

The signs that we are living in the end times are all around us
I believe we are approaching the greatest event in world history
I believe the end of the end times began in 1948 when Israel
became a nation in one day

- That began a clock ticking
- Since then we have seen prophecy after prophecy fulfilled
- They are unfolding constantly around the world
- There is no mathematical chance that these events could be accidental

They are proof that there is a Master that is in charge and He controls the world and the future

Matthew 24:32–34 (NKJV)

³² “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer *is* near. ³³ So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! ³⁴ Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.

- Jesus spoke these words standing at Jerusalem’s Temple Mount
- Ground Zero for Bible prophecy

When Jesus was questioned about the signs of His return, He told them this parable

- He said that all of these events would happen in a single generation

Many of these events have already taken place with many still to come

- I believe we are the generation Jesus was referencing

And for our sake He has given us prophecy to understand the times and seasons we are living in to instruct and comfort us

Approximately 30% of the Bible is prophecy and most of that centers around the end times and our generation

- When you understand Bible prophecy you can contextualize the events happening around the world
- While some are confused and frightened, we can be calm and comforted

Matthew 24:22 (NKJV)

²² And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

1 Thessalonians 5:9–11 (NKJV)

⁹ For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

¹¹ Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

Coming Armageddon

Zechariah 12:2–3 (NKJV)

² “Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. ³ And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.

- A Very Heavy Stone – Israel will find herself in an impossible political situation
- On December 6, 2017 President Donald Trump announced that the United States would begin recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel
- On May 14, 2018, the US embassy was moved to Jerusalem
- 14 of 15 members of the UN Security Council condemned the US decision – none of our allies supported the decision
- None of the US allies stood behind the decision

All of the members of the European Union reaffirmed their commitment to a Palestinian State with its capitol in East Jerusalem

After the decision the Palestinians, as well as several other countries angrily and violently demonstrated in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip

- Jerusalem has indeed become “a very heavy stone”

Blood Moons

Joel 2:31 (NKJV)

³¹ The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.

God created the sun, moon, and stars as signals in the sky to establish His time clock for the feasts of Israel and as signs of significant events

- A blood moon is the same as a lunar eclipse when the moon turns red
- Four consecutive blood moons is called a tetrad
- Before 1949 the convergence of four consecutive blood moons on Jewish holy days hadn't occurred for 500 years
- It will not happen again for another 500 years
- Its as if God is saying *"Hey look, I'm doing something significant here."*

The first time there were four blood moons on Jewish holy days in successive years was in 1493 and 1494

- 1492 was the year that *"Columbus sailed the ocean blue"*

In the same year Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand expelled the Jews from Spain if they wouldn't convert to Catholicism

Many historians believe that Christopher Columbus was secretly a Jew and came to the Americas looking for a safe place for the Jews to live

The second time there were four blood moons on Jewish holy days in successive years was in 1949 and 1950

- Remember Israel became a nation in one day on May 14, 1948

The third time it happened was in 1967 and 1968

- The Jews took full control of the city of Jerusalem after the Six Day War in 1967

The fourth time this happened was in 2014 and 2015

Undoubtedly God is sending signals in the sky related to the end of the age and the return of the Lord Jesus just as the book of Joel and Jesus Himself said He would

Let's look at the significance of each of these tetrads as they relate to Israel since 1493

The beginning of the gathering of God's holy people in 1493 and 1494

After the destruction of the Temple in AD 70 many were taken captive and scattered around the world with no place to call home

- The events in 1492 were the beginning of the re-gathering of the Jewish people of God

The re-establishment of God's holy nation in 1949 and 1950

- This event fulfilled many Old and New Testament Bible prophecies
- As well as the beginning of the countdown of the final generation

The re-unification of God's holy city in 1967 and 1968

- The Six Day War allowed Israel to regain all of Jerusalem as her capital

Jesus prophesied the defeat of Israel, the destruction of Jerusalem, the scattering of the Jews around the world, and that Jerusalem would be trodden underfoot by Gentiles (non-Jews) until the time of the Gentiles are fulfilled

- This was fulfilled in 1967 and was a major fulfillment signaling the return of Jesus

The Jews prepare to rebuild God's holy Temple in 2014 and 2015

- After the tumultuous Gaza Conflict, four blood moons happened again during Jewish feasts
- Since 1948 there have been movements to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem
- Jewish religious groups have been diligently preparing to rebuild the Temple and reinstitute the ceremonies, sacrifices and worship according to biblical patterns

What is the significance of the Temple Mount?

- Some Jews believe it is the sight of the original Garden of Eden
- Some believe the burial site of Adam is there (*Church of the Holy Sepulcher*)
- If Jerusalem is the frontline of the end times then the Temple Mount is ground zero
- The staging for the Battle of Armageddon will take place there
- The Temple Mount is the place that Jesus will set up His throne for His millennial rule

Four Prophetic Portraits of Redemption related to the Temple Mount

Melchizedek appeared there to Abraham as a type of Christ

Genesis 14:18–20 (NKJV)

¹⁸ Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he *was* the priest of God Most High. ¹⁹ And he blessed him and said: “Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; ²⁰ And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.” And he gave him a tithe of all.

- The Bible provides no genealogy for Melchizedek which means he was a king-priest without beginning or end

Hebrews 7:1–4 (NKJV)

¹ For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, ² to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated “king of righteousness,” and then also king of Salem, meaning “king of peace,” ³ without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. ⁴ Now consider how great this man *was*, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.

- This is an amazing prophetic revelation of the coming ministry of Jesus, our Eternal King and High Priest

Abraham offered up Isaac on the Temple Mount

Genesis 22:9–12 (NKJV)

⁹ Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. ¹⁰ And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” So he said, “Here I am.” ¹² And He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only *son*, from Me.”

- Mt. Moriah lies somewhere beneath the Temple Mount

King David purchased the Temple Mount from Ornan to build an altar

1 Chronicles 21:26–27 (NKJV)

²⁶ And David built there an altar to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called on the LORD; and He answered him from heaven by fire on the altar of burnt offering.

²⁷ So the LORD commanded the angel, and he returned his sword to its sheath.

This is a picture of the blood of Jesus that was offered for us putting an end to Satan's strategy to tempt us to sin, which brings destruction and ultimately death

God charged Solomon to construct the Temple on the Temple Mount – 2 Chronicles 7

- Solomon built the Temple according to the Lord's instruction to match the real Temple, which is in heaven
- This temple would have cost billions of dollars by today's monetary standards
- God has chosen the Temple and the Temple Mount to be a special place on Earth throughout human history
- His eyes and heart are always there

When Jesus died on the cross the veil in the Temple was torn from top to bottom and we became the Temple of the Holy Spirit

- His eyes are focused on us and we are His dwelling place

Four significant prophetic events will take place on the Temple Mount

The Temple will be rebuilt on the Temple Mount

Daniel 9:27 (NKJV)

²⁷ Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.”

Revelation 11:1–2 (NKJV)

¹ Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, “Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. ² But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot *for* forty-two months.

Most Bible teachers agree that these two scriptures reference a seven-year covenant that the Antichrist will enter into with the Jewish people in which he will allow them to sacrifice in the Temple once again

- He will probably give half of the Mount to the Jews and half to the Palestinians
- This scripture makes it pretty clear that the rebuilt Temple will leave room for the dome of the Rock to remain

He will break that covenant halfway through – 42 months

The Two Witnesses of God mentioned in Revelation 11 will minister for the first half of the Tribulation on the Temple Mount - **Revelation 11:3-13**

- They will have power to shut heaven and stop it from raining
- They will have power to strike the earth with plagues
- They will be hated by almost everyone
- The beast will make war with them and kill them
- The earth will celebrate their death
- After three days they are raised from the dead and then ascend into heaven

The Antichrist will proclaim himself “God” from the Temple Mount

Revelation 13:5–6 (NKJV)

⁵ And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. ⁶ Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

- He will enter the rebuilt Temple 3.5 years into the 7-year Tribulation
- He will blaspheme God
- This will signal the last half of the Great Tribulation
- **Daniel 9** and **Matthew 24** also reference this event

Jesus will establish His Millennial throne in the Temple Mount

Zechariah 14:3-4; 8-9 (NKJV)

³ Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle. ⁴ And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, *Making* a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south. ⁸ And in that day it shall be— *That* living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, Half of them toward the eastern sea And half of them toward the western sea; In both summer and winter it shall occur. ⁹ And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be “The LORD *is* one,” And His name one.

- **Revelation 19** parallels this same event
- This final event ends human history as we know it
- It ushers in the one-thousand-year rule of Christ
- We, The Church, the Bride of Christ will rule and reign with Him during this time

On August 28, 2018 a red heifer was born in Israel, and this animal currently qualifies as “*unblemished*”

This is critical because a third temple cannot be rebuilt until a red heifer exists that can qualify as a sacrifice and its ashes used for cleansing and preparation of the Temple

According to Jewish tradition there have only been nine red heifers sacrificed since Moses, and the tenth will herald the Messianic Age

- God is going to bring the nations of the world into judgment for the way they have treated His people – **Joel 3:1-2** *in those days, at that time, I will also*
- The regathering and the Battle of Armageddon are in the same time-frame
- Ant-Semitism is rising in America and Europe, as well as all around the world

Luke 21:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

- 1967 marked the end of the age of the Gentiles
- May 14, 2018 the State of Israel turned 70
- The end times are upon us

Jesus said the generation that would see Israel (fig tree) shoot forth leaves or become a nation would see all things come to pass – **Matthew 24:32-35**

Luke 21:28 (NKJV)

²⁸ Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”