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Greetings and welcome to the End Times Berean Watchman Report!

I'm starting a new series, based on chapter 4 of my upcoming book, Witnessing the End. I'll be going over a host of prophecies that have been fulfilled in these last days regarding Israel. Some of them you may be familiar with, but many you will probably not be. I hope that they will encourage you that we are truly

living in days that were prophesied thousands of years ago, and they are telling us that our redemption is indeed right at the door.

I've also got some **news updates** for you at the end that are continuing to confirm our prophetic trajectory...

Fulfilled Prophecies Regarding Israel

THE BIGGEST SIGN—THE RETURN OF ISRAEL AS A NATION

Most of the Old Testament prophets wrote about a time when the messiah would restore all things to the Jewish people and return them to their land. Probably the single greatest sign that the world has entered the last days was the return of Israel as a nation in 1948. Since that time, people have been asking the question whether this is a legitimate fulfillment of Bible prophecy or just an interesting coincidence. The return of Israel as a nation forces us to answer some important questions. First, are God's promises made in the Old Testament to the Israelites applicable to the Jewish people living in Israel today? Second, have we seen the fulfillment of last days prophecies in this generation, and if so, does that mean that we are now in the last of the last days? To find the answers to those questions, we need to examine how current events fit the scenarios predicted for the return of Israel.



Flag of Israel at the Western Wall, Jerusalem

The Holocaust Foretold

I remember first seeing footage of Holocaust victims when I was in middle school. It was beyond shocking. It was horrifying. It helped me understand what evil looks like, and why it is so important to stand up against it. When the reports and images of the Holocaust horrors finally got out after the war, they shocked the world... they moved the world.





J. LoCascio. "Dead Prisoners: WW2 Concentration Camp." 4/30/1945, cc by-sa 3.0

When I reflected on those events, it seemed to me that such a severe tragedy for the Jewish people must have been foretold through the prophets. Searching the Scriptures, I think that indeed it was. David prophesied about a time of great tribulation that would lead to the appointed time to show favor to Zion. He described suffering and pain, becoming skin and bones, being taunted, having one's name used like a curse, being thrown aside, placed among ruins, withering away, and even burning bones. I don't think it requires too much imagination to visualize gold stars, ghettos, concentration camps, or the death camps with their gas chambers and ovens, when reading these descriptions. It would seem utterly hopeless, except for the final lines, "You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to show favor to her; The appointed time has come." Out of this unspeakable tragedy, God changed the heart of the world and brought Israel once again back into her own land.

For my days vanish like smoke; my bones burn like glowing embers. My heart is blighted and withered like grass; I forget to eat my food. In my distress I groan aloud and am reduced to skin and bones. I am like a desert owl, like an owl among the ruins. I lie awake; I have become like a bird alone on a roof. All day long my

enemies taunt me; those who rail against me use my name as a curse. For I eat ashes as my food and mingle my drink with tears because of your great wrath, for you have taken me up and thrown me aside. My days are like the evening shadow; I wither away like grass. But you, Lord, sit enthroned forever; your renown endures through all generations. You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to show favor to her; the appointed time has come. — Psalm 102:3-13 (emphasis added) NIV

It may be tempting for some Christians to think that the Jews brought all of that suffering on themselves because God rejected them for their hardness of heart; but God has repeatedly delivered his people through tribulation and travail to save them because He loves them. Remember the deliverance of Noah. If you think Noah was on a pleasure cruise for a year while the earth was being destroyed by water, you might have the wrong picture of what being saved through a global flood was like.

Job, too, was a preacher of righteousness in his day; and yet God put him through some terrible trials so that Job would know Him even better and serve as an example to future generations of those who fear God. In the days of Moses, again the people of Israel were delivered through great hardship. Later in the times of the Judges, God's people were also delivered by travail. The days of Esther and the Maccabees were likewise such occasions. Each time, the hardships drew the people of God closer

to himself and set an example of patience and endurance under tribulation—waiting for, and trusting in, God's deliverance.

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. — Habakkuk 3:17-18

There is one more example of the fulfillment of Psalm 102 that God took upon himself. It can be seen in the trial of God asking Abraham to offer his son as a sacrifice, but instead, God himself provided the sacrifice (*Genesis 22:13*). Read the beginning words of Psalm 102 again and imagine them applied to our savior, Jesus Christ, the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. God sent his Son, as the Messiah of Israel, to suffer and die, according to the prophets, at just the right time—the appointed time.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. – Romans 5:6

Remember, there can be more than one fulfillment of a given prophecy. It is a demonstration of God's power and omniscience that can he make a proclamation with multiple fulfillments down through the ages, like a skipping stone. Before Psalm 102 pointed to the Holocaust of modern times, it first pointed to the time when God would send his one and only son, who would face a trial just as severe as the one he knew the Jewish people would

face 1,900 years later. The purpose of both trials was for the ultimate deliverance of his people and of the nations. And this will also be true of the final travail that we must face, the great tribulation. And yet, once again, travail will yield to deliverance. Psalm 102 ends with a promise of deliverance. God will renew all of creation, as if changing worn out clothes.

They [heaven and earth] will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded. – Psalm 102:26 NIV

Israel Reborn in a Day

In a wave of support from the global community, the appointed time finally arrived in 1948. As inexpressibly horrific as the Holocaust was, it opened the door for one of the most amazing works of God the world has ever seen—the regathering of the exiles and the restoration of the nation of Israel. Independent sovereign nations were not formed by international agreements in the days of Isaiah. Independence was gained at the point of a sword, through hard fought battles. And yet, Isaiah predicted what we have observed.

On November 29th, 1947, the UN General Assembly voted in favor of Resolution 181, adopting a plan to allow for the partition of the British Mandate into two states, one Jewish and one Arab. The fateful day arrived on May 14, 1948, when the Jewish people living under the British Mandate of Palestine officially declared their independence, and the nation of Israel was reborn. There had not been an independent Jewish nation for nearly 2,000 years. But just as Isaiah predicted, Israel was declared a new sovereign state... in a single day. The appointed time had come.

"Who has ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children." – Isaiah 66:8 NIV

In the News...

UKRAINE

There were some things worth noting in the news over the past few weeks. The first, of course, concerns the biggest story in the news, the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Zelensky has had a surprisingly large influence on the world at large, despite being virtually unknown prior to the start of the war. He has made a lot of apocalyptic statements while garnering massive support around the globe, but he has suspended 11 political parties in Ukraine, nationalized the news media, and had some very disturbing images surface from his recent past, in a prohomosexual/trans style dance video.

Add to those things that George Soros has been listed as the second most influential person in Ukraine, and is known to have been making massive in investments there for the past 20 years, suggests that there is more than meets the eye with this present conflict. Of course, the common people always are the ones the pay the price in conflicts like this, and there is no excusing the suffering that millions are experiencing right now, but its important to also understand that something much larger seems to be happening under the surface.

Zelensky: 'The end of the world has arrived'

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Thursday issued a dire appeal for help as Russia's attacks across the country intensified.

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Ukraine: President Zelensky Suspends Opposition Parties with Russia Ties | National Review

Amid the ongoing Russian invasion, Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council has reportedly banned the activities of eleven opposition parties with ties to Russia.

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Zelensky Dancing in High Heels Goes Viral

"Putin has spent DECADES trying to craft his image & Zelenskyy used those heels to stomp all over it in a week. It must be killing Putin," one TikToker said.



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George Soros' Giant Globalist Footprint in Ukraine's Turmoil - The New American

Soros' activist funding aids the CFR one-world agenda to subvert genuine Ukrainian independence aspirations and trap Ukraine in socialist EU/IMF perpetual debt trap. by William F. Jasper

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RUSSIA & POLAND

And as if that isn't bad enough, there are signs that Russia really does have their sights set on more than just Ukraine. Poland could also be in the crosshairs, and if so, then WW3 is also a certainty. Russia also claimed to have just used hypersonic ballistic missiles for the first time in Ukraine, which was downplayed by the US military officials because they couldn't independently verify the claim, but it's not the use of a ballistic hypersonic missile that is troubling, it's the fact that Russia also has them in the nuclear variety. By deploying the ballistic

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version, they are basically shown the world that they really do have first strike capabilities with tactical nuclear weapons, too.

Russia Warns Poland in Lengthy Letter Days Before Joe Biden's Visit

White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki said Biden will visit Poland during his trip this week to Europe for urgent talks with NATO and European allies.



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Russia's Alleged Use of First Hypersonic Missile in Combat Downplayed by US Military and Allies | Military.com

Hypersonic missiles, which can travel five times the speed of sound, have inspired worry among U.S. officials and defense industry experts.



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Russia releases footage of 7,000mph Zircon hypersonic nuke missile that could hit London in FIVE minutes

RUSSIA has released chilling new footage of its 7,000mph Zircon hypersonic nuke missile that could hit London in five minutes. The Kremlin had previous



GERMANY

And now Germany seems to be coming into play as well. Unrest regarding the war has reached Germany, and in addition to growing tensions, they have announced that they will begin building up their military...

German anxieties grow as Ukraine war continues | Germany | News and in-depth reporting from Berlin and beyond | DW | 21.03.2022

War has returned in Europe — and with it strong fears for the future. Germans are preparing for an emergency.

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With war on its doorstep, Germany plans a major military buildup : NPR

Chancellor Olaf Scholz's plan to boost defense spending could remake Germany's beleaguered military into the strongest armed forces in Europe — an idea that has met resistance in the past.

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And all this talk of war, which is in line with the rise of the second horse of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse, the red rider who brings war, points us towards the third rider on a black horse who brings famine. Some analysts are now saying that major famine has already become unavoidable due to present events. And the food shortage may not be limited to only grains, because a resurgence of bird flu has also been seen in recent months, at least in the US.

Global crop collapse now a certainty... widespread famine to plague planet Earth from 2022 – 2024... it is set in motion and cannot be stopped – NaturalNews.com



A convergence of horrifying events have set into a motion an irreversible collapse of food production and crop harvests that will lead to global famine all the way through 2024. These events cannot be stopped for the simple reason that plants take time to grow. You can't create crops instantly,

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Gas rationing, food vouchers and hunger: Economic pain from Russia's war is getting real - CNN

As Russian soldiers bear down on Ukraine, increasingly desperate Ukrainians are running out of food and medicine. The economic fallout



from the invasion is beginning to spill over to the rest of the world. too.

Nearly 2.8 Million Birds (Mostly Chickens And Turkeys) Have Died In The First Month Of America's Raging New Bird Flu Pandemic

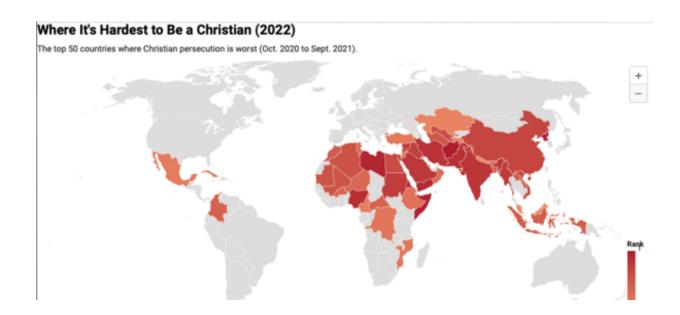


On top of everything else, now a highly pathogenic avian influenza pandemic is ripping across the United States, and it has already resulted in the deaths of almost 2.8 million birds. Most of the birds

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GLOBAL PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS

Persecution of believers has long been a problem in countries closed to the gospel, and it is now worse than ever in recent years.



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Latest report on Christian persecution finds Nigeria has 4 out of 5 martyrs worldwide, China has 3 out of 5 church attacks, and Afghanistan is now worse than North Korea.



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But there is a growing threat that such persecution could even reach the US. The demonization of Christians has been growing and it is getting a voice before some in congress...

Raskin, Tlaib, others hear report on White Christian nationalism as a threat to democracy - The Washington Post

Researchers tell members of Congress that Christian nationalism is associated with authoritarianism





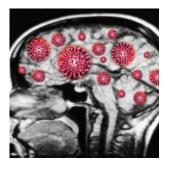
COVID

I've been saying that the global COVID pandemic and the massive push towards globalism that has resulted from it were a sign that the white horse, the first of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse is already riding. Two years into this, a lot of people have been harmed by both the manmade virus (created under the gain of function research funded by Fauci in Wu Han) and the experimental vaccines that were foisted on the world as "completely safe." There is now some evidence to suggest that COVID also effectively "ages" or degrades cognitive ability in the brain. What does that all mean? Well, the jury is still out, but it doesn't look good, and it is now something that will affect virtually everyone in the world, because the effects are caused by infection from the virus, but seem to be independent of the severity of the infection, meaning everyone, vaccinated or unvaccinated will be likely experience the effects.

Covid-19 Can Leave a Mark on the Brain

Researchers have been steadily gathering important insights into the effects of COVID-19 on the body and brain. Two ...

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ISRAEL

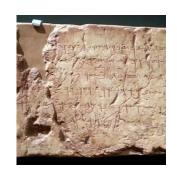
And not to forget of the epicenter of end times events, there was some more evidence that Turkey is continuing to move in a positive direction towards Israel, at least temporarily.

It is the Pool of Siloam inscription that recounts the story of digging Hezekiah's tunnel. The inscription reads: "... this is the story of the tunnel, while [the hewers lifted] their axes toward their counterparts, and while three cubits more were to (be hewn?), was heard the voice of a man calling to his counterpart, (for) there was [a crack?] in the rock, on the right and on the left. And on the day of [the final barrier's] piercing, the stonecutters struck each man towards his counterpart, ax against ax and water flowed from the source to the pool for 1,200 cubits and 100 cubits was the height of the rock, over the head of the stonecutters ..."

It was Hezekiah who stopped the upper outlet of the waters of Gihon and directed them to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah was successful in everything that he did. – 2 Chronicles 32:30

Israeli official: Turkey agrees to return ancient Hebrew inscription to Jerusalem | The Times of Israel

The 2,700-year-old Siloam inscription, taken by the Ottomans and still held in Istanbul, marks direct evidence of Bible's account of King Hezekiah's tunnel-building in Jerusalem



But Russia on the other hand is showing signs of showing aggression towards Israel. Russia has traditionally turned a blind eye towards Israeli strikes in Syria, but Israel's condemnation of Russian aggression in Ukraine, may be motivating them to change their position toward Israeli strikes in Syria. If that continues, then it may be another sign that we are getting close to the great Gog-Magog War of Ezekiel 38.

Russian ambassador to Syria: Israel is provoking us to react - The Jerusalem Post

The Russian ambassador complained that Israeli strikes aim to "escalate tensions and allow the West to carry out military activities in Syria."

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This conflict is also increasing the number of Jews that have been returning to the land of Israel. And while the main return of the Jews to Israel has already been witnessed, it seems like there is one more major Aliyah (return to the land) that will come before the start of the Great Tribulation. The present circumstances could be setting the stage for another major mass migration back to Israel.

To our fellow Jews – Go to Israel! Do not return to Ukraine and not to Poland or Germany! | Israel National

News - Arutz Sheva

Since 1948, the term "Jewish refugee" no longer exists, since every Jew has a home in Israel! The Jewish State welcomes you with open arms. Op-ed.

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Witnessing the End Update

I got my manuscript back from the proofer this week, so I'll be making final edits, and will then upload the book for getting my first review copies in print, within the next 3-4 weeks. I'm also working on a Spanish translation of the book (*Observando el Fin*) that will hopefully be ready within 6-8 weeks of the release of the English version.

Well that's all for now.

Until next week, may God bless you and keep you,

Christian Widener

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