

When They Are Saying Peace and Safety

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2020 has seen a dramatic escalation of “birth pains.”

Since January, we’ve witnessed—

- A pandemic
- Unusual and record-breaking fires, floods, storms, and seismic activity
- A surge in lawlessness: murder rates, vandalism, riots, domestic abuse, etc.
- Increasing division along social, political, and ethnic lines
- A global economic crash and rollercoastering stock market
- New and old international conflicts heating up or reaching a boiling point
- Unprecedented crop-destroying locust swarms from South America to Asia
- An increase in near-earth asteroid traffic

In his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul links the sudden onset of labor pains to talk of peace and safety:

“While people are saying, ‘Peace and safety,’ destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape” (1 Thess. 5:2, 3).

In the Book of Revelation, the culmination of birth pains—the time when the child is born—is linked to a celestial alignment that occurs around the onset of autumn each year: the Constellation Virgo, or Sign of the Woman, is “clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet.”

Three years ago, on September 23, 2017, a number of planets, or “wandering stars,” converged around the head of Virgo to comprise what many believe to be the exact sign described in Revelation 12:

“A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth” (Rev. 12:1, 2).

With the link between “birth pains,” “peace and safety,” and the fall season in view, it’s significant that on September 15, 2020, President Trump will host the signing of an historic peace deal between Jewish and Arab leaders.

Headline: [“Israel, UAE to sign historic peace deal in White House ceremony next week”](#)

The Israel-UAE peace deal is only the third such treaty in the Jewish state’s history, making it remarkable from an historic standpoint. However, the deal is utterly unique from a prophetic standpoint.

Here is why:

First, the Israel-UAE deal is being administered by renowned dealmaker and improbable leader of the world’s most powerful nation, Donald Trump.

For those who understand the significance of names and numbers in Scripture, it’s fascinating that Trump, whose first name means “world ruler,” and whose last name means “trumpet,” was exactly 70 years, 7 months, and 7 days old on his first full day in the White house.

Moreover, Donald Trump is the first US president to acknowledge Jerusalem as the eternal capital of Israel, taking the extraordinary step in 2018 of relocating the US embassy to the Holy City.

The God who establishes kings to fulfill His purposes has clearly placed Donald Trump in office for a time such as this.

A second factor that makes the Israel-UAE deal unique is the timing. Based on Scripture, dated landmark events, and simple math, the period spanning 2020-2027 represents, with a relatively minor margin of error, the endpoint of the 6,000-year timeline prophesied in Genesis 6, the “fig-tree” generation in Matthew 24, and the “weeks” of Daniel 9.

It’s awe-inspiring to consider that three independently prophesied timelines are converging on a single moment in history—now—and that a momentous peace deal is being signed at this same time.

A third factor that sets the imminent peace deal apart from others is a favorable geopolitical landscape. The announcement of the Israel-UAE agreement in August came immediately with rumors that other Arab-Muslim nations such as Bahrain, Oman, Sudan, Morocco, and Saudi Arabia are also likely to sign deals with Israel.

Why are nations historically aligned against the Jewish state now eager to make peace? For many Gulf Arab countries, it comes down to the fact that the threat posed by Iran has come to outweigh their

sense of loyalty to the Palestinians and the quest for an autonomous state inside the borders of Israel. By cooperating with Israel, Gulf nations stand to gain access to intelligence and military hardware, thus acquiring a greater sense of security in the face of the Turkish-Iranian-Shia axis.

That multiple Arab-Muslim nations are, for the first time, lining up to make peace with long-established rival Israel means that soon the whole region—and indeed the whole world—may be talking about peace and safety.

CONCLUSION

Escalating birth pains, converging timelines, and talk of peace and safety are a collective sign that time has run out on the Age of Grace. The next major event on God's schedule is the trumpet blast announcing the departure of true followers of Christ.

One day soon—

“The Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air” (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

To some, the trumpet blast will be the most beautiful and exhilarating sound they've ever heard—a euphonious declaration of freedom, restoration, and the fulfillment of every promise the Lord has made. To others, the sound of the trumpet will be utterly terrifying as they realize in that moment the God of the Bible is real, that He is really coming back, and that they don't know Him.

If you don't know Jesus, call on Him now. Confess with your mouth that He is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, and you will be saved (Rom. 10:9-10).

Do it today.

Time is running out.

NOTES:

1. It's interesting that the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic coincided with the release of the initial Trump peace plan. On January 28, 2020, the leader of the free world, Donald Trump, announced his long-awaited peace plan dubbed the “deal of the century.” Three days later, on January 31, the World Health Organization declared a public

health emergency as the Coronavirus was found present and quickly spreading in the US and other nations. Three days after that, less than a week after the peace plan was announced, the US declared a public health emergency due to the Coronavirus.

2. In 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Paul addresses the rapture-resurrection event. Immediately after, in chapter 5, he says there is no need to write about “times and dates” because the informed Church already knows the Day of the Lord will come like a “thief in the night”—on a day and hour no one can predict. The Apostle reassures, however, that the wakeful Church will know when the time is at hand and will therefore not be surprised by the Lord’s coming (vv. 4-6).

3. The September-15 signing of the Israel-UAE peace deal occurs three days before the first day of the seventh biblical month, the new-moon festival called Yom Teruah, which means “day of shouting or blasting of trumpets.” (Lev. 23:24).

4. God establishes rulers for His purposes (Dan. 2:21).

5. More on how multiple timelines point to 2020-2027:

Do Jerusalem’s Walls Predict the Year of Messiah’s Return?

http://www.theseasonofreturn.com/Do_Jeruselems_Walls_Predict_the_Year_of_Messiahs_Return.pdf

Dual Fulfillment in Daniel’s 70 Weeks Prophecy: Corroborating Patterns

http://www.theseasonofreturn.com/Dual_Fulfillment_in_Daniel_-_Corroborating_Patterns_rev_c.pdf

Having identified 2020-27 as the culmination point for key eschatological timelines, we understand that when prophecy, ancient dating, and year counts are involved, a degree of uncertainty exists as to exact times. That is to say, while it seems possible or even probable that the Tribulation could begin in fall 2020, this time should not be seen as an absolute deadline or cut-off date.