

Are We Headed for WWII?

I. Understanding the Times

Luke 12:54-56

He said to the crowd: "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'It's going to rain,' and it does. ⁵⁵And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It's going to be hot,' and it is. ⁵⁶Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?"

1. The _____ and _____ of the signs should get our attention.

Matthew 24:8

All these are the beginning of birth pains.

2. The rebirth of _____ should get our attention.

Matthew 24:32-35

"Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ³³Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁴I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³⁵Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

- In 1948, the nation of Israel was reborn after ceasing to exist for _____ years.

"Israel's miraculous rebirth is the strongest evidence of God's intervention in modern history." -Grant R. Jeffery

- Israel was warned of its _____.

Deut 28:63-64

Just as it pleased the LORD to make you prosper and increase in number, so it will please him to ruin and destroy you. You will be uprooted from the land you are entering to possess. ⁶⁴ Then the LORD will scatter you among all nations, from one end of the earth to the other. There you will worship other gods—gods of wood and stone, which neither you nor your fathers have known.

- Israel was also promised its _____.

Amos 9:11-15

"In that day I will restore David's fallen tent. I will repair its broken places, restore its ruins, and build it as it used to be, ¹² so that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations that bear my name," declares the LORD, who will do these things. ¹³ "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills. ¹⁴ I will bring back my exiled people Israel; they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit. ¹⁵ I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them," says the LORD your God.

II. Why All the Hatred?

- The problems in the Middle East are clearly _____ and not _____.
- Through Abraham we see the _____ and the _____ of the crisis.

Genesis 15:4-6

Genesis 16:12

Genesis 21:1-3

- The Muslim and the Jew are ultimately caught in a fight over _____.
- Israel has been a _____ of the enemy because of its _____.
- Satan's goal is to _____ Israel before God _____ Israel.
- With _____, as with _____, you have to choose a side.

Luke 12:49-53

"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵²From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father,

mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.

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- The fighting in the Middle East today is a _____ to the final conflict.

Revelation 19:11-21

III. Why Should Christians Support Israel?

1. For _____ Reasons: No nation has been more hated and persecuted.

2. For _____ Reasons: Israel has the only true democratic system of government in the Middle East and has been America's most faithful supporter in the region.

3. For _____ Reasons: The founding of Israel as a nation in 1948 was ordained of God to provide a homeland for the Jewish people and to prepare for the future return of Jesus Christ. God's covenant with Abraham demands it.

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IV. What Should We As Christians Be Doing During This Time of Global Unrest?

1. We should _____ for Israel as Psalm 122:6 instructs, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee."

2. We should _____ our lives.

1 Peter 1:13-16

Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. ¹⁴As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

3. We should _____ the Gospel of Jesus Christ and prepare for His imminent return.

John 9:4