

BIRTHPANGS OF THE COMING AGE

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Very few people are satisfied with the present age, even the materialists want to change it. Consequently, they are easy prey to communism, because they have no ideals or principles. Their motto is, "Let's get all we can, by any means possible." We want something better, not just more pay for the unions, more time to watch worse television, more money to buy synthetic whiskey, or bigger and more deadly traffic jams. We want the true liberty, the real good, which can come only in the kingdom of Yahweh.

There is no way to bring in the true good while the forces of evil of the present age, still rule the world. What chance has any good, while our country is in the hands of stupid or traitorous politicians? There is no political party left in these United States which even pretends to represent the majority of the people.

Both labor and capital would gladly sink the ship of state, if only they can steal a larger piece of the wreckage for themselves. It has reached the point where man alone can't clean up the mess he has made, only Yahweh's strong hand will suffice.

In the past, Yahweh has allowed evil to destroy itself. He has used different groups of evil men to overthrow apostate Israel and Judah. Somewhat the same thing may underlie the present grouping of the pagan and godless nations of the world, against the Christian nations. These nations have allowed the aliens, who hate Yahshua, to come in. They have infiltrated every activity, business, churches, government, and turn our people away from their loyalty to Yahshua and our racial way of life.

Individually, the great majority of our race are still Christian. However, we have allowed control of all phases of our lives to slip out of our hands until our nations have lost their proudly Christian character. Such conditions must be corrected, Yahweh's protection is given to those who are loyal to Him, and the rest must be purged away. Hence, the terribly destructive conflict now approaching will be Yahweh's means of separating the wheat from the tares. The evils of the present time must go before the new age can come in, this will be a continuing process over a period of time. The death agonies of this present age are the birthpangs of the new age.

Matthew chapter 24 is one of the most important chapters in the Bible. It gives Yahshua's description of the warning signs of the end of this age, and of His return. In

Matthew 24:37 Yahshua tells us, “**As the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**”

I need not belabor the point that today we are living in conditions much like those of Noah's day. It is all told in the daily newspapers, so it is easy to see. Genesis 6:5, 11 tells us, “And Yahweh saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ... The earth also was corrupt before Yahweh, and the earth was filled with violence.”

There is another important likeness here, Noah received two warnings of the impending judgment. The first came a century before the flood, telling him to build the ark. The second warning to finish the ark, finish loading and get aboard, was just seven days. We also can expect to receive two warnings. The early warning was to give us time to prepare. The second and last warning, given at the last moment, let us know that it was time to seek shelter. It would be well for us to examine these warnings, so we can recognize them when they come.

In Matthew chapter 24 Yahshua also lists seven signs which would be warnings of the approaching end of this age. These were the following. **(1) False Christs and false prophets. (2) Wars and rumors of wars. (3) Famines, pestilence and earthquakes. (4) Persecution of Christians. (5) Widespread lawlessness. (6) The gospel of the kingdom shall be preached. (7) The abomination that maketh desolation stands in the holy place. We have already seen all seven of these.**

False Christs. There have been several false Christs, beginning with Simon Bar Kokba, in Judea in the year 135 A.D.. In our own days there was Barabba Baha, who claimed to be the Messiah of all religions, even to those religions which don't have any Messiah! Then there was the negro who called himself Father Divine and claimed to be God. To add to the list, there was the Hindu boy, whom the Theosophists introduced as the reincarnation of Christ. As to false prophets, one of our large organizations, The National Council of Churches offers them in quantity.

Wars and rumors of wars. These rumors have come through the centuries. Yahshua told us not to become prematurely alarmed at these. “See that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.” However, wars were listed as one of the signs, so there must be something recognizable in them. In our own times, we have seen the first world war, in which every major nation of the world was involved, for the first time in history. Then there was the second world war, again involving every major nation, plus the introduction of a previously undreamed of weapon, the atom bomb. Now the third world war stands at our elbow. Surely these are significant enough to be the second sign.

Famines, pestilence and earthquakes. The last several decades have seen major famines, killing hundreds of thousands of people in Russia, India and China. As to pestilences, only the black death of the middle ages can compare in deadliness with the influenza epidemic of 1917-18. We can only try to imagine the results of bacteriological warfare in the next war. As to earthquakes, all previous recorded history can show few if any, more major earthquakes ruining cities and killing great numbers of people, than have occurred in this century. So the third sign has occurred.

Persecution of Christians. I need not remind you how Christians have been persecuted in every land behind the iron curtain. Far over thirty million Christians have been murdered in Russia alone, in persecutions greatly exceeding anything under the pagan Roman empire. Persecution of Christians goes on today, much nearer home than in Russia. In New York state, while it is permissible to advertise “Kosher food served here”, any hotel keeper who advertises that his hotel is near churches, is heavily fined and sent to jail. They are trying to get this same law passed in California. So don't think you are safe as long as you stay away from Russia. The same Canaanite/Khazar Jews, who brought communism to Russia, are trying to install it here also.

Widespread lawlessness. If you read the daily newspapers at all, you already know more about this subject than I could tell you in many hours. Never has the world seen crime on such a scale. There have always been hardened criminals among the adults and in some criminal gangs. Today, the average age of criminals in the state prisons is in the early twenties. Juvenile delinquency, a polite name for every kind of vicious crime, is increasing rapidly. While there has always been a certain amount of crime, the sudden great increase of it in our time, like the change in character of warfare coming at the same time as the other signs, makes this lawlessness recognizable as a sign.

This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. For almost twenty centuries, the churches have preached a different gospel, the gospel of personal salvation. Many ministers have even tried to deny that there is any other gospel, yet Yahshua preached only the gospel of the kingdom of Yahweh. Now, after almost twenty centuries, we who follow the Bible are preaching the gospel of the kingdom. In itself, this is a sign that the end of the age is at hand. It is interesting to note that in the Greek, the word used here means, “then shall the end come”, meaning the very end.

The abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place. This seventh sign was fulfilled in early June of 1967, when the Jews treacherously seized the old city of Jerusalem and the site of King Solomon's temple. Detailed proof that this is the abomination of desolation, is much too long to be told here. I have a recorded tape on this subject. Beyond possibility of error, this is the abomination of desolation. Remember Yahshua spoke of this as our final, short term warning of the coming of the end of this age. The wise will recognize this and be ready.

Critical note by Clifton A. Emahiser: Comparet made the statement in this presentation that “Matthew chapter 24 is one of the most important chapters in the Bible.” I have to agree with him on this point, but not entirely as he has presented it here. He then went on to quote Matthew 24:37, “**As the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**” Yes, this is definitely an important sign for the end of the age, and had Comparet lived a little longer to witness the great amount miscegenation that is going on today, he would have simply been astounded. For my views on Matthew chapter 24, get my paper *Death Of A Kingdom & Rebirth Of Another*. The first 30 verses deal with the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple, then the

subject changes to the signs of Christ's Second Advent, and verse 37 surely applies to our day!

Then Compert rightly stated: "Now, after almost twenty centuries, we who follow the Bible are preaching the gospel of the kingdom." Yahshua Christ called his apostles to be fishermen, but Jeremiah 16:16 also spoke of a time for the hunters thusly: "**Behold I will send for many fishers, saith Yahweh, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.**" The "hunters" are no other than the archaeologists who have found Israel's footprints. The hunters started their work in the early 1700's, and because of their findings over a period of time, the Gospel of the Kingdom began in earnest. Thus the history of the lost tribes of Israel is recorded in the rocks rather than the Bible.