

LIVE OAK CHURCH

The Temple, The Antichrist, & Your Future

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Matthew 24:14-18; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5; 1 John 4:1-4

Questions Are Everywhere As Events Change Our Lives

I. The questions many are asking

- A. Are we on the brink of war?
 - 1. Is WWII closer than we think?
 - 2. Will the Middle East cause a world war?
 - 3. What about the war in Ukraine?
- B. Why is anti-semitism growing?
- C. Does the Bible speak about this?
- D. What does this have to do with me?

II. Are we seeing today a prophetic alignment similar to when Jesus came the first time?

(The 1st time Jesus came)

- A. A universal language was in place
 - 1. Greek - most precise language
- B. A world power was in place (4th world power)
 - 1. Influencing culture
 - 2. Roads - inventions
 - 3. Military might - leadership
 - 4. Laws - law enforcement

C. Crucifixion was "perfected"

- 1. Means of capital punishment

D. The 2nd Temple was being refurbished

III. The alignment in our generation, past 80 years

[7 things to consider]

- A. Nation of Israel (came back) 1948
 - 1. This year marked 77th anniversary
- B. Jerusalem back as capital - 1967
- C. Jerusalem recognized by a world power in 2017
 - 1. 50 years (Jubilee) after Jerusalem came back
 - 2. Opened embargo, May 14, 2018 - 70 years after becoming a nation
- D. Knowledge explosion
- E. Technological explosion
- F. Population explosion
- G. The anticipation of a 3rd Temple in Jerusalem

IV. The warnings of Jesus

- A. A prophetic warning of destruction
 - 1. Of the Temple in 70 AD
- B. Pastoral warning to not be deceived
- C. A parallel warning of desecration
 - 1. Thief comes to steal, kill, & destroy

V. The present & future desecration

(Desecration: to defile, insult, violate, blaspheme, profane)

- A. John the Apostle warns of the spirit of the Antichrist

1. 1 John 4
2. 2 John 1
- B. The Antichrist desecrates the things of God in the present
 1. God made them male & female
 - a. 6,200 differences between male & female
 2. God ordained marriage one man, one woman
 - a. 10 years ago that was changed
 3. Children are being abused, sold, & destroyed
 4. The Word of God
 5. The Gospel
 6. The Church
 - 7.
- C. The future desecration
 1. The Man of Lawlessness
The Son of Perdition
 2. Goes into the Temple of God
 - a. A 3rd Temple is in plans to be rebuilt
 3. Proclaims to be God
 4. Satan's goal has always been to take the place of God
 - a. The 5 "I wills" of Satan
 5. Jesus said "I came in my Father's name & you did not receive me."

If another comes in his name, him you will receive."

VI. So what does this mean for you?

- A. The Word of God is being fulfilled
 1. It was
 2. It will be
- B. At any moment an event can change the world
- C. It begs the question whom do you serve?
 1. Messiah Jesus or Man of Lawlessness?
 2. You can not serve 2 masters
- D. God is preparing this world for the final countdown, final showdown

VII. Jesus warned: "Remember Lot's wife"

- A. She had warnings
- B. She had/saw signs
- C. She was given instruction
- D. At the time prior to judgement she was told to leave
- E. She was taken by the hand by angels
- F. She had a good husband
- G. But her heart was still in the city of Sodom

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To All Who Believe
As His Word Takes Us Back To The Future**