sub><sup>[transcriber’s correction]</sup> 2-Thess. was shortly after that. Let’s see how Paul was given the key on what is the *abomination of desolation that stands in the Holy Place.*

Sidebar: When Antiochus Epiphanes did when he offered swine on the altar and sprinkled swine's blood all around, that was not the abomination that makes desolate as referred to in the New Testament. They recovered from that and the temple was reconstituted and came down to the time of Herod the Great when he was wanting to make the temple more glorified. That's the temple that was in existence when Christ was on the earth.

That was destroyed, but notice this prophecy, 2-Thessalonians 2:1: "Now, we beseech you, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him... [the resurrection] ...that you not be quickly shaken in mind, nor be troubled—neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by epistle, as if from us, *saying* that the day of Christ is present. Do not let anyone deceive you by any means because *that day will not come unless the apostasy shall come first*..." (vs 1-3).

This is complete apostasy *by the whole world* from God, and we are rapidly approaching this. The apostasy after the canonizing of the New Testament has no bearing on this prophecy. There was no temple desolated at that time.

"...and the man of sin shall be revealed—the son of perdition, the one who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is an object of worship; so that he comes into the temple of God and sits down as God, proclaiming that he himself is God" (vs 3-4). That did not happen in 70 A.D.

The closest that this came was after Titus conquered Jerusalem and finally had conquered the temple area. He came up into the area of Fort Antonia and stood up on the wall and looked down on the temple area. His words were, 'We could not have accomplished this without the help of God!' Remember, God called Nebuchadnezzar 'My servant.' Titus was God's servant in destroying Jerusalem then. But the temple was destroyed, he did not go stand in it. He did not want it burned, but the soldiers saw all of the gold and they put it on fire so they could get the gold. All the gold melted and the rocks expanded and cracked open and guess where the gold went? *Down in the cracks!*

You know that if you want gold and you see it, you're going to move heaven and earth to get it—right? That's how there was not one stone left standing upon another stone.

"...he comes into the temple of God and sits down as God, proclaiming that he himself is God" (v 4). John, Philip and Andrew knew that that did not happen. That's why that statement is in parenthesis in Matt. 24 and Mark 13—*the one who reads let him understand!* This was inspired insertion by God

so that we are alert to what happens in prophecy here in 2-Thess., as described by Paul, had not yet occurred. This is for the future time.

There has to be a temple rebuilt. That's why you've heard me say 'go online and look up Temple Institute.' You'll see that they have so many things already to go. You can rest assured of one thing: The Jews will never sign any peace treaty with anyone unless they have an absolute guarantee that they can build their temple and that guarantee is protected militarily! *That will be coming!*

Verse 5: "Do you not remember that when I was still with you, I told you these things? And now you understand what is holding *him* back in order for him to be revealed in his own set time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already working... [What did Jesus say about lawlessness at the end-time? *It will be multiplied!*] ...only *there is* one Who is restraining at the present *time* until it arises out of *the midst*" (vs 5-7). When you read Rev. 13, where does *the beast* rise from? *The sea!* One of the horns claims that it is God.

Verse 8: "And then the lawless one will be revealed (whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth, and will destroy with the brightness of His coming)." That shows there must be a temple at the time that Jesus returns. That's why the statement in Matt. 24 and Mark 13 is in parenthesis.

Verse 9: "*even* the one whose coming is according to *the* inner working of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in those who are perishing because they did not receive the love of the Truth, so that they might be saved" (vs 9-10).

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