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Stop! Look! Listen!

How to get the most out of prayer



PERSONALLY SPEAKING

Can you imagine really caring about someone—your spouse, your best friend, your child—and never talking with him or her? Of course not. Love is built on communication, and so are all of the most important relationships we are blessed with.

So if Jesus wants to be both Husband and best Friend to us, as the Bible says,¹ and if God is our heavenly Father, then isn't it only logical that They would want to talk to us?

If Christianity were merely a philosophy or code of ethics or even a religion, those might simply be clever analogies—husband, friend, father—to try to explain our relationship to God and Jesus in a philosophical sort of way. But true Christianity is far more than any of those, thank God! It's more than rationale and rules, rhetoric and ritual, morals and ethics; it's a living, loving, personal relationship—a relationship that grows richer and deeper and stronger through honest, open communication with our Creator.

The means of communication that God has provided is prayer, which means not only talking to God, but listening to Him too. He wants us to tell Him our needs and desires, our problems and fears, our innermost thoughts, and our secret dreams. And it works both ways. He also wants to answer our questions, help solve our problems, encourage us when we feel down, and share our victories and joys. Most of all, He wants to help us understand and experience His love in a very real and personal way.

If you haven't yet discovered how to hear directly from God, to receive His personalized messages of love, encouragement, instruction, guidance, and more, this issue of *Activated* will help you do just that.

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¹Romans 7:4; Proverbs 18:24

GOD STILL SPEAKS

God isn't dead! He's alive and well, and still ready, willing, and able to speak to His children—and He wants to speak to *you*.



“HOW CAN THAT BE?” you may ask. In order to comprehend the answer to that—how the great God and Creator of the universe could communicate directly with you, or why He would even want to—you must first understand how much God loves you. He loves you so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for your sins so that you could be forgiven and receive His gift of eternal life in Heaven, simply by believing in Jesus and receiving Him as your Savior. Jesus died for the sins of the whole world, but He would have died for you alone. He and His Father love you that much!

In His love, God also gave you the Bible, through which He tells you how to live in love and harmony with Him and others. God's Words in the Bible are an inexhaustible source of faith, comfort, encouragement, instruction, wisdom, and spiritual strength.

But God didn't stop there. He loves you so much that He not only wants to communicate with you through His written Word, but directly. He takes a loving personal interest in you and wants to be involved in your life. He knows that you have questions and problems, and He wants to give

you the answers and solutions. He also wants to speak personal words of love and encouragement to you, to boost your faith and reassure you during those rough times. Most of all, He wants you to know how much He loves you personally. So He created a means of two-way communication, a channel between Him and you, so that you can talk to Him in prayer and in reply hear words He gives specially for you.

But what if you don't consider yourself very spiritual or close to God? Well, you'll be happy to know that God will speak to anyone who has a little childlike faith. He wants to speak to you, to give you a chance to experience His infinite wisdom and boundless love. He wants to lead you step by step into a closer relationship with Him and a greater understanding of His will and ways.

God may speak to you in a number of ways: As you read the Bible, He may cause a particular passage to stand out to you and show you how it applies to your situation or how it answers a question you may have. He may not even use words; He may just give you an impression or inner conviction, a sort of intuitive

knowledge about a particular situation. He may speak to you through vivid dreams or visions. He may speak through others—godly counselors whose wisdom and experience you can benefit from. But of all the ways God is able to speak to you, perhaps none is more wonderful or of greater practical value than the gift of prophecy.

Did you know that the principal dictionary definition of the word “prophecy” is not “a prediction,” but rather “a divinely inspired utterance”? In other words, prophecy is receiving a message directly from God. Whenever you hear words in your mind that you believe are from God and you say them or write them down, you are prophesying.

You can hear from Heaven! Put God to the test! See if He will not open to you the windows of Heaven and pour out such blessings on you—the treasures of His Words for you personally—that you will not be able to contain them all! ✨

(EXCERPTED FROM *HEARING FROM HEAVEN* FROM THE *GET ACTIVATED* SERIES.)

HOW PROPHECY WORKS



Once you're open to the idea that God can speak to you, what next? Here are the basic ground rules:

1. Have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

If you've received Jesus as your Savior, you've already met the first and most important requirement. When you opened your heart to Jesus, you began an intimate relationship with Him not only as your Savior, but also as your friend, teacher, and counselor.

2. Be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Jesus told His disciples shortly before He was crucified that after He was gone, He would send the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, to teach them all things and guide them into all truth.¹ He has promised to give the Holy Spirit to you, too, if you ask for it.²

3. Pray for the gift.

The ability to receive messages directly from God—commonly referred to as the gift of prophecy—is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit that are explained in 1 Corinthians chapter 12. God is more than willing to give you this or whatever other gifts of the Spirit you ask for.^{3,4}

4. Talk to Jesus.

Prayer is not meant to be a religious ritual, but a living relationship. Jesus wants to speak to you as openly and freely as your best friend or spouse

¹John 16:7,13–14

²Luke 11:9–13

³Matthew 7:7–8

⁴See *God's Gifts*, from the *Get Activated* series, for more information on the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit.

would, but it's a two-way street. It may be awkward at first if you aren't used to speaking to Him personally, but it gets easier once you begin to do it regularly. He understands and loves you as no other can. He wants you to tell Him your deepest thoughts, your innermost feelings, your secret dreams and longings.

5. Read God's Word.

In order to correctly apply the words that Jesus speaks to you personally in prophecy, you need a certain understanding of God's already recorded Word. Knowing the Word also helps you to have faith that the message you are hearing is from the Lord. The Bible is your foundation. Read it, study it, memorize it, and let it become a part of you.

6. Have faith.

The Bible tells us that having faith is being certain that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it right now. How do you get faith? Simple! Faith comes from reading the Word of God.⁵ As you read the Word and commit key passages to memory, your faith will grow.

7. Ask!

This may seem pretty obvious, but in order to receive something in prophecy, you first have to ask the Lord to speak to you. "Call on Me, and I will show you great and mighty things which you do not know."⁶ Place your telephone call and get His reply!

8. Be humble.

Your mindset, your attitude of heart, your motives—all of these help determine how clearly you will be able to hear from Heaven. You need to realize that you are weak in yourself, that you don't have the answers and therefore need God's answers.

"We have this treasure in earthen vessels"—lowly clay pots—"that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us."⁷

9. Ask God to override your own thoughts while hearing from Him, and to help you submit your will to His.

To receive God's messages, you need to have an open mind and heart. You need to be ready to accept whatever He gives, even if it's not what you were expecting, not completely to your liking, or you don't understand it fully. Your own ideas and desires may be good, but His will prove better.

10. Now you're ready to begin.

Start by finding a quiet place and taking a few minutes to talk to the Lord. Tell Him what's on your heart. Thank Him for His blessings in your life.

If you have a specific question you'd like to ask Jesus, go ahead. Then be still and focus your mind on the Lord. Closing your eyes will help you shut out distractions around you.

Do your best to concentrate and patiently listen with your spirit. Then take in whatever comes to your heart, mind, ears, or eyes, and accept that as the Lord's message for you. As you speak or write down the first bit you get, the Lord will give you more. When you've sincerely asked the Lord to speak, and your heart and mind are open to Him, He will! ✨

(FOR MORE EXPLANATION OF THE GIFT OF PROPHECY AND HOW TO USE IT AND BENEFIT FROM IT, READ *HEARING FROM HEAVEN*, A BOOKLET IN AURORA PRODUCTION'S *GET ACTIVATED* SERIES.)

⁵Romans 10:17

⁶Jeremiah 33:3

⁷2 Corinthians 4:7



thought power

BY MARIA FONTAINE

THE BIBLE has a lot to say about our thoughts, and it makes an interesting study. For example, it says the Lord's good thoughts toward us are innumerable, and that we're supposed to hate vain thoughts.¹

One of the best ways to put our thoughts to good use is to turn them into prayers. Think of all the things you think about throughout the day—all the things you deliberately think about and all the random thoughts that run through your head. Now size them up and ask yourself what your thoughts are accomplishing. Are you transforming your thoughts into power that will bring about some good?

Are your thoughts helping to sustain a soul in need? Or are they turning a blind eye to the one who cries for help? Are they

reaching out to answer a call? Are you tapping into heavenly power through prayer? Are you directing your thoughts to where they can make a positive difference?

God has given each of us this power, and He wants us to learn to use it. He wants us to learn to convert our thoughts into powerful prayer by praying for people and situations instead of just thinking about them. Thoughts turned into prayers materialize into God's blessings, God's intervention, God's protection, power, strength, and healing balm poured out on those for whom we care.

Thoughts turned into prayers will accomplish great feats, make the impossible possible, and change the course of history! On the other hand, thoughts left running idle float off to oblivion,

into the gray mass of nowhere-land, into the cracks and crevices of complacency, where they will rot and ruin and go to waste.

Every time we think a thought, we can turn it into a prayer—all the time, anywhere, even when we're all alone. For example, if you're at home cooking and your thoughts turn to your kids at school, pray that they'll have a good day. Or if while at work you start thinking about a difficult upcoming project, turn that thought into a prayer for the Lord's strength for the task. Or maybe you pass by an accident while driving home—pray for those who may have been hurt, as well as for your own safety and others' safety on the road.

All day long, no matter what else you're doing, you're thinking thoughts, but it's how you filter and direct them that can make a difference. What you decide to do with your thoughts and where you direct them is what counts. As you learn to direct your thoughts in prayer, sending them on to where they can accomplish some genuine good, it will make your life easier and bring about miracles. Turn your thoughts into good by turning them into prayer. Tap into Heaven's power by using your thought power! ✨

¹Psalm 40:5; 119:113 KJV



TURN ON AND TUNE IN

BY DAVID BRANDT BERG

GOD IS LIKE a broadcasting station, broadcasting all the time. Just like the radio waves that are unseen in the air all around you this very minute, God's Spirit is ever present, waiting for you to make contact. And much the same as a simple little radio, you have been designed by your Creator to receive those signals. God's power is always on. The message is always there. But in order to receive it, you must turn on your spiritual receiver and tune in to God's frequency.

Compared to the tremendous power and complex operations of the broadcasting station, you, the operator of the receiver, need not have much power and only the simplest of skills. Prayer is the hand of faith that flips the switch and turns on what little power you have. And then the hand of hope tunes with expectancy, feeling for the frequency upon which God is broadcasting, and suddenly His great broadcasting station booms in with tremendous positive volume and power, and the messages come through loud and clear.

If you concentrate and wait with faith and patience, without distraction, you'll receive some of the most powerful, thrilling, and amazing messages that will stir you to action. The messages you receive from Him minister faith, joy, hope, love, and praise. The vibes you get from the Lord are all *good* things. They just totally renew you and give you new vision, fresh inspiration, new strength, rest and peace and joy! You'll dance to His tunes; you'll move according to His signals, His directions; and you'll know you're fulfilling His will, the purpose for which you were created. ☞

FEEDING READING

Hearing from God

The Holy Spirit connection

Mark 13:11

John 16:7,13-14

1 Corinthians 2:9-10,14

*The Lord will guide and
instruct*

Psalms 25:8-9,12

Psalms 32:8

Jeremiah 33:3

Isaiah 30:21

Isaiah 42:16

Daniel 2:20-22

*Get quiet and take time to
listen*

Psalms 4:4

Psalms 143:8,10

Biblical examples

Numbers 9:8

1 Samuel 3:9-10

1 Kings 19:11-12

Jeremiah 1:9

Ezekiel 3:27

Luke 2:26

Acts 10:19-20

God still speaks

Malachi 3:6

Amos 3:7

Acts 2:17

Hebrews 13:8

Stop! ... Look! ... Listen!

BY DAVID BRANDT BERG

PEOPLE WOULD MAKE better decisions and arrive at them a lot easier if, instead of trying to reason things out themselves, they would pray. God has all the answers. Prayer is not just getting down on your knees and speaking your piece, but more importantly, letting God speak His. If you'll do that, He'll tell you what to do.

If you really want to hear the Lord, He will talk to you. But in order for Him to get through, you're going to have to get quiet by yourself, somewhere, somehow, sometime. He says, "Be still, and know that I am God."¹ "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."² How many "quiet times" do you have?

You don't have to be down on your hands and knees, praying frantically, to be heard by God. Prayer should be something you're doing all the time, no matter what else you're doing. Quiet times are important, but you can't always wait until conditions are perfect or you're through doing this or that to pray. Sometimes you have to pray as you go. It's like thinking on your feet.

If you're confused, worrying, fretting, and fuming, then you're not trusting; you don't have the faith you ought to have. Trusting is a picture of complete rest and peace of mind, heart, and spirit. You may have to continue working, but your attitude and spirit is calm.

When you truly trust the Lord, you can have peace in the midst of storm and calm in the eye of the hurricane. It reminds me of an art contest that was held in which the artists were asked to illustrate peace. Most of the contestants handed in paintings of quiet, calm scenes of the countryside—absolute tranquility. Well, that's a form of peace, but the hardest kind of peace to have was illustrated in the picture that won the award. It depicted the roaring, foaming torrents of a storm-swollen river, and on a little tree branch overhanging the rapids was a nest where a tiny bird sat, peacefully singing in spite of the raging river. That's when your faith gets tested, in the midst of turmoil.

Look at all the people in the Bible who had to learn to hear from God and to wait for Him to





You cannot do the Master's work without the Master's power, and to get it, you must spend time with the Master

work—David, Moses, Noah, Abraham, the apostle John, and Jesus Himself, to name a few.

David spent 24 years working under blunderbuss King Saul, and the Lord really taught him a lot from Saul's bad example. Saul often became impatient and tried to do things in his own strength, and he found he wasn't strong enough. David learned that he had to let God do everything, and wait for Him.

When Moses was a smart young man, 40 years of age, he really thought he knew how to do the job—but he made a terrible mess out of it and had to run for his life! It took God 40 years to straighten Moses out and show him that he had to depend on Him.³

Later, Moses had several million people sitting out in the middle of the desert, waiting for him and wondering, "What are we going to eat? What are we going to drink? Where are we going? What are we going to do?" And what did Moses do? He climbed to the top of a mountain and stayed there alone with the Lord for 40 days!

What if he had been fretting all the time, "What if something happens? I have to get back. What if Aaron makes a golden calf?"—which he did! And when Moses did get upset, he broke the stone tablets on which God had written the Ten Commandments and had to go back up the mountain and get quiet for another 40 days to receive them from God again.⁴

It took Noah 120 years to build the Ark. I wonder how much of that was spent in prayer. He must have taken some time with the Lord, or he never could have gotten all the precise instructions on how to build the vessel. God probably gave him the exact specifications for every part of that boat. Noah just went calmly about his business, building the Ark. He could have panicked and hastily slapped it together, thinking rain was coming any minute, but he didn't. Many of us would probably think we were spending a lot of time preparing for something if we just spent 120 days on it, but Noah spent 120 years hearing from the Lord and building the Ark. Noah had faith!⁵

Think of the years Abraham, "the father of faith,"⁶ spent out in the fields watching flocks. No wonder he heard from the Lord; he had time to listen.

Jesus spent 30 years of His life in preparation and only a little over three years in His public ministry. On the eve of His ministry, He went out and spent 40 days and nights in the wilderness, being tested by the Devil. He had to defeat the Devil first.⁷ If you don't get alone with the Lord and beat the Devil first, you won't get far.

¹Psalm 46:10

²Isaiah 30:15

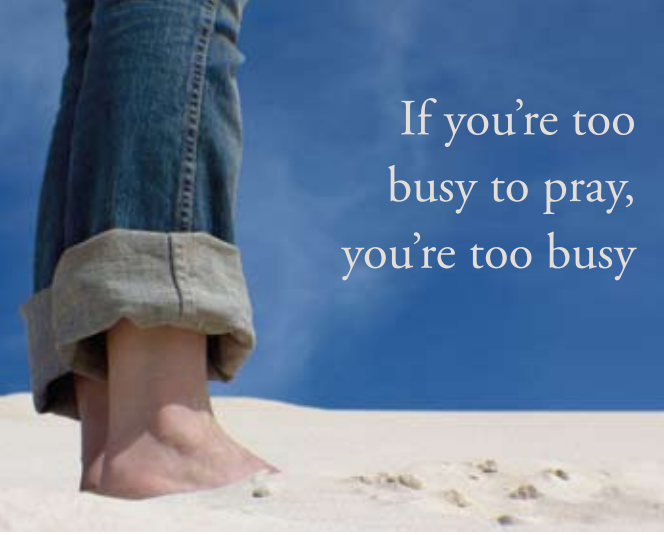
³Exodus chapters 2 and 3

⁴Exodus 24:12–18, and chapters 32 and 34

⁵Genesis 6:11–22 and chapter 7; Hebrews 11:7

⁶Romans 4:11,16

⁷Matthew 4:1–11



If you're too busy to pray, you're too busy

The apostle John wrote the Gospel of John, and it must have taken some time with the Lord to do it. However, John's greatest masterpiece, the book of Revelation, was virtually written by the Lord Himself while John was banished on the Mediterranean island of Patmos. John's biggest work was just letting the Lord do all the directing, the speaking, the revealing—everything!

Farmers need a lot of patience and faith. They can't expect everything in one day, but must patiently wait for the plants to grow and the animals to produce. God does the biggest part of the job: He sends the sun and rain and makes the crops grow, and He's the One who causes the animals to produce. About all the farmer can do is trust the Lord and not worry about it. We should take a lesson from the farmer.

Some people have to be in motion all the time; they've got to be doing something. But if you're too busy to pray, you're too busy! If you're too busy to get alone with God and pray, you're too busy! It's as if a servant told his king, "I'm sorry, I can't come and listen to your orders today because I'm too busy serving you." The most important job you have is listening to the King of Kings.

It's not up to the king to go chasing after his subjects, screaming and hollering at them to try to get them to follow his instructions. Rather, his subjects should come to him with quietness and respect, present their petitions and then wait silently for the king's answer. You need to respect and reverence the Lord, and treat Him like the king He is.

You show that you have faith by stopping your own activity and waiting for God to work. "Be still and know that I am God."⁸ "Study to be quiet."⁹ "Let all the earth keep silence before Him."¹⁰ There will even be silence in Heaven on one occasion.¹¹

But the world is always in a hurry. That's the Devil's own plan: Speed up the world—anything to make everything move faster. The earth has hardly varied in its speed since God created it. God isn't in a hurry. He hasn't sped up the days or seasons, but man is speeding up things—and the result is a world hell-bent for destruction.

So let's try to slow things down. Relax! But most of all, stop, look, listen ... and wait. Warning signs like this are posted at dangerous places such as railroad crossings—places of crisis where there is an interruption of your routine, your way, your road—otherwise you might drive across the tracks when a train is coming and get hit.

"But," you say, "I don't have time to stop, look, and listen!" Well, if you don't, you may never make it. Which is easier, to try to beat the train, to try to plow through the train, to jump over the train, or to stop for a few minutes and watch it go by? It will soon be gone, and you can go peacefully on your way.

Trying to force the situation just won't work! It doesn't pay to rush around trying to get someplace or to do something when you're supposed to be waiting on the Lord to find out where He wants you to be and what He wants you to do.

If you're hurrying and rushing around, fretting and impatient, you'll never be able to focus your full attention on the Lord and get His solutions to your problems and His answers to your questions, and thereby make the best decision in each situation. You must stop, look, listen, and wait in communion with Him until you get His answers. When you have learned to do that, you will have learned how to make Spirit-led decisions.


He gives the very best to them who leave the choices up to Him! ❧

⁸Psalm 46:10

⁹1 Thessalonians 4:11 KJV

¹⁰Habakkuk 2:20

¹¹Revelation 8:1



Jesus wants to
speak directly
to you

BY MARIA FONTAINE

JESUS WANTS TO be your personal Shepherd.¹ When you feel alone, when you need a shoulder to cry on, someone to understand, a word of sympathy and encouragement, He is always available.

You can go to Him and receive specific instruction, encouragement, and the answers you need, tailor-made for your individual situation. As He speaks to you through His heavenly messages that are just what you need day by day, you'll see how much He can relate to you and how much you can relate to Him. You'll understand Him better, and you'll realize more than ever what a close and caring friend He is.

Faith comes by hearing the Word—not only the written Word, but also the Words that Jesus, your personal and loving Shepherd, can give you through the marvelous gift of prophecy. ✨

¹Psalm 23

MAKING GREAT DECISIONS

PERFECT DECISIONS ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN because life is messy. A *great* decision is always possible, however. Great decisions don't all have fairytale endings, but they do achieve the best possible outcome under the circumstances.

The most successful decision-makers don't act on impulse, intuition, or even experience alone; they have a system that they work through step by step. Here is one such system:

- **Define the issue.** A problem well stated is a problem half solved. Employ the “who, what, when, why, and how” regimen of the journalist, although not necessarily in that order. Why is the decision necessary? What is the objective? How can a great decision change things for the better? Whom will it affect? When does it need to be made?
- **Take a positive approach.** Make a conscious effort to see the situation as an opportunity rather than a problem.
- **List your options.** The more alternatives you consider, the more likely you will be to not overlook the best solution.
- **Gather information about your options.** You will not only make better decisions if you have investigated thoroughly, but you will also have more peace of mind as you carry out your decision.
- **Be objective.** If you already have an opinion on the matter, the natural tendency will be to look primarily for evidence to confirm that opinion. That works if you happen to be right, but if you're not... Welcome alternatives and opposing views. Remind yourself that the goal is not to prove yourself right, but to make the right decision.
- **Consider your options.** Write down the pros and cons for each option and see how they stack up against each other. Try to determine both best-case and worst-case scenarios for each option. See if there is some way to combine several promising solutions into one potent solution.
- **Be true to yourself.** Do any of the alternatives compromise your values? If so, scratch them from the list.
- **Make a decision.** When you're convinced that you've found the best alternative, commit to it.
- **Be open to change if circumstances change.** Once you make a decision and begin to act on it, a better option may open up. This is sometimes referred to as the “boat-and-rudder effect.” It's not until a boat is in motion that the rudder can come into play, but when it does, it makes greater maneuverability possible.
- **Ask Jesus.** Last but certainly not least, pray for guidance at each step of the decision-making process. The answers to all your questions and problems are simple for Jesus, so if you're smart, you'll be like the man who said, “I may not know all the answers, but I know the Answer Man!” Jesus has all the answers. He *is* the answer! ✚





As soon as
I send my
e-mail, the
reply comes

E-mailing Jesus

BY KETI ROSALIEVA

WHEN A CLOSE friend moved away, I felt alone and worried about not having anyone to talk to, seek advice from, and confide in. I very much missed having that special link with someone, but I soon discovered that I could have the same kind of personal connection with Jesus that I had enjoyed with my dear friend.

I decided to get up earlier each morning than I had been in order to take an hour to read God's Word and hear from Jesus in prophecy before I did anything else. These have become my daily "talk times" with Jesus, and they really do the trick!

Since I can type faster than I can write, I do this on my computer. I start by typing a prayer in which I share my heart with Jesus—just as though I were writing Him a letter or e-mail. I tell Him what's been happening

with me, what I expect to face that day, and anything that may be bothering me. He already knows these things, of course, but it really helps to commit it all to Him in prayer. When I type "Amen," it's like clicking on the "send" button on my e-mail program. My prayer, like an e-mail message, has been sent off to the courts of Heaven for Jesus to read.

That's great, but even better is that I don't have to wait for hours, days, or weeks for a reply. As soon as I send my e-mail, the reply comes. I just type out the message as I hear Jesus speak to my heart, and it nearly always contains all the answers, comfort, instruction, peace, and inspiration I need to see me through the day. If not, I shoot off another e-mail to Jesus asking Him to fill in the gaps, and He does.

This special time with Jesus in the morning has been such a help that I've gotten in the habit of e-mailing Him a couple of times a day, especially when things come up unexpectedly and I need His opinion or advice. Usually it just takes a few minutes, and the clear, simple advice and solutions He gives always make it time well spent.

I now enjoy the companionship and confidence of new friends and co-workers, but I am hooked on my e-mail times with Jesus. They have become my way of telling Him how much I love and need and depend on Him, as well as a great opportunity to thank Him for all He does for me. In return, He sends me all I need to meet and make it through the day a winner. I like that part too! ✂

The rise of the Antichrist

THE FUTURE FORETOLD, PART 4

BY MICHAEL ROY AND SCOTT MACGREGOR

“THE ANTICHRIST IS COMING.”¹

The most outstanding and ominous sign of the end of the world as we know it—a sign that the Bible devotes several key chapters to—will be the rise of a Devil-possessed tyrant known as the Antichrist, or “the Beast,” who will set up a world government “over every tribe, tongue, and nation.”²

There are already signs that the world is heading toward the global government that this verse seems to imply. Many present international and supranational bodies, treaties, and protocols have at their core the promotion of regional or global cooperation and integration. The European Union now encompasses 27 nations, with more seeking admittance. The African Union, which was formed in 2001, includes 53 African nations. In 2004, the nations of South America signed the Cuzco Declaration announcing the foundation of the South

American Community modeled after the European Union, including goals of a common currency, parliament, and passport. The declared aim of the Asian Cooperation Dialogue, which includes the megastates of Russia, China, and India, as well as 27 other Asian countries, is to transform the continent into an Asian Community.

The United Nations, with its 192 member states, is the hub for many organizations that affect and regulate our lives, such as the World Health Organization, the International Atomic Energy Commission, the International Labor Organization, UNESCO, the International Court of Justice (the World Court), the International Criminal Court, and the World Bank.

Globalization of the economy is a reality. Numerous trade bodies and treaties are already in place, such as the World Trade Organization, ASEAN, NAFTA, and Mercosur.

THE JERUSALEM PEACE ACCORD

It appears that the Antichrist will rise to power on a political platform of peace, security, and economic stability. Like Satan himself, who can appear as an angel of light, this man will deceive most of the world into thinking that he is a great man of peace, a hero. The prophet Daniel wrote that “he shall come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom by intrigue.”³ He confirms with many other leaders an international protocol that Daniel called “the Holy Covenant.”⁴

Whether this world government that the Antichrist heads is already in power or it comes to power when this document is signed, we don’t yet know. The Scriptures clearly state, however, that this covenant will have a planned duration of seven years, and that it will be pivotal to the

¹John 2:18

²Revelation 13:7

³Daniel 11:21

⁴Daniel 9:27; 11:22–32

Antichrist's claim to world leadership. This pact will also accomplish the seemingly impossible task of resolving the Middle East crisis, at least temporarily.

It seems the compromise between the Israelis and the Palestinians will include Jerusalem and its holy sites. A central issue will be Mount Moriah in Jerusalem, which is sacred to Jews (their Temple stood there before being destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD), and to Muslims (the Dome of the Rock, part of the Al-Haram al-Qudsi al-Sharif complex, the third most revered holy place in Islam, stands there today). Scripture indicates that the Antichrist's covenant will enable the Jews to rebuild their national temple, where they will revive their ancient rituals of animal sacrifice.⁵

Much of the religious paraphernalia and building materials for this temple have already been fabricated and stored, and the priests and temple attendants are already trained.⁶

MORE CLUES

The biblical prophet Ezekiel (circa 623–571 BC) calls the Antichrist “Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal.”⁷ Scholars agree that the ancient land referred to as Magog appears to be a powerful country or region to the north of Israel, which leads some to believe that the Antichrist will rise out of Russia.

Visions recorded in chapters 2 and 7 of the book of Daniel



indicate that the Antichrist will be associated with ten “kings” of nations that were once part of the Roman Empire, which included much of Western and Southern Europe. The book of Revelation says these ten will “give their power and authority unto the beast.”⁸

There are also indications in Scripture that the Antichrist could have something to do with Egypt.⁹

THE GREAT TRIBULATION

Although most of the world will initially hail the Antichrist as a political savior, three and a half years after the enactment of the seven-year covenant, he will revoke the peace pact and manifest his satanic nature. At this time he apparently will invade Israel and establish himself in Jerusalem, making that city his world capital.¹⁰

His government will then outlaw all religions except the worship of the Antichrist and

an image of himself that will somehow be empowered to speak and “cause as many as would not worship [it] to be killed.”¹¹ Jesus said that when you see this image, the “abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place [temple] ... then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world.”¹² Thus the name given to this period is the “Great Tribulation.” It will be a time when the Antichrist and his regime will institute a ruthless repression and persecution of believers in God.¹³

It is also at this time that the Antichrist government tries to impose the infamous “666” financial system globally. ❖

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⁵Daniel 8:23–25; 9:27; 2 Thessalonians 2:1–4

⁶The Temple Institute, <http://www.templeinstitute.org/main.htm>.

⁷Ezekiel 38:2

⁸Revelation 17:13

⁹Daniel 8:22–26

¹⁰Daniel 11:45

¹¹Revelation 13:14–15

¹²Matthew 24:15,21

¹³Daniel 7:21,25; 8:23–24; 11:31–35; 12:7,10; Revelation 13:5–7

In the Secret Chambers

FROM JESUS WITH LOVE

In the quiet chambers, as you take time with Me, I will speak to you. At first it won't even be in words. I'll just give you the peace that you need.

But as you take more time with Me—always coming in faith, believing that I'm there, waiting for you, and that I enter with you into the secret, quiet chambers of your heart—as you do this more and more, you will begin to hear Me more clearly. It's something that you need to make a habit of, something that you have to practice. You have to attune your spiritual ears so that you can hear My voice. It's like learning anything new. At first you have to concentrate, to really make an effort.

It's like someone learning to tune a stringed instrument. At first it's very difficult. Musicians have to really concentrate to be able to tell which notes are off key, which strings need to be tightened and which need to be loosened. But after a while, it becomes second nature to them and they can do it almost without thinking.

So it is with learning to listen to Me and hear from Me. Come regularly, step into the quiet chambers of your heart, and tune in to hear My voice. Little by little you will begin to hear Me clearer and clearer, until pretty soon it won't require such a big effort. You'll be able to hear Me loud and clear. You won't even wonder if it's Me. You won't even have to strain to hear it, but My still, small voice will just be there, clearly instructing you in your heart.

