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Prophetic Predictions on the Rise of the Global Terror and Social Crisis

The landscape of America is changing. There is a breakdown in our confidence with political leaders at almost every level. Law enforcement is under attack, race relations are deteriorating and citizens are dying. Concerned citizens watch with horror as they see the direction that our country and the world is headed. All of these events have been predicted in God's word. The Bible clearly depicts the conditions that would exist on the earth just prior to the second coming of Christ. "And upon the earth **distress of nations, with perplexity...men's hearts failing them for fear**, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth" Luke 21:25, 26.



Even the most casual observer can plainly see that this verse is telling exactly what is taking place at the present hour. We are experiencing wave after wave of terror and fear and this has engulfed not just our nation but the whole world. The 24 hour news cycle and social media has added to this fear epidemic by playing these acts of terror nonstop day in and day out. This is a new phenomenon that allows scenes of destruction that take place in one part of the world to be broadcast all over the world within minutes. Thanks to the 24-hour news cycle, alerts of shootings, plane crashes, ISIS beheadings, crime, war, human rights violations and other disasters are having a negative effect on the public. It is impossible to turn on the news and not hear of some new tragedy taking place somewhere in the world. "**For nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom**" Matthew 7:7.

Sectarian violence is on the rise, Islamic terrorism has enveloped the world, state-sponsored violence continues in many countries and civil war is taking place throughout many locations with several nations actively participating in them. In other nations there is destabilization, political strife, racial crises, religious persecution, hate and discrimination. "And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death" Luke 21:16. Our world has become a very frightening place, indeed! People are on edge. They are nervous, anxious and full of fear; feeling very unsafe. Our world is filled with violence, terrorism, crime and wars. They are anxious, nervous and full of fear. These conditions have resulted in a complete lack of trust among the masses. "And then shall many be offended, and shall **betray one another, and shall hate one another**" Matthew 24:10.



Our country and the world in general is becoming more and more divided. Greed is making many rich through corruption. Racism continues to wound and destroy the lives of both police and citizens. The justice system is broken because it favors some and punishes others. Women and children are being enslaved through sextrade and trafficking. Godless behavior is destroying our civil and religious liberties. And what is the cause? The Bible gives us the answer: "Because **iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold**" Matthew 24:12. "Righteousness exalteth a nation: **but sin is a reproach to any people**" Proverbs 14:34.

Iniquity, sin and disobedience to God's law are the problem. We love to sing the song "God Bless America" at our national events but how can we ask God to bless a crisis that man has created through sin and disobedience? The lack of spirituality and the lack of seeking God's will for our lives is responsible for the rise of evil that we see happening daily. There is no doubt about it. God's word is crystal clear when speaking about this subject. Anyone can see just by looking at the last ten years of our nation's history that the more secular and godless this nation becomes the more careless and indifferent we become in our relationship with each other.

This has led to rejecting the teaching of Christ who said: "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" Matthew 5:44. "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets" Matthew 7:12.



Sadly a secular and godless culture is being perpetuated and we no longer see our fellow men as our equals in Christ. The prevailing attitude is "every man for himself." It's the "me" mentality, not "we." We have a white America, a black America, a brown America and every other America. What we no longer see is a United States of America. This has become the new mindset of our nation because the racial divide has become so deep. This tragedy is part of the fulfillment of prophecy, and the cause of this social hatred is sin.

The truth is that we are all God's children. We are all equally loved by our Creator, and He desires to transform our lives and renew our minds through the gospel. It is only through the redeeming power of God's grace that we will be able to love God, keep His commandments and love our neighbor as well. When this happens then will we become our brother's keeper.

If this experience doesn't happen and if we do not start supporting each other as God has commanded us then what we are seeing with the riots, the protests, the shootings and the killings will continue to happen until every major city in America is swept into anarchy.

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, **lest I come and smite the earth with a curse**" Malachi 4:5, 6.

Public Evangelism and Home Churches Banned in Russia

In the efforts to stop the spread of terrorism and to protect public safety the Russian government passed into law a bill that would prohibit evangelism anywhere outside a church.¹ The bill is designed to stop all forms of public evangelism including home churches and the use of the internet to proselytize. All this is being done, supposedly, to stop the spread of terrorism. Will this be the final solution in the fight to end terror? Now churches have to register with the state and only licensed individuals

who have been approved can share the gospel in the confined areas inside of the church, not outside. This is an attack against the basic rights of Russians. Their constitution allows them to practice their religion, and public evangelism is part of the teaching of Christ. The church is to be the light and salt of the earth. We are to spread the gospel to the four corners of the earth. Now you need government permission and approval. Thanks to the war on terror, you can be fined up to \$15,000 if you violate the new law.

With this new law we wonder how 3ABN Russia is going to continue to function?

This makes you wonder if all these acts of terrorism are being orchestrated so that laws can be passed to restrict the preaching of the gospel and eventually the Loud Cry of the Third Angel's Message. It certainly could be possible. We need to be more diligent than ever and move forward with the work God has given us to do. This should serve as a warning that our time is short for working in relative peace. But remember: God's commission is above man's rules. One thing is certain; the laws of the state will soon be against God's people.



"The world is against us, the popular churches are against us, **the laws of the land will soon be against us.** If there was ever a time when the people of God should press together, it is now. God has committed to us the special truths for this time to make known to the world the last message of mercy..." (*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 236).

Christian and Catholic Dating Sites to Include Gay, Lesbian Users

This nation has gone from an attitude of accepting the LGBT community to coercing Christians to embrace gay marriage, or else. This intolerance is being done in the name of "toleration." The western world largely accepts gay marriage, and those who refuse are becoming targets, especially as our nation and others move further and further away from Biblical morality. Secular-progressive activists are not merely content with legalizing gay marriage but now want to force Bible-believing Christians to reject their conscience and belief systems.



Recently, Christian dating sites have been hit with punitive damages after being sued for not allowing gays and lesbians to search for same-sex matches on their websites.² A settlement was reached to end the discrimination claims. The sites included are as follows: ChristianMingle.com and CatholicMingle.com plus others. A judge ordered the Christian sites to pay \$468,000 to the gay men

who brought the lawsuit and to start allowing gays and lesbians to seek each other on these websites.

This is a type of anti-Christian persecution as the gay-agenda has been using "discrimination" complaints to discriminate against Christians. The free exercise of religion is guaranteed in the US Constitution, and marriage was ordained and defined by the Word of God as one man and one woman. We know that the government will continue to infringe on the religious freedom of the faithful. In spite of the pressures we are told to stay faithful to God and His word.

"Deal faithfully with wrongdoing. Warn every soul that is in danger. Leave none to deceive themselves. Call sin by its right name. Declare what God has said in regard to lying, Sabbath breaking, stealing, idolatry, and every other evil. 'They which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God' Galatians 5:21" (*Desire of Ages*, 805, 806).

In Light of the Growing Sexual Addictions Promoted in our Society we found an excellent website:

<http://www.purelifeministries.org/#home> This is for those who want to overcome sexual addictions of all kinds. There is also help for other family members who have been damaged or traumatized.

Pure Life Ministries has been a pioneer in dealing with sexual addictions for 30 years now. In fact, they were the first to offer a residential program specifically addressing this issue. During that time thousands have found freedom through their programs and teaching materials. We highly recommend this Christian ministry.



Penalties for working on Sunday?

The Sydney Morning Herald, Sydney, Australia's oldest continuous newspaper, has begun to advocate penalties to businesses that make people work on Sunday.³ In an article called "Save our Sundays" the newspaper expresses that if people are going to work on Sunday then businesses should be given a "penalty pay." The paper goes on to express the need of "a common Sabbath for individuals and the community" and laments the fact that "Sunday community life" and "worship" have been in decline. The article concludes that Sunday is "much more than a day for church," Sunday is what "makes us human." God predicted that these words would be used to promote the enforcement of a Sunday law:

"Yet this very class put forth the claim that the fast-spreading corruption is largely attributable to the **desecration of the so-called 'Christian Sabbath,' and that the enforcement of Sunday observance would greatly improve the morals of society**" (*The Great Controversy*, 587).

In the efforts of improving the "morals of society," the churches will actually be enforcing the worship of the Papacy. The seventh-day Sabbath which was instituted by God after He rested on it, blessed and sanctified it (Genesis 2:1-3). God later codified the Sabbath in the heart of His 10 Commandments (Exodus 20:8-11). We are told to "remember" this day through worship to our Creator. The enforcement of Sunday honors the one who claims to have changed God's law (Daniel 7:25).



"The enforcement of Sunday keeping on the part of Protestant churches is an enforcement of the worship of the Papacy - the beast" (*The Great Controversy*, 448). "But in the very act of enforcing a religious duty by secular power, the churches would themselves form an image to the beast" (*The Great Controversy*, 449).

The world and the church continue to reject God's clear teaching. Unless they repent and renew their commitment to God's word they will receive the mark of the beast and the seven last plagues. As faithful believers we must challenge the advancement of the Sunday law and warn people everywhere of the dangers and of their relation to the mark of the beast and religious liberty. May we spread the Three Angel's Message far and wide during this time of spiritual crises.

"As faithful watchmen you should see the sword coming and give the warning" (*Review and Herald*, December 24, 1889).

[1] <http://www.christianitytoday.com/gleanings/2016/july/russia-ban-evangelism-effect.html>

[2] <http://www.christianpost.com/news/christianmingle-dating-site-needs-to-include-gays-lesbians-california-court-rules-165948/>

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