

## Little Known End-Time Prophecies

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Today we're going to talk about some news—news that doesn't get around. We're not going to talk about the escapades in Washington, D.C. What we're going to do is, we're going to focus on prophecy.

Let's come to Mark 13; parallel to Matthew 24; we're going to talk about things happening in the world that are going to affect prophecy. But first of all, let's understand that the prophecies at the end-time involve *all* the nations of the world. Jesus said that, 'This Gospel shall be preached as a witness into all the world, then shall the end come.' What does that tell us? *That tells us just before the end that there is going to be the preaching of the Gospel.*

A lot of people say, 'Well, that's the two witnesses.' There's a lot to happen before the two witnesses come on the scene, and we'll see that we're instructed that we need to always be preaching the Truth, be watching, doing the things we need to do. Here's something that I've covered before, but we'll cover it again. Let's look at how this is slightly different than Matt. 24.

Mark 13:10: "And the Gospel must first be published among all nations." Well, that couldn't happen till we had the printing press. Then that couldn't happen until we had translations. And that couldn't happen going to all nations until we had translations into many languages. Now it can happen because of the electronics and the technology we have today.

I was watching History Channel the other night, that's far better than the soap operas on the general media, and they ran a two-hour special, *The One Hundred and One Most Influential or Helpful Things That Men Have Created.*

1. the Smartphone
2. the computer

Then you go on down the line.

So today, just what we're doing with what we have, and many other churches, Churches of God, and other churches and businesses, are all on the Internet. And all of the things that anyone has with the Smartphone is downloadable into their Smartphones. As a matter of fact, someone showed me his iPhone with *The Holy Bible in its Original Order: A Faithful Version* on it. Someone else showed me his iPad with the *Faithful Version* plus fifteen other translations on it.

Is that also part of publishing? *Yes, indeed!* It's also part of preaching. So God is not going to give Himself a meager little minimal witness.

- it is going to be big
  - it is going to be thorough
  - it is going to reach all nations
- just like He said.

Let's tie that together with Acts 1. We need to look at the situation the way it is today and how things are happening. We also have to realize that it's also true that this last generation will not pass away; meaning all of this must be in the last generation. How long that is, we don't know. Are there overlapping of generations within a generational period? *Yes, there is!* But notice what Jesus told them when they wanted to know would the kingdom come to Israel now.

Acts 1:7: "And He said to them, 'It is not for you to know *the* times or *the* seasons, which the Father has placed in His own authority.'" And yet men like to come along and try and tell us when the end is going to be by specific year or a specific date.

Remember this basic thing that is true: *You only know by the flow and sequence of events, not by a date.* You can, with the Holy Days, have a little better determination as to the approximation of things, but we still don't know. We've had those within the Church of God tell us it's going to be at such-and-such a date. We've had those in the world tell us it's going to be such-and-such a date. The latest one was Harold Camping and he delayed it to October 21. And yet, he claims he's inspired. Well, how could he make a mistake if he's inspired? So he's done great damage to all Christianity. And I'll talk about religions coming together in another sermon.

Then He told them, v 8: "But you yourselves shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto *the* ends of the earth."

Let's tie that together with a couple of other Scriptures. They didn't get to the ends of the earth, but with the Bible and the New Testament being published in all the world, it goes to the ends of the earth. And also another thing that is true with the modern communications that we have today, it can go to the ends of the earth and it can be in the air going all the time, whether people are listening to it or not. So, it can go out there.

Jesus even said, concerning the day or the hour, that the angels didn't know and He, while He was on earth, didn't know. But obviously after His resurrection He knew. This is another example of

how we learn more from what we've already learned before—'precept upon precept, line upon line.'

Matthew 28:18: "And Jesus came *and* spoke to them, saying, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.'" So, that means at that time He had to know. But He didn't tell them because they didn't understand how things really were going to be. You make statements like: 'As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of coming of the Son of Man.' Well, that is a relative term according to what you know. And if you don't know what it was really like, you really don't know how it's going to be, exactly.

He said, 'They are marrying, giving in marriage. They were building, they were buying, they were selling,' and so forth. However, that doesn't tell you the technology that they may have had. That doesn't tell you the population of the world, because you can figure that in many different ways.

Someone sent me an email of a man in India who had 39 wives. I don't know if any of you saw that, but some of you may have. And he had 236 children. He was very active! Which then tells you, if there were many such people, within 1500 years, you could have billions of people and they live long. It doesn't tell us how many children they had, it just said they had sons and daughters. Well, you could say that of this man in India. He had sons and daughters.

He also said another thing after He told them, v 19: "Therefore, go and make disciples in **all nations**... [That's going to be a key theme going through here. This could not possibly have happened during the ministry of the apostles.] ...baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you. And lo, I am with you always, *even* until the completion of the age" (vs 19-20).

Of course, they had no idea when that would be. I think we're going to see, after we're done with the sermon today, there are many things that are going to have to take place before that 70<sup>th</sup> week. Because that 70<sup>th</sup>-week covenant in Dan. 9, with the prince of the people, is the key when the last seven years begins.

And as I have mentioned, I don't believe the Jews are going to be able to start to build the temple until that covenant has been made, because there must be a covenant and protection for the Jews to rebuild the temple. And the Jews will agree to it, because they feel that if they get the temple built, Messiah will come. In a sense, they're right, but they've missed Him all the years in between.

So, we have that. We have 'all nations.' Look at what we have today. Everything is global, United Nations, instant communication. Who could have ever guessed the fulfillment of Dan. 12:4, 'And at the time of the end, many shall go to and fro'? *Everybody does!* When it talks of 'many,' it means the majority of people; 'knowledge shall increase.' Who would have ever thought that knowledge would increase to the extent that it does today? That you can reach anyone, anywhere in the world on a cell phone? And that's ancient technology, it's now a Smartphone.

Nobody could have conceived what the *mark of the beast* was going to be just by reading it, even though we understood certain things of it. Back in the '60s and '70s we couldn't understand it. The Seventh Day Adventists said it's Rome enforcing Sunday-keeping. That has nothing to do with it.

There's another Scripture there in Dan. 12 that says, 'And at the time of the end, the wicked shall do wickedly and none of the wicked shall understand'—and they don't. 'But the wise shall understand'—and the wise are those who fear and love God.

Let's see if we can put together some things because there are some prophecies we are going to cover, but when you come to Rev. 9 it talks about the kings of the east. That doesn't tell us very much—does it? And it talks about them twice. It talks about an army of 200-million. I want you to stop and think about how large that really is. Population of America right now is 328-330 million, somewhere around there. That is two-thirds of the whole population of America. So, that means that army is many smaller armies. We're going to focus some more on Afghanistan here, because right now after the killing of Osama bin Laden, Afghanistan is not too friendly with the United States. Americans want the troops out of Afghanistan, and it's difficult to afford all of the wars that we have right now and there's a great deal of pressure.

At that time I said that I thought that the Chinese would make an offer that they couldn't refuse. I think that offer is probably understood in terms of what they're doing in Afghanistan now. And what I said, they would tell the Americans, 'Look, you go ahead and pull out of Afghanistan, since we have business connections and mining connections here in Afghanistan, we will make sure that we keep the peace. And since we're friends with Pakistan, we will make sure that they don't use their weapons against anybody else.'

Well, there's a whole lot more to the story, because there's a lot happening in Afghanistan and how can you, from the prophecy of the kings of the east and in Dan. 11, where it says, 'The tidings out

of the north and the east troubled him.’ That is the beast. That doesn’t tell you very much. Well, there are some other chapters in the Bible that we’ll go to that give us some indications, but it tells us a lot about the kings of the east.

Here is an article from the New York Times: [Pakistan Urged Afghanistan to Distance Itself From the West, Officials Say](#) by Alissa J. Rubin (Published: April 27, 2011 nytimes.com)

With Afghan discussions under way about the future involvement of the United States in the country and the prospect of long-term military bases, the Pakistani government has urged Afghanistan to distance itself from the West and tie its future more tightly to that of China and Pakistan, according to Afghans and Americans who are knowledgeable about a meeting between the leaders of Afghanistan and Pakistan.

“There was a mention of China in the meeting, China as a country, as an emerging economic power, and that maybe we should reach out to a new global economic power,” said an Afghan official

Well, of course! As we looked at the geography of Afghanistan, what is the key geographical thing that they have? *The Khyber Pass*, from western China, going into Afghanistan. Afghanistan has already made contracts with China for mining their copper, their rare-earth metals, and their iron. And so China is building roads, railroads, going west.

They want to build these high-speed trains. They want to have two going to Europe, both of them coming through the Khyber Pass, and then one going up north and west toward Moscow and then down to Europe. And the other one coming straight across right into the Middle East. And I don’t know where they’re going to go. I don’t know if they’re going through Turkey and then try and cross the Dardanelles, or whatever they’re going to do, and then on up. But they want to do that and they have the equipment now that they can lay many miles of track everyday. It is astonishing what they can do.

Now also they’re building a pipeline from Kazakhstan, from the oil fields, going east to China. And in addition, they have concluded a treaty between all of the ‘mini-stans,’ right up north of Afghanistan. You have Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and a couple of other ‘stans’ up there. ‘Stan’ means land. They have concluded to build a mammoth natural gas pipeline down through Afghanistan, down into Pakistan, and on over into India. All of these nations are going to develop to a very high degree. So here’s how the tensions have been.

This is a report sent to me. I suppose we were close to it:

[US, Pakistan Near Open War; Chinese Ultimatum Warns Washington Against Attack](#) by Webster G. Tarpley, Ph.D. (www.paktribune.com/news; May 23, 2011)

We’re going to find out how involved the Chinese are in Pakistan as well.

Any attack on Pakistan would be construed as an attack on China.

Gilani, who is the prime minister of Pakistan, said:

“Full force retaliation to defend Pakistan’s strategic assets. Let no one draw any wrong conclusions. Any attack against Pakistan’s strategic assets, whether overt or covert, will find a matching response.... Pakistan reserves the right to retaliate with full force. No one should underestimate the resolve and capability of our nation and armed forces to defend our sacred homeland.”

Add that to what China says: ‘We are their allies and we’ll fight with them.’ Then it talks about how some of these things were pretty well ready to go, but they shut them down.

How many have heard of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization? *Nobody!* There are a lot of things going on and developing that we don’t even know. You don’t get any of this on the news. That’s why we’re thankful for the Internet. We couldn’t get this without the Internet. So here it is:

If China stands behind Pakistan, then Russia, might be said, to stand behind China. Looking forward to the upcoming June 15...

Which just happened this last week then—right?

...meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Chinese President Hu praised Sino-Russian relations as being “at an unprecedented high point with an obvious strategic ingredient.”

For what? *God is getting them all lined up for the things at the end.* That’s why.

In a press conference this week, Russian President Medvedev was obliged indirectly to acknowledge that the much-hyped Obama “reset” with Russia had amounted to very little since the U. S. ABM missile program in Romania and the rest of Europe, so obviously directly against Russia means that the Start Treaty is of obvious dubious value. Thus raising the specter of “new Cold War. Given the NATO assault on Libya, there

would be no U.N. resolution against Syria,” says Medvedev.

What’s going to happen in Syria? You think of all that’s going on with all the Arab lands and everything that is happening there. Well, they finally tamed down. They’ve got to tame down enough to become part of a world government. But look what’s been going on in Syria; they’ve killed over 1,400 citizens already.

Putin has been right all along, and Medvedev is trying to imitate Putin to salvage some chance of remaining in power.

#### Are we in July 1914?

Remember what that was? *The start of the first World War*, when they shot the prince of Sarajevo. And if you get a chance to watch that re-creation on History Channel, do it, it’s very interesting. How far are the relations with China going? Not only getting the raw materials out of Afghanistan, and they want to also protect the oil that comes from the Middle East. So you haven’t read this in the paper.

#### Pakistan Offers China Naval Base on Indian Ocean (www.2point6billion.com) May 24, 2011

Now that is of great strategic value.

China’s “good neighbor” Pakistan recently confirmed to the Financial Times (FT) that it has requested China to build a naval base at its China-financed southwestern port of Gwadar...

They have a big port there; now they’re going to make it into a naval base.

...and hopes to see the Chinese navy maintaining a regular presence there [In the Indian Ocean].

How many Chinese ships have been pirated? *Zero!* The pirates are smart, they know the Chinese will come after them. And on the other end of the scale, I should bring out that Germany’s doing a lot of unilateral things in Africa, especially in Ethiopia. They are buying up vast tracks of land and they’re putting in palm-oil orchards. And, of course, that would put them right at the strategic place close to Somalia. How many German ships have been pirated? *Zero!*

Pakistan’s Defense Minister Chaudhary Ahmed Mukhtar said that China had heard Pakistan’s offer during Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani’s China visit last week. The visit, which mainly aimed at strengthening the 60-year-long alliance between the two countries, shortly followed the killing of Osama bin Laden which has

increased tension between Pakistan and the United States.

I think we’ll be out of Pakistan. I think China will come in and create order. And also they’re going to have control of what then? What will China have control of in Afghanistan that they don’t have now? *The opium production and heroin!* So, watch out western world; the Chinese have a very long memory. And the British—about the middle of the 1800’s—made a fatal mistake, though they thought they were doing a really great thing. Rather than fight China, what they did since they controlled Afghanistan and they controlled the opium production, they brought China into the opium wars—remember? Drugged the whole nation, ruined the whole nation, clear up into the late part of the 1800s. China has a long memory.

Now that they have that, guess what they will be doing? *Drugging America and drugging Europe and drugging Britain!* Britain is in terrible shape. That’s another whole topic. They have a terrible, terrible drought there. Do you know how much it cost for a pint of beer in American dollars? Pint of beer, that’s a little bigger than this glass here. \$8.00! So, we’ll save Britain for another sermon.

A senior Pakistani official described the naval base as “something” that will “allow Chinese vessels to regularly visit in (the) future and also use the place for repair and maintenance of their fleet in the (Indian Ocean region),” according to an FT report.

Which tells us they’re going to building battleships and aircraft carriers. And China has been smart. Every country that has wanted to use the manufacturing capacity of China to build things in China, they have demanded that they be given the technology. That’s how they build their rockets. Notice how they built the plane that looked oh, so much the F-22. Remember that?

There’s a lot going on that we don’t know. Remember, China has pretty close to 2-billion people. That’s to say nothing of the rest of Asia.

However, many western analysts believe Beijing’s long-term interests—especially its need for more energy in the Middle East and increasing its military deterrence worldwide—give China every reason to desire an out-of-country naval base of its own. The base will allow China’s military ships and submarines to conduct regular patrols and exercises in the Arabian Sea to protect the increasing Chinese oil tankers in the region; it will also provide China’s anti-piracy operations in the Gulf of Aden with perfect port access, through which it can

restock daily necessities and swap staff as well as offer maintenance.  
That's just one.

From: [Is it time to boycott China. WE THE PEOPLE? Start Educating Your Children and Make Plans For The Future!](#) by Keith Brock, May 23, 2011 (can-you-hear-us-now.com)

[Pakistani] people warmly hold China in its highest esteem for its steadfastness to stand by them.... They hold such a poor view of America for its habitual exploitation of the nation.

Now here's a little thing that they just brought up.

“If Despite Spending ... \$120 Billion a Year... Americans have Failed Spectacularly in Pacifying Afghanistan... What Feats could They Expect from Pakistan Even If They had Given It \$20 Billion in Aid...?”

“Pakistan and China have a Longstanding Relationship, Especially Since 1962, When China and India Went to War over a Disputed Border”

So that's been since 1962.

“The Chinese have Agreed to Speed Up the Production and Delivery of 50 JF-17 Thunder Aircraft for Pakistan; This has... Sent a Clear Signal to the World that China Stands by Pakistan”

Are they arming? Are they preparing? Are they building? See, these things just don't happen out of a hat. POOF! And it's magically there. Of course, the Chinese are going to buy U.S. bonds, because then they will use that as backing for money to build their military.

High-tech Chinese warplanes... [given to Pakistan].

Instability and fluctuation of regional relationships have delayed the Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline project, which was to be linked to the two hydro energy-starved states in the region: India and China.

But they're working on that to get it done. So that's on its way. Let's look at some more. I've just read you some highlights. This is an eight-page report on this, a lot of other material. We won't talk about finances because we've covered enough here on that.

Ezekiel 27 is very difficult for us to understand, but let's realize that are past fulfillments and future fulfillments, and there are types and there are anti-types. We also know that this world system at the end is called 'Babylon the Great.'

Don't limit your thinking down to just Babylon of old, or an alliance of Europe alone. Think of the whole world—*all nations*. That's the theme of the end; it's going to involve *all nations*.

Ezekiel 27 it talks about Tyre. Now, Tyre was the great merchandizing city of the eastern Mediterranean. But ships from around the world would come there. And in reading this, just going through and reading every word in chapter twenty-seven, and if you apply it to the modern world today, you get the sense of an end-time fulfillment.

Let's just stop right here and see how we are all involved in this, right with what we have in front of us. We have electronics, probably from Japan. We have the Bible, printed in China, written in America, on paper that comes from Spain, and shipped over here in containers. I learned something about a partial shipment, because we filled up one container when we had our last shipment. Then it said the rest will come in LFC. What's LFC? So I asked someone, 'What's LFC? Is that some kind of boat?' He said, 'That means 'less than a full container.'

I think likewise, when read some of these Scriptures. Yes, it did apply back there directly, but why do we have it in the Bible today? Just to show that prophecy has been fulfilled in the past, or is it also something to tell us that there's going to be a repeat of this worldwide through Babylon the Great? And remember, it was Nebuchadnezzar who was the head of gold and then it was later Persia. Then later Greece that built up, and Greece finally conquered Tyre.

It talks about this right here, Ezekiel 27:1: “The Word of the LORD came to me, saying, ‘And you, son of man, take up a lamentation for Tyre. And say to Tyre, “Who is situated at the entrance of the sea, a merchant of the people for many isles, thus says the Lord GOD, ‘O Tyre, you have said, “I am of perfect beauty””’” (vs 1-3). Let's apply this, not just to the city, but the whole worldwide system that is coming up.

Verse 5: ““They have made all your *ship* boards of fir trees....oaks of Bashan your oars; they have made your deck, inlaid with ivory, of boxwood from the coasts of Chittim” (vs 5-6). Then it talks about their sails.

Let's see all the nations that are involved. It talks about those who were your sailors v 9: “The elders of Gebal and her wise men were with you, reinforcing your seams. All the ships of the sea with their seamen were with you, to exchange your merchandise. Persia and Lud and Put [India] were in your army, your men of war. They hung the shield and helmet in you; they set your splendor” (vs 9-11). Let's just expand this out to the whole world, all

those areas that are mentioned concerning the final prophecies.

Verse 12: “Tarshish *was* your merchant because of the multitude of *your* wealth; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded for your wares.... [What is China going to use and export from Afghanistan? *All of those.*] ...Javan, Tubal, and Meshech *were* your merchants.... [Those are all of the countries to the east.] ...They traded the persons of men and vessels of bronze for your goods. From the house of Togarmah they gave horses... [That’s Mongolia. Remember the Mongolian empire? How did they come? *By the Mongolian ponies,* and they were expert. They could go at full gallop and shoot arrows with tremendous accuracy.] ...The sons of Dedan *were* your merchants; many isles *were* the traffic of your hand. They brought you as tribute tusks of ivory and ebony” (vs 12-15).

“Syria was your merchant because of the multitude of your works; with emeralds, purple, and embroidered work, and fine line, and coral, and rubies they gave you for your wares. Judah and the land of Israel *were* your merchants with wheat *from* Minnith... [Some people have thought that Minnith may mean Minnesota. Who knows—we don’t know.] ...and Pannag, and honey, and oil, and balm they traded for your goods. Damascus *was* your merchant in the multitude of your goods... [Was the trade from China after they opened the route to China in the days of Marco Polo? *Syria and Tyre!* And it went from there into Europe.] ...Dan and Javan also traded with yarn for your wares... Dedan was your merchant in precious clothes for chariots” (vs 16-20).

Where do we get all of our clothes? Well, they take cotton from Egypt and they send it down to the island Mauritius and they make shirts. I’m wearing one, which I got at Costco. The island of Mauritius is way south in the Indian Ocean, 500 miles east of Madagascar.

It talks about Arabia. What do we have from Arabia today? *Oil!* “‘Arabia, and all the rulers of Kedar....The merchants of Sheba and Raamah *were* also your merchants, with the best of all the spices, and with every precious stone... [That’s Southeast Asia—right? *Yes, indeed!*] ...and gold they gave for your wares” (v 21-22). A lot of gold in southeast Asia. Look at some of the temples. Angkor Wat, they used to have those things covered with gold, lots of gold.

Then it says, v 23: “Haran, and Canneh, and Eden, the merchants of Sheba, Asshur, Chilmad *were* your merchants. They *were* your merchants in gorgeous fabrics, in violet cloth, and embroidered work, and in carpets of many colors, with tightly bound cords, and cedars among your merchandise.

The ships of Tarshish carried your merchandise. And you were filled and made very glorious in the heart of the seas” (vs 23-26).

So, here we have a whole worldwide trading combine. What is one of the main things that they have today for trade that all nations belong to? *World Trade Organization*—right? *Yes!* There are a lot of things.

(go to the next track)

I’m sure someone is going to say, ‘Well, Fred Coulter, how could you make a stretch from there in Ezekiel 27 and say that that has end-time ramifications?’ Would you agree that Rev. 18 is in the end-time? *Well, yes!* There has to be a connection, because the wording in many of these things is the same. In this case it’s called *Babylon the Great*. They refer to it as ‘this great city,’ but it’s really the great world civilization.

Revelation 18:1 is the judgment of Babylon the Great by God: “And after these things I saw an angel descending from heaven, having great authority; and the earth was illuminated with his glory.” Remember, in the book of Revelation it’s talking about *worldwide* events.

Verse 2: “And he cried out mightily with a loud voice, saying, ‘Babylon the Great is fallen, is fallen... [The reason is because the prophecy in Daniel started with the Babylon that was then, and it ends up with the Babylon of the ten toes of iron and clay. And the ten toes are ten regions in the world.] ...and has become a habitation of demons, and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hated bird; **because all nations...**” (vs 2-3).

Jesus said the Gospel has to be preached to all nations as a witness—right? Same phraseology. It has to be published among all the nations—same phraseology.

“‘...all nations have drunk of the wine of the fury of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the power of her luxury.’” This is not talking about the Roman Catholic Church. That would have to come under the false prophet.

Just as a little sidebar here. Since the Bible talks three times about the Sea of Glass, and there are people who deny that when we’re resurrected we go to the Sea of Glass, yet if you ask them, ‘Well, how many times is the false prophet mentioned?’ *It’s three times!* ‘Do you believe there’s a false prophet coming?’ *Oh, yes!* Well, then why don’t you believe that the Sea of Glass is true? You can’t say one Scripture is allegorical, because you don’t believe it. And you cannot say another Scripture is literal

because you do believe it—*all nations, kings of the earth*. That’s all rulers, and the merchants. Do we have trans-national corporations that function around the world, produce all the goods and services that we have today? *Yes, indeed!*

“...have become rich through the power of her luxury.’ And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, ‘Come out of her, My people, so that you do not take part in her sins, and that you do not receive of her plagues’” (vs 3-4). We have to live in the world, but ***we have to come out of it***, not be part of it. And the only way that can happen is:

- repentance
- conversion
- baptism
- Holy Spirit
- keeping the commandments of God
- keeping the Sabbath and Holy Days

—because we are to live ***in*** the world but not be ***of*** the world, and that’s the only way that that can happen.

Verse 5: “For her sins have reached as far as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. Render to her as she has rendered to you; and give to her double, even according to her works. In the cup that she mixed, give her back double. To the degree that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously...” This then is in language, meaning the whole world, the whole world’s system.

Verse 8: “For this very reason, her plagues shall come in one day—death and sorrow and famine; and she shall be burned with fire; for *the* Lord God, Who executes judgment upon her, *is* powerful. Then the kings of the earth who have committed fornication with her and have lived luxuriously, will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning.... [What’s going to happen before then? *The collapse of the whole economic system!*] ...They will stand far off for fear of her torment, saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city Babylon, the mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come’” (vs 8-10). What’s this going to do economically?

How would you describe, since all nations have committed fornication? That means *leaving God to be involved with the world’s system*—religiously, economically, and socially, in everything—following that way. That can be in business; that can be in religion; that can be in education—all of those things combined. We could say this fornication here is ***a repudiation of God, repudiation of God’s way***.

Verse 10: “They will stand far off for fear of her torment, saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city Babylon, the mighty city! For in one hour your

judgment has come.’” That refers to the whole world system. What does it say about the earthquakes that take place? *And the cities of the earth fell!* How are they built? *They all have high-rise buildings!* They all basically follow the same layout of cities. Other than the Chinese signs and oriental specialties in their architecture, Beijing looks like a western city. Shanghai looks like a western city. It’s all the Babylonian system. That’s what it is.

Verse 11: “And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, because no one will buy their merchandise anymore.... [Total economic collapse. I’m going through this to show how we can tie that in with Ezek. 27. Something like Ezek. 27 has to happen worldwide, and the answer is we see it here in Babylon the Great.] ...*The* merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and every article of ivory, and every article of rare wood, and brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and incense, and ointment, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and cattle, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and *the* souls of men” (vs 11-13). We have slaves today, a lot of them. They work in Chinese factories. They work in Indian factories.

Verse 14: “For the ripe fruits that your soul desires will depart from you... [Actually in a way, this is describing Wal-Mart, because Wal-Mart has every one of these things there—right? *Yes, indeed!*] ...and all the rich things and the bright things will depart from you, and you will not find them anymore. The merchants of these things, who were made rich by her, will stand far off because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning” (vs 14-15). When the judgment comes, the end is here. All of this merchandizing stuff that we have today, going to be all changed, suddenly.

Some comments: Wal-Mart is called ‘Wally World,’ and Costco have a lot of Chinese goods in it. I don’t know if it’s Chinese-run, but they certainly supply a lot of things. Think of that! I remember going through, it would be equivalent to Raley’s up here—it’s Knob Hill down our way—and I remember walking out with big cartload of stuff from Costco. And you watch all the people walk out with these cartloads of things and then I was in Knob Hill one day and I was noticing—no big cartfuls of stuff going out of Knob Hill anymore—very rarely, once in a while, but very rarely.

And I mentioned to the manager, I said, ‘Boy, if some of these chains of supermarkets don’t get together and do something to be competitive with Costco, you’re going to end up just being a glorified 7-Eleven.’ And I think that’s what a lot of them are right now. If you go buy something in a supermarket and look how much people are taking

out, compared to the big full carts coming out of Costco and Sam's Club, and so forth. But everything at our fingertips and we're so used to getting it. You want something, you run down to the store.

So, they were weeping and mourning. You talk about a collapse of all of the markets of the world, v 26: "And saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, which *was* clothed with fine linen and purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls! For in one hour such a great wealth has been destroyed.' And every shipmaster, and all traveling in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, will stand far off. And they will cry out as they watch the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What *city is* like this great city?' And they will throw dust on their heads, and cry out, weeping and mourning, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, by which all who had ships in the sea were made wealthy through *the* abundance of her costly things! **For in one hour she has been destroyed**'" (vs 16-19).

So this whole system is going to come down all at once. And I think also we're going to see this when we're on the Sea of Glass looking down at this. This is part of the vengeance of God, the judgment of this whole world's system.

Verse 20: "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you Holy apostles and prophets; for God has executed judgment upon her for your sakes." Then one strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and cast it into the sea, saying, 'In this same way shall the great city Babylon be thrown down with violence, and shall never again be found; And never again shall *the* sound of harpers and musicians and flute players and trumpeters be heard in you; and never again shall any craftsman of any craft be found in you; and never again shall *the* sound of a millstone be heard in you; and never again shall *the* light of a lamp shine in you; and never again shall *the* voices of bridegroom and bride be heard in you; for your merchants were the great ones of the earth, and by your sorcery all nations were deceived" (vs 20-23). ***Satan's system, worldwide!***

The last verse is very interesting, v 24: "And in her *the* blood of prophets and saints was found, and *the* blood of all those who were slain on the earth." This actually goes clear back to when? *Have to go clear back to Abel!* 'All those who were slain on the earth.' So this is something.

Now we're going to see this because Revelation 19:1 says: "And after these things I heard the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, 'Hallelujah!'" *That's us!* We're going to say, 'Hallelujah, it's finally over, the end has come!' So that's why I connected Ezek. 27 with the end-time fulfillment, too, because of Rev. 18.

Now, let's look at another situation: If you have an army of 200-million, which actually consists of many smaller armies within it:

Revelation 9:16: "And the number of *the* armies of the horsemen... [it's *armies*, plural] ...*was* two hundred thousand thousand... [200-million.] ...and I heard the number of them."

You know they're going to have to be strung out all the way back to China, clear into the Chinese country, too. Maybe this helps us answer some of the questions concerning Ezek. 38 and 39. We come past the judgment, the return of the saints, the setting up of the Kingdom of God.

Let's go to Isaiah 2, because this tells us something very interesting; the setting up of the Kingdom of God on earth. Isaiah 2:2: "And it shall come to pass, in the last days the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it." So we have *all nations* again—right?

Verse 2: "And many people shall go and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. And He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem" (vs 2-3).

What happens is vs 2-3 tell us that *Christ is already on the earth*. It tells us also that He has built the house of the Lord. 'To the house of the God of Jacob.' It shows the nations will be going up, but notice v 4. This is after the Kingdom of God is on the earth. Right at first it's not going to be all 'love and kisses.' It's going to take a period of time.

Verse 4: "And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks" There are still warring people left on the earth—right? *Have to be.*

The Kingdom of God is not instantly set up over the whole earth, but God is going to take care of some of those still left from the ways and the kings of the east. Because of armies of 200-million, you can't get them all in one place at one time. Now we know that the seven last plagues, a call goes out for armies of all nations to come. Well, not all the armies of all the nations come. They send a contingency. That's the ones we're going to fight when we come down with Christ off the Sea of Glass. Then God sets up Jerusalem and Israel, begins the exodus of the children of Israel back to their land. We begin ruling with Christ, but still He's going to have to *judge* those nations.

All right, now let's come to Ezekiel 38. Perhaps this will help us understand, because the

Kingdom of God comes first to the children of Israel. Then the rest of the nations go up to Jerusalem and learn and go back and teach their people. Then those who are designated by Christ to go back and help administer that by direct connection with Christ, they go back at that time.

Let's read Ezekiel 38, because there are some very interesting things that it says which has to involve those armies of the north and the east who have not yet given up. Ezekiel 38:1: "And the Word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'Son of man, set your face against God, the land of Magog, the chief ruler of Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him'" (vs 1-2). That's all those nations that are north and that are east.

"And say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, 'Behold, I *am* against you, O Gog, the chief ruler of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal. And I will turn you back, and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed most gorgeously, a great assembly *with* buckler and shield, all of them swordsmen'" (vs 3-4).

Notice where they're coming from, v 5: "Persia... [to the east] ...Ethiopia... [actually India. This is Put, not Ethiopia in Africa.] ...Libya... [there's also another Lydia or Lut, which this could refer to, to the east] ...with them, all of them *with* shield and helmet; Gomer and all his bands; the house of Togarmah *from* the uttermost parts of the north, and all his bands; *and* many people with you. Be prepared; yea, prepare for yourself, you and all your assembly that are assembled about you, and be a guard for them. After many days you will be summoned...." vs 5-8). God will bring them. Here we have another battle to take place after Israel has come back. This is part of causing those nations to submit.

"After many days you will be summoned. In the latter years you shall come into the land restored from war, gathered out of many people, on the mountains of Israel, which have always been waste. (But she has been brought out of the nations, and they shall dwell securely, all of them).... [that's talking about Israel] ...And you shall go up, coming like a storm. You shall be like a cloud to cover the land, you and all your bands, and many people with you. Thus says the Lord GOD, 'And it shall be in that day that things shall come into your heart, and you shall devise an evil plan'" (v 8-10).

Now notice v 11, because this becomes really quite important when it's referring to Israel: "And you shall say, 'I will go up to the land of unwallled villages... [no defenses around Israel] ...I will go to those that are at rest, who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and there are no

bars nor gates to them.'" So, they spied out the land. They saw this is easy grabbing. 'We still have these large armies back here, so let's use them. Let's go finish the job that we weren't able to do, if we could say when the invaders from outer space came. We've got to go get those invaders from outer space and get rid of them.'

Verse 12: "In order to take a spoil, and to steal a prize; to turn your hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, who have gotten cattle and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land."

Now notice a repeat of the same thing, v 13: "Sheba and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, and all her villages, shall say to you, 'Have you come to take a spoil? Have you gathered your company to steal a prize, to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?' Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "In that day when My people of Israel dwell securely, shall you now know it?"'" (vs 13-14). This has to be *after* the return of Christ and His saints.

"And you shall come from your place out of the uttermost parts of the north, you and many people with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army. And you shall come upon My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It shall be in the latter days, and I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me when I shall be sanctified in you, O Gog, before their eyes" (vs 15-16). The reason that He's going to do this is so that the other nations will understand. God rules from Jerusalem

Verse 18: "'And it shall come to pass at the same time, when God comes against the land of Israel,' says the Lord GOD, 'My hot anger will be aroused. For in My jealousy *and* in the fire of My wrath I have spoken, "Surely in that day there shall be a great quaking in the land of Israel, so that the fish of the sea, and the birds of the heavens, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all the men on the face of the earth, shall quake at My presence. And the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.'" And I will call for a sword against him upon all My mountains... [Going to let them come right close to Israel. All of this is going to happen.] ...And I will judge him with pestilence and with blood. And I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people with him, an overflowing shower, and great hailstones, fire and brimstone. Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself. And I will have Myself known in the eyes of many nations and **they shall know that I *am* the LORD**'" (vs 18-23).

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Will this come after the seven last plagues? *Yes!* The seven last plagues are right there at the armies of *the beast*, right in the area of Jerusalem at that time. But it says here that Israel is already in the land and at peace, undefended. So, this would have to happen shortly after the Millennium beings, because those armies were strung out. 200-million, those armies, that's vast. They're not going to be gotten rid of all instantly.

What we can see in this, we can see these things. There are a lot of different prophecies that we have yet to understand. And there are prophecies in the Old Testament that look like they have been fulfilled but haven't. There are those who had prophecies which were at a first fulfillment, and now they're going to have a second fulfillment.

But one thing for sure we can know and understand, is that when we read these things we're talking about *vast events* covering a great part of the earth. And I think that as we look and see what's happening in China, what is happening in Pakistan, what is happening in Afghanistan, Iran, all the nations to the east and to the north, how they are being raised up and prospered so they can develop into the things that the prophecies show that they will develop into.

We'll have some more reports on the things taking place over there as we go along.

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