

Current Affairs #29 — Signs Concluding the Age, Part 2

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And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many" (Matthew 24:4-5 NKJV).

We have already touched that: people using the name of Christ to predict, in His name, His return. We have seen an abundance of that, even recent evidence of that. The effect of that, in terms of deceiving the people, is that it will dull their senses and dumb them down so that they do not expect the return of the Lord. They will say, like others, "Oh, we have always heard the Lord was coming, but He has not come yet;" as if to say, "He will not ever come. Those are just empty words." These people who prophesy the return of the Lord do a disservice. We will know the day, but, like Noah, he knew the day seven days ahead. It is highly unlikely we will be told what the day is in enough time to get on television and prophesy about it, or write a book about it and make money from it. But we will know the day. He tells us what to look for in terms of the signs. You know, we will know the day because the bride will agree with the Spirit as to when the work of preparing God's inheritance in the earth is complete. "The bride and the Spirit will say to the Lord, 'Come'" (cf. Revelation 22:17). And what does He say then? "Behold, I come quickly and My reward is with Me."

Matthew 24 is followed by Matthew 25, which speaks of, "Then shall the Kingdom of Heaven be like unto ten virgins who took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. And while the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. But at midnight a cry was made, 'Behold, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.' All those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us of your oil, for our lamps have gone out.' But the wise answered saying, 'Not so, lest there be not enough for us and you. But go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' And while they went away to buy, the bridegroom came. Those who were ready went in unto the marriage and the door was shut. Afterward, the five foolish virgins came also saying, 'Open to us.' And the Lord said, 'I never knew you. You are workers of iniquity'" (cf. Matthew 25:1-13).

Again, this parable operates on two levels, both to describe what happened when the Kingdom first appeared on the day of Pentecost and subsequently and those who were left out, and what will happen at the end of the age when people grow weary and do not pursue becoming mature, having no oil in their vessels with their lamps, not walking by the light of the Spirit of God that brings revelation and enlightenment. But instead, their lamps go out in the darkness of human error and the conceptions of the human mind. So, there is much deception perpetrated in the name of Christ by those who prophesy, without revelation and insight, the return of the Lord. We ought to brand those people, as to who they are, and stop listening to them unless they publicly repent, and repent as publicly as they sinned against the Body.

And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet (Matthew 24:6 NKJV).

But reliable references are: you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. I do not have time to make comment on that. It somewhat speaks for itself, but there is more depth there. “See that you are not troubled, for all these things must come to pass. But the end is not yet.”

For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places (Matthew 24:7 NKJV).

For *ethnos* will arise against *ethnos* (Strong’s Greek 1484)—that is what is meant by nation will arise against nation. This is not speaking of geographic nations in conflict with each other. This is speaking about nations with internal conflicts among people groups within that nation. This is about race war—racial conflict at the end of the age. Now imagine certain ones have been trying to incite racial conflicts, and yet claiming to be agents of God. How profound is that deception? Because it is consistent with the spirit that opposes Christ. It is a distraction. But nevertheless, when you see racial conflicts, when you see social disturbances based upon racial conflict, understand that that is an incontrovertible evidence of the times of the end of the age. But listen, people will say, “There have always been racial conflicts. So why is that an end of the age?” Well, hang on. I will get to that. Just like they will say, “There have always been famines, and earthquakes, and the roaring and tossing of the sea, pestilences. They have always been.” Yes. Of

course, they have. “What makes these signs, signs of the end of the age?” Like I said, “Hang on. I will get to that.” But before I get to it, here are the signs:

- Nation against nation—so ethnic and racial struggles, strife. From here in the United States to Indonesia, racial conflicts are across the earth; through Africa, Hutus against Tutsis, on and on.
- Kingdom against kingdom—That is the word *basileia* (Strong’s Greek 932), or the Latin word *basilica*, which references a particular form of government. So what we are seeing are conflicts between communist governments, totalitarian governments, democratic governments—present conflicts.
- Famines
- Pestilences—That is a direct reference to such things as pandemics, plagues, diseases. It is the word *loimos* (Strong’s Greek 3061), and it literally means disease, pestilence, plague. So there will be those.
- And earthquakes in various places—Just in recent times, earthquakes have been reported in increasing frequencies.

All these are the beginnings of sorrows (Matthew 24:8 NKJV).

Now here is the key to understanding. The question was asked, “Have we not always had earthquakes? Have we not always had famines? Have we not always had pestilences? Has there not always been conflicts between governmental forms? Have there not always been racial conflicts?” Yes, yes, yes, yes, and yes. That is true. What makes these, signs? It is this word “sorrows”—the beginning of sorrows. There, the word is *ódin* (Strong’s Greek 5604), the same word as used in 1 Thessalonians 5:3-5, where it says, “It will come upon them as *birth pangs* on a pregnant woman.” In “beginning of sorrows,” the word “sorrows” is the Greek word *ódin*; *ódin* is the word “birth pangs.” In the time when a woman is giving birth, when her contractions begin, they start about twenty minutes apart, and the next series comes about half the time, ten minutes, twice the intensity. The next series comes also in half the time and twice the intensity of the five minutes. Until, at the point where she is actually giving birth, she cannot hardly pause to catch her breath. That is what birth pangs look like. So how does this apply to the signs? Well, yes, there have always been earthquakes and so on, pestilences, famines, and the like, but it is when they

come one on top of the other, on top of the other, on top of the other. So much so, that men run out of solutions and their hearts fail them for fear. That is when it is signs of His coming.

As we are speaking, we have already seen the occurring and the ongoing of racial conflicts, permanent. On top of that we are seeing the conflict of governmental forms. One set of conflicts is internal to nations, and maybe even external to nations, but they tend to be primarily racial conflicts within nations. We are also observing the tension between nations based upon governmental forms. Russia has a totalitarian form of government. China has a communist form of government. The United States has a representative form of government. And these big-picture nations have engaged in economic commerce and competition as much fueled by the inequities inherent in these governmental systems. For example, all the wealth in China is owned by the communist government, and they do not have a level playing field when it comes to their ability to manipulate and control everything, from trade to currencies to exchanges of every kind. It is not an equal playing field with a nation like the United States, where, in a democratic form, wealth is primarily owned by individuals, who look to their governments to level the playing field so they could compete with wealth that is controlled and commerce that is controlled by national governments. Russia, that emerged out of the former Soviet Union, is where one man can dictate how an army is deployed against a neighboring nation without anything resembling congressional or representational due process. It disrupts the order of mankind. We have been dealing with these matters now for quite some time.

We also have been dealing with earthquakes and with famines. In fact, the world is threatened in the present disruption of economies with famine, pestilences. We have a global pandemic right now that has shut down nations. And maybe it took something as visible as that to call our attention to the other things that are as pervasive, within the fabric of national life and international trade and commerce, as these other things I am talking about. They have been ongoing now for quite a while. Maybe it took a pestilence that shut down the earth to cause people to look again and to see. Now while that is going on, we will have earthquakes in an abundance of locations. Already, reports are coming from very unlikely places, like Salt Lake City, Utah. Interestingly, the earthquake there affected the prime symbol of Mormonism: the statue of an angel named Moroni, with a horn or a trumpet in his hand. It shook the trumpet out of Moroni's hand. Now if that is not

a sign, I do not know what is. But, of course, people, they will put the trumpet back and pretend nothing happened.

That is when people see and do not see. That is when they hear and do not hear, and refuse to understand. “Earthquakes in various places,” these are the beginnings of sorrows—one upon another, upon another, upon another—birth pangs. That is what this means.

Then [at that time] they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake (Matthew 24:9 NKJV, comments added in brackets).

Now that could not possibly apply to just the early apostles, because there were nations that were not even discovered at that time. So it speaks of that broader picture. Jesus is speaking, here, figuratively.

And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. (Matthew 24:10 NKJV).

“Offended,” that is the word *skandalizó* (Strong’s Greek 4624)]. Because they are scandalized, they will demonize even their own brethren, and will have no conscience about betraying one another and hating one another in their bid to be relevant and to survive. When they have rejected the true sent ones, they will gladly receive false prophets, because the market for false prophets is found in the desire for men to hear only what they want to hear and to see only what they want to see. So the false teachers that they will heap to themselves is also referenced in Paul’s letter to Timothy, where he says, “They will not endure the truth. They will heap to themselves teachers for whatever they lust for. And they will turn away from the truth and they will turn to fables” (cf. 2 Timothy 4:3-4).

We have got to re-examine every supposition we have heard of regarding the end of the age, because much of it is just that: supposition—suppositions like the rapture; suppositions like the antichrist; speaking of things that are meant for metaphorical and figurative references, speaking as if they are domestic. We need to review, in light of present Scripture, who is God’s elect in the earth. These are all things that are subject to review, must be reviewed. Otherwise, false teachings

will flood the airways. Many of these false teachings are simply the traditional teachings, but because they occupy the emotional high ground of tradition, they pretend to actually be what the Bible is saying and what God is speaking, and they are not. The concept of the rapture is bogus. It is not biblical. The antichrist—there is a spirit of antichrist that is housed in what is called the *kosmos*, but the prime actor behind everything is Satan. The driver of his kingdom is Satan himself. All these things must be revisited and cleared up so that the trumpet gives a certain sound and the people of God can prepare for the battle and know the times that they are in. “They will hate and betray one another.”

Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold (Matthew 24:11-12 NKJV).

“The love of most will become cold”—a very significant thing. Lawlessness, as I have said before, is not the absence of law. Lawlessness is when every man does what is right in *his* own eyes. They will reject and refute the standard of sent ones in order to keep their own opinions, in which opinions they will drown, in which opinions they will perish, because they are not informed by the currency of the Holy Spirit speaking to the Body of Christ. The Spirit was sent for exactly that reason: to apprise the world of sin, of righteousness, and of coming judgment.¹ When the Spirit is not allowed to speak in these places through the appointed, selected, designated, trained and prepared sent ones, what you will have is the spirit of lawlessness. Let us understand that democracy, everybody doing what is pleasing to *them*, is what the Bible defines as the spirit of lawlessness, which will take over at the end of the age. Lawlessness is for those who are perishing. I will repeat, lawlessness is for those who are perishing. Lawlessness is when the true standards of God’s truth and righteousness are set aside, abolished, ignored, or even persecuted, in favor of your own opinions, often your own traditional opinions.

But he who endures to the end shall be saved (Matthew 24:13 NKJV).

This is not talking about going to heaven when you die. It will be vindicated. You will overcome by the blood of the Lamb, by the word of your testimony, and that you refused to value your own life over the truth (cf. Revelation 12:11). You will be saved out of the confusion, the deception,

the chaos, the disorder, the lawlessness of the day. Your steps will be steady, because they will be enlightened by the current word of God as a lamp to your feet and a light to your path. You will be able to hear the word of God, inasmuch as you will have been trained and prepared, and you will have become mature. This gospel of the Kingdom, this gospel *of the Kingdom*—there is no reference in all of the Scriptures to the gospel *of salvation*, referencing going to heaven when you die. Please understand, I believe that we go to heaven when we die; but that is not the gospel. It is *not* the gospel of salvation. It has always been the gospel of the Kingdom. Why? Because there are two kingdoms in conflict. Deception is the order of one kingdom; and the restoration of truth, by which men may walk in a time of darkness, and walk securely, that is the order of God's Kingdom.

To that end, in the end of the age, the Kingdom of God will be presented as a city on a hill, the Zion of God's perfected beauty. In that city on the hill—and it is not actually a domestically located city on a hill—it is a people group on the earth, under the government of God, ruled over by the authority of Christ, administrated through sent ones who rule over households, the function of which is to develop a mature people, who individually may carry the glory of God in exact representation. That was the original gospel. And it will reach its apogee at the end of the age and become that standard by which all the nations of the earth, every kingdom, will be assessed and judged.

Its rising will be to provide a visible, tangible alternative to the kingdom of darkness, that will have arisen in such grotesque manifestation that human life will be constantly endangered, and there will be no hope, because of the darkness that will have come upon the earth, inasmuch as the character of Satan will be that which is borne out in all of its grotesque rudeness, grossness, and darkness in the earth. It will reach its apogee in this kingdom, the fourth beast, a systemic kingdom (and I will talk about that the next time) that has constantly been shadowing the Kingdom of God, offering an alternative in which men might rely, which if they do, will lead to their destruction. And the Kingdom of God that has been steadily rising, it has been rising and rising and rising, and now in these dark and difficult times, what God will begin to do is pull back the veil and start revealing a Kingdom in which the citizens of the Kingdom have come to maturity, varying degrees of maturity, but maturity nonetheless. They can handle the mysteries of the Kingdom, and they

can display the glory of God to a generation that needs this hope in the most desperate of ways. We began with this point of view; we end with this point of view: kingdoms in conflict as the age comes to its conclusion.

This is Sam Soleyn. We will continue these discussions, but I will leave it here for now. There will be much more to be unveiled in subsequent broadcasts regarding the end of the age. We are speaking with clarity, without compromise, and with no apologies. If the trumpet does not give a clear sound, no one can prepare for the battle. Look, it is because of this conspiracy of silence, this supposed professional courtesy that has been routinely extended, that so much of this deception and lies have clouded and darkened the minds of God's people. I cannot be party to it any longer. When I name the names of persons who have done and said the things that they have done and said, you know it is a matter of public record. Why aren't people who have responsible positions speaking plainly to the people of God? It will be on their heads. But, as long as I am a voice speaking in this earth, God will have a voice by which He may say whatever He wishes to say. So be it. Amen.

Endnotes:

1. See John 16:7-11 NKJV: "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged."