

PREFACE

It goes without saying that Bible prophecy, particularly as it relates to the Second Coming, can be a contentious topic. So, before we begin, I would like to establish a few key things: First and foremost, this book should not be construed as an attempt at “setting a date” for the return of Jesus Christ. As indicated by the title, we are merely looking at a specified window of time and asking the question, “Is this the season of return?” While I will demonstrate that we pose this question with overwhelming justification, the important thing to keep in mind is that we are ultimately only posing the question. Thus, any hypotheticals or speculation regarding events or timeframes should be viewed only as *possibilities* and treated as such. The Apostle Paul tells us to “test everything” and to “hold on to the good.” (1 Thessalonians 5:21). It is in the spirit of this biblical precept that this book was written, and it is in this spirit that I hope it will be received.

Secondly, under the heading of “I know this sounds crazy but...” some fantastic things will be discussed in this book. These include events that took place in the days before Noah’s flood, as well as some more, shall we say, “contemporary” supernatural activity that is manifesting in our world today. I bring this up because in an age of skepticism some have a difficult time with a *literal* interpretation of the Bible and therefore struggle with certain claims that it makes; for instance, the week-long timeframe given for the creation of the world, or the notion that the entire globe was once flooded, destroying all

life except for one family and an ark full of animals. Still others have a difficult time reconciling certain biblical assertions about the reality of demons or demonic possession. On this topic in particular it is evident that, despite man's tendency to discount what he cannot see, we are dealing with a literal reality here. The fact is that these malevolent beings are as real as the book you are holding in your hands, and their stepped-up efforts account for virtually all of the so-called "paranormal" activity—as well as the startling upsurge in evil—that we are seeing in the world today.

The point to be made is that the Bible is not a book of mere allegory, or poetry. The histories it chronicles, the figures it portrays, and the as of yet future events it describes are all very real indeed. Once this simple fact is acknowledged, the world around us begins to make a lot more sense. Still, I urge the skeptic to not merely take my word on these things, but to do his or her own research. Fortunately, for those who care to seek, the evidences for many of the Holy Book's most fantastic claims are more accessible than ever.

And lastly, several chapters of this book will focus on topics that many would consider "Jewish" centric, such as certain holy days or traditions. Many feel that these applied only to the ancient Hebrews who lived under the Old Testament "Law" and therefore have no bearing on the modern Church. Some even feel that Israel has been *replaced* by the Christian Church and is somehow no longer relevant to God's plans for the end of the age. The fact remains, however, that God entered into an everlasting covenant with Abraham and his descendants that must be completely fulfilled or Bible prophecy will be proven to be in error. So while all "believers," Jew and Gentile alike, will indeed be heir to God's promises, it must be understood that the Jews, the holy land of Israel, and its capital, Jerusalem—the place where Hebrew legend claims that God stood when He created the world—all have yet to play a special role in the culmination of the end-times prophecies. A basic grasp of this is crucial to understanding both the current and forthcoming fulfillment of these prophecies.

These things noted, regardless of your background in prophecy,

or lack thereof, I am confident that you will find in this book some surprising revelations, some interesting food for thought, and some invaluable insights, all of which, in light of the hour we are living in, will serve you well in the days and years ahead.

—T.W. Tramm

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INTRODUCTION

Speaking to the “climate change” debacle set off by scientists’ alleged suppressing of temperature data, the U.N. Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, asserted recently:

“Nothing that has come out in the public as a result of the recent email hackings has cast doubt on the basic scientific message on climate change, and that message is [still] quite clear...*climate change is happening much, much faster than we realized and we human beings are the primary cause.*”¹

While personally not a proponent of *man made* global warming, I would have to say that to a certain extent I actually agree with this statement, but only in the sense that the planet is indeed going to experience a major change in “climate” in the near future. This change, however, will not be a consequence of the actions of human beings but due to a miraculous reconfiguration in the natural order of things. This reconfiguration was spoken of millennia ago by the prophets of the Bible; untold multitudes have lived their entire lives longing to see it; and today, many scoff at the notion—but not for much longer.

The fact is, change *is* coming to planet Earth. It is not the type of change envisioned by anxious climatologists, but an actual shift in *reality* that can only be brought about by the creator of matter Himself. The aftermath of this shift is described in the Book of Isaiah as an era

of peace and harmony in which the proverbial lion will lie down with the lamb—a state of being that has eluded humanity since the fall at Eden.

How can one be so sure of all of this? Most believers would cite certain prophetic passages and then point to their present-day fulfillment, i.e., Matthew’s predictions of escalating natural disasters, pandemics, famine, and war (Matthew 24); Timothy’s description of rampant moral decay (2 Timothy), or Daniel’s foretelling of a great proliferation of knowledge and travel as we enter into the last days (Daniel 12). There is also the rebirth of Israel in ‘48 and the Jewish recapture of Jerusalem in ‘67—both events believed to be critical benchmarks in the countdown to Christ’s return. All of these signs, according to Christians, tell us that the time is near.

But how near? Twenty years? Ten years? Five—or less?

In searching for clues, many today watch and wait for some very specific events to unfold. For some, this includes the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem and the signing of a “seven year peace treaty”; for others, the rise of a “one-world government” and the implementation of a global currency that will herald the “mark of the beast.” Still others believe that the “rapture” will occur well before any of these things.*

What we as believers sometimes forget, however, is that while Scripture will indeed be fulfilled as promised, there is no guarantee that these fulfillments will look exactly like the scenarios we have imagined, or even those set forth by today’s best-selling authors. The truth of the matter is that for even the most astute prophecy scholar much about how the last days will unfold remains a mystery. For now, as Paul put it, we only “know in part” and “prophesy in part” (1 Corinthians 13:9). This begs a provocative question: What if, due to a prevailing lack of insight and an abundance of erroneous teachings,

* Please note that I am not proposing that any or all of these things are not going to happen, only that it is advisable to keep an open mind in regard to all matters prophetic. For details on my perspective on a “one-world government” and “the mark of the beast,” please see my other book, *From Abraham to Armageddon*.

the Church is largely oblivious to some clear “signs,” as their collective gaze remains doggedly fixed on the anticipated fulfillment of this prophecy or that?

This book is not like most other “end-times” books you may have read. We will not be reviewing what you already know about the signs of the times, nor will we needlessly map out a particular prophetic scenario which may or may not resemble what the actual fulfillment will look like. To the contrary, the idea here is to look beyond these well-worn themes and expand our end-times repertoire of things to watch for by taking note of some *other* signs, some of which are manifesting before our eyes yet remain unnoticed or are discounted because they do not fit the criteria or timelines that we or our favorite authors or teachers may have set. These signs consist of a collection of unique, diverse, and, dare I say, *time specific* indicators that seem to point to the soon return of Jesus Christ:

For instance, we will note how some special “holy day” observances given directly to Moses by God actually reveal the Hebrew calendar day (to the exclusion of the year) on which the Second Coming will occur. We will also delve into the recently rediscovered writings of preeminent genius, Isaac Newton. A little-known fact is that Newton, who wrote extensively on Bible prophecy, believed that chapter 9 of Daniel pointed not only to the precise year of Christ’s first coming (as is widely acknowledged) but also to the year of His *second* coming.

Next, we will note how both of these seem to be linked via a recent discovery of some extremely rare solar and lunar activity. Could these “signs in the heavens” be a message from God that confirms Newton’s interpretation and thus the fact that the time is nearly upon us?

There are also other indicators to consider: While these are still largely unrecognized as being related to Bible prophecy, each, I believe, is a direct corollary of biblical events and therefore sheds a corroborative light on our proximity to the last days; these include the current “Mayan-2012 phenomenon,” the ever-burgeoning New Age

Movement and, believe it or not, the increasingly conspicuous incursions of UFOs and their supposed extraterrestrial pilots into our earthly airspace.

Thus, in the following pages, we are going to examine some ancient Hebrew traditions, some long-regarded prophecies, some celestial signs, some fascinating ancient myths—and even some apparent modern-day supernatural activity—an eclectic and compelling array of data, all of which seems to point to the timing of the most anticipated events in the history of mankind: the resurrection, or “rapture,” of the Church and the bodily return of Jesus Christ to earth. Each chapter will touch on a unique yet profoundly intertwined piece of the end-times tapestry, ultimately leading to a common thread that binds all of them together: a specific timeframe, a year even, that repeatedly emerges as one of perhaps great prophetic significance—2015.

Could it be that we are that close? Only God knows for certain, but many today are asking, might the Lord be sending some signs in these last days that reveal much more about the timing of His return than most had previously dared to imagine?

This, for many believers, is the question of the day, and the question that this book will endeavor to answer.