

A Global Plague

Birds and Fish Dying

What in the world is going on? What's happening to nature?
Is the natural world going berserk? Is nature running wild?
Birds falling from the sky, without explanation; fish dying in
the rivers and oceans and lakes – without adequate scientific
evidence as to the cause. Is this a warning to the human race?
Is this a divine message to mankind? What do we know? What
does Bible prophecy state? You need to KNOW the answers!

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A survey conducted by the Federation of Fishermen's Colony of Paraná, Paranaguá on the coast of the state, indicates that at least 100 tons of fish (sardine, croaker and catfish) have turned up dead since last Thursday off the coast of Parana.

On Sunday, representatives from the Environmental Institute of Paraná (IAP), the Secretary of State for the Environment and Water Resources (SEMA), took samples to verify the reason for the deaths.

The president of the Federation of Fishermen's Colony of Parana, Edmir Manoel Ferreira, reports that between Paranaguá and Guaraqueçaba at least 2,800 fishermen depend on the daily seafood.

Meanwhile, officials say about 50 birds have been found dead on a street in Sweden. Veterinarian Robert ter Horst says the cause of jackdaws' deaths was unclear but that fireworks were set off near the scene Tuesday night.

The birds were found dead on Wednesday.

Ter Horst says cold weather, difficulties finding food and possible shock from the fireworks could be responsible, leading to the stressed birds either dying from the stress or being run over by vehicles.

Still, a recent string of such events has raised public interest, and even mostly-joking suggestions that the occurrences are signs of the *apocalypse*. But is it really a huge “joke” after all?

Around 5,000 blackbirds rained from the sky on New Year's Eve in Arkansas. Some 500 birds littered a quarter-mile stretch of highway in Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana.

The mystery of the dying birds deepened for baffled experts after another 500 birds were found littering a Louisiana highway days after 5,000 redwinged blackbirds plunged to their death on New Year's eve. This was just 300 miles away from Beebe, Ark., where thousands of dying birds fell from the sky this past weekend, Louisiana officials revealed that hundreds of birds were found dead.

“We have blackbirds, starlings, sparrows. Several species of birds are affected,” said Dr. Jim Lacour, Louisiana's state wildlife veterinarian.

The birds were found in the Labarre community, 30 miles from Baton Rouge. Officials say that the two incidents are pure coincidence and unrelated to one another.

Louisiana officials believe the birds fell to their death either late Sunday or early Monday after flying into a power line. The birds sustained injuries from broken beaks to broken backs. What prompted the birds to fly into the power line, however, is still a mystery.

The bigger mystery, however, remains the mass death of 5,000 redwing blackbirds in Beebe, Ark. What causes thousands of birds to suddenly plummet from the skies to their death? The mystery deepens. The enigma expands. The puzzle seems unexplainable.

From New Zealand to Florida

Hundreds of dead snapper have washed up on Coromandel beaches on the North Island of New Zealand, leaving holidaymakers perplexed. The mysterious incident came as the southern United States was hit with a second unexplained mass bird death within a week.

People at Little Bay and Waikawau Bay, on the north-east of the peninsula, were stunned when children came out of the sea with armfuls of the fish and within minutes the shore was littered with them. Charlotte Pearsall, whose family have lived at Little Bay for the last 30 years, said she had never seen anything like it. “It was so surreal,” she said. “It's such an incredible waste – it could've fed the whole northern tip of the Coromandel.”

What in the world is happening in the middle of the United States right now?

The New Madrid Fault

Thousands of birds are falling dead from the skies, tens of thousands of fish are washing up on shore dead, earthquakes are popping up in weird and unexpected places and people are starting to get really freaked out.

One theory is that the New Madrid fault zone is coming to life. The New Madrid fault zone is six times bigger than the San Andreas fault zone in California and it covers portions of Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi. The biggest earthquakes in the history of the United States were caused by the New Madrid fault. Now there are fears that the New Madrid fault zone could be coming to life again, and if a “killer earthquake” does strike it could change all of our lives forever.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, more than 500 measurable earthquakes have been recorded in central Arkansas just since September 2010. A magnitude 3.8 earthquake shook north-central Indiana on Dec.30, and is being called “unprecedented.”

On New Year’s Eve some 3,000 re-wing blackbirds fell out of the sky in the Arkansas town of Beebe. Large numbers of dead birds were also found in Kentucky, around Christmas, and some 500 blackbirds and starlings were discovered also in Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana. Around 100,000 fish were found washed upon the shores of the Arkansas River during the first week of January. Could all these deaths be related?

The fact that they happened near, in or around the New Madrid Fault Zone is raising some eyebrows. In 1811-1812 there were four powerful earthquakes in that area which were magnitude 7.0 or even over 8.1. They opened deep fissures in the ground and caused the Mississippi to flow backwards.

If a truly “killer earthquake” struck along that zone today, it could completely destroy St. Louis, Missouri, and Memphis, Tennessee. Seismologists fear that such an earthquake could be on the event horizon.

Some fear that the BP oil spill of 2010 might have sparked renewed seismic activity along the fault and that part of the world. According to Jack M. Reed, who has studied the geology of the Gulf of Mexico for over 40 years, the Gulf of Mexico is tectonically active and is the source of most seismic activity along the New Madrid Fault. Says Reed, “This entire zone through the United States is suffering some type of tectonic activity that I believe is tied to the deeply buried tectonics in the Gulf of Mexico.”

If a truly great earthquake struck along the New Madrid Fault, it could cause damage throughout Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Indiana, Alabama, and Tennessee.

It’s not just California that needs to be worried about the “Big One.” A devastating earthquake along the New Madrid Zone could wipe out the national economy and our economy is already teetering on the brink of disaster!

A Shocking Report – Murder and Cover Up

Perhaps the most sensational and provocative explanation of at least some of the phenomenon is a report prepared by the Russian Intelligence Service, or GRU, for Prime

Minister Putin. It is a strange – but incredible story of malfeasance and corruption in high places in government. Human nature being what it is, the report deserves close scrutiny and investigation.

Says the European Union Times, in an article posted without comment:

“A shocking report prepared for Prime Minister Putin by the Foreign Military Intelligence Directorate (GRU) states that one of the United States top experts in biological and chemical weapons was brutally murdered after he threatened to expose a US Military test of poison gas that killed hundreds of thousands of animals in Arkansas this past week.

“According to this report, John P. Wheeler III, Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, D.C. from 2005-2008, when he became the Special Assistant to the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Logistics and Environment, was found brutally murdered and dumped in a landfill, and as we can read as reported by Fox News:

“ ‘Delaware Police are investigating the apparent murder of a former Bush official who also championed the fund-raising effort to build the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the Mall in Washington, D.C. Wheeler’s body was found in Wilmington on Friday.

“ ‘According to police, somebody initially reported that the body was dumped out of a refuse truck, which would have been coming from Newark, onto the landfill. Newark Police spokesman Lt. Mark Farrall told Fox News that nobody had reported Wheeler missing before he was found.

“ ‘The Wilmington News Journal reported that Wheeler was last seen riding an Amtrak train from Washington to Wilmington, Del., last Tuesday.’

“Wheeler’s military career included writing one of the most important manuals on the effectiveness of biological and chemical weapons which led to his being hired in 2009 as a consultant to the Mitre Corporation, whose aviation system development department, the GRU reports, is at the forefront of creating the computer command and control systems used by the US Air Force in their fleet of aerial spraying planes.

“These aerial spraying planes, this report continues, are based at the Little Rock Air Force Base in Arkansas that over the past few months have been involved with ‘test dispersants’ of poisonous gasses in the Afghanistan War Theater using chemical weapons stocks obtained from Iraq and held at the Pine Bluff Arsenal, also located in Arkansas.

“Important to note about the Pine Bluff Arsenal, which calls itself “America’s Arsenal”, is that it is one of the World’s most specialized munitions and chemical-biological defense products and services bases which Russia had previously accused of not fully reporting the chemical agents removed from Iraq, between 2003 and 2008, and taken to the US for testing and subsequent destruction.

“According to this report, the US relocated from Iraq to the Pine Bluff Arsenal an estimated 63,000 metric tonnes of the poisonous gas Phosgene that is described as one of the most feared chemical weapons ever used due to its ability to literally cause the lungs and respiratory system to explode.

“Nearly immediately after Russia accused the US this past summer of not fully destroying Iraq’s Phosgene poisonous gas stockpile the Pine Bluff Arsenal began an ‘accelerated’ disposal programme injecting it deep into the ground in central Arkansas, but which, unfortunately, since this past September, has caused over 500 minor earthquakes to occur raising the concerns of their local population.

“More frightening, however, is the claim made in this report that the Americans have also begun shipping ‘massive quantities’ of Iraq’s Phosgene poisonous gas stocks to Afghanistan where when used they will be able to say they had nothing to do with it, and believe no one will be able to prove it either.

Important to note about Iraq's Phosgene poisonous gas stocks are that they are no longer able to be made by any Western country, including the United States, which makes its value as a Weapon of Mass Destruction (WMD) incalculable, especially in a war situation like Afghanistan where the enemy forces are firmly entrenched in hostile terrain.

"To the direct reason for Wheeler's murder, this report says, was this past week's transport of Iraqi Phosgene poisonous gas aboard a US Air Force KC-767 tanker aircraft from Little Rock Air Force Base enroute to Afghanistan that shortly after takeoff had a 'critical malfunction' of its aerial spraying computer directed command and control system over central Arkansas causing the deaths of thousands of red-wing blackbirds.

"According to US reports an estimated 4,000 of these birds were killed outright and were quickly removed by US Environmental Services workers wearing hazmat suits and gas masks. Another US report states that cause of death to these thousands of birds was "trauma in the breast tissue, with blood clots in the body cavity and a lot of internal bleeding" which this GRU report states is consistent with Phosgene exposure. Even more chilling than this incident is this GRU report stating that it was the second "accidental" release of Phosgene poisonous gas in as many days, as the day before, this same US Air Force KC-767 tanker aircraft also had a "critical malfunction" causing a release over the Arkansas River that killed over 100,000 fish.

"Upon Wheeler discovering what was happening with Iraq's Phosgene poisonous gas stockpiles, this report continues, he traveled from his home in Delaware to Washington D.C. where he openly confronted and threatened to expose the Pentagon and White House Officials responsible. Being a Vietnam Veteran who was responsible for having the famous memorial to that war erected, Wheeler was more than knowledgeable about the United States massive chemical and biological attacks in that conflict and had vowed to not let happen again.

"Sadly, but all too common in the United States these days, when Wheeler threatened to go public with what was happening he was targeted for death, and as a "sign" to anyone else thinking of going against the regime, had his body dumped in a garbage pit for all the World to see.

"Today, another great American was murdered in an effort to save his country from destruction. Sadly, his death will go barely noticed; the American people seem no longer to care as they continue to seek their solace in their propaganda media lies rather than confronting the brutal truth about the monsters they have let rule over them.

"For hundreds of thousands of other Americans they have become so disassociated with what is happening to, and around them, they have proclaimed May 21, 2011 as the day the World will end and are giving up everything in preparing to meet their God.

"The great American Revolutionary leader Noah Webster once said, "Every child in America should be acquainted with his own country. He should read books that furnish him with ideas that will be useful to him in life and practice. As soon as he opens his lips, he should rehearse the history of his own country." The Americans living today have utterly failed to heed these words and have, instead, become just what their masters have always intended for them to be... *imbeciles*. May God have mercy on them all."

Chemicals sprayed from an airplane containing virulent toxins could well account for vast death of bird populations and fish populations. The dying of the birds and the fish is evidence that *something is dramatically and dangerously wrong!*

Is this the beginning of "end-time" disasters prophesied in the pages of Holy Scripture? Are Bible prophecies now beginning to be fulfilled – as a dire WARNING, a "shot across the bow," of modern governments, warning them to CHANGE THEIR WAYS, before it is everlastingly too late?

“World Gone Wild”

Writer Joel Rosenberg, in his “Flash Traffic,” declares, “I wanted to bring this headline to your attention: ‘2010's WORLD GONE WILD: QUAKES, FLOODS, BLIZZARDS.’ The AP story begins: ‘This was the year the Earth struck back. Earthquakes, heat waves, floods, volcanoes, super typhoons, blizzards, landslides and droughts killed at least a quarter million people in 2010 -- the deadliest year in more than a generation. More people were killed worldwide by natural disasters this year than have been killed in terrorism attacks in the past 40 years combined.’”

Rosenberg continues, “I’ve posted the full story and analysis on my blog. But as I’m writing this, I just got an email from a friend noting that a 6.5 magnitude earthquake has just hit southeastern Iran. ‘Starting to sound a lot like your novel,’ she notes, referring to *The Twelfth Imam* in which an earthquake is triggered by a secret Iranian nuclear weapons test following the assassination of a top Iranian atomic scientist.

“In light of all these natural disasters, are we seeing End Times Bible prophecies come to pass? When the disciples asked Jesus of Nazareth what signs they should expect in the “last days” before His return, the Lord described wars and rumors of wars, persecution of the believers, and other severe troubles. He also warned them that, ‘There will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven....There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken’ (Luke 21:11,25-26).”

Says Rosenberg, “I believe we are, in fact, seeing events that are fulfilling Bible prophecy. The critical question, in my view, is: How then shall we live in light of such things?”

Aye, there is the rub!

The signs we are seeing are PREDICTORS – warnings – given by a merciful God to tell mankind it is time to take stock of themselves, search out their lives, and prepare for the soon-coming day of judgment!

Jesus Christ, Yeshua, declared: “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:34-36).

Does Bible prophecy foretell these “signs”?

What do the prophets say?

Isaiah 24

Notice! We read in Isaiah 24:1-3, in the New King James Version: “Behold the hand of the Lord God makes the land empty and wasted and scatters abroad its inhabitants. It shall be with the people, so as it is with the priests”. The earth becomes corrupted by the hand of man. ‘It shall be with servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress. As with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the creditor, so with the debtor. The land shall be entirely empty and utterly plundered, for the Lord of Hosts has spoken this word.”

Now notice verse 4, *‘The earth mourns and fades away; the world languishes and fades away.* The haughty (proud) people of the earth languish. The earth is also *defiled under its inhabitants*, because they have transgressed the laws and changed the ordinances, broken the everlasting covenant. *Therefore the curse has devoured the earth* and those who dwell in it are desolate (held guilty). Therefore, the inhabitants are burned, and few men left.”

Accompanying this time of great upheaval, we find that famine occurs. “The new wine fails, the vine languishes, all the merry-hearted sigh. The mirth of the tambourine ceases, the noise of the jubilant ends. The joy of the harp ceases. . . The city of confusion is broken down. Every house is shut up, so that none may go in. There is a cry for wine in the streets, all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone. In the city desolation is left, and the gate is stricken with destruction. When it shall be thus in the midst of the land among the people, it shall be like the shaking of an olive tree, like the gleaning of grapes when the vintage is done.” (vs.7-13).

Isaiah continues, describing the pain and suffering caused by man’s evil doing. He declares, “I am ruined, ruined! Woe to me! The treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously, indeed, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously” (Isaiah 24:16).

Treacherous dealers are running this earth and its governments today!

The prophet continues, “Fear and the pit and the snare are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth. And it shall be that he who flees from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit, and he who comes up from the midst of the pit,

shall be caught in the snare. For *the windows from on high are open*, and the foundations of the earth are shaken” (v.17-18).

“The earth is violently broken, the earth is split open, the earth is shaken exceedingly, the earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall totter like a hut; its transgressions shall be heavy upon it, and it will fall, and not rise again.” (v.19-20).

In other words, the punishment of God is coming upon the nations of the world.

The Warning of Joel

The prophet Joel speaks of the same time as does Isaiah. We read in the Amplified Parallel Bible: “Has such a thing as this occurred in your days or even in the days of your fathers? Tell your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.

“What the crawling locust left, the swarming locust has eaten; and what the swarming locust has left, the hopping locust has eaten; and what the hopping locust left, the stripping locust has eaten” (Joel 1:2-4, Amplified Bible).

God continues, “For a [heathen and hostile nation [of locusts, illustrative of a human foe] has invaded my land, mighty and without number; its teeth are the teeth of a lion, and it has the jaw teeth of a lioness. It has laid waste My vine [symbol of God’s people] and barked and broken My fig tree” (vs.6-7).

“The vine is dried up and the fig tree fails; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple or quince tree, even all the trees of the field are withered and fled away from the sons of men” (v.12).

“Alas for the day! For the day of [the judgment of] the LORD is at hand, and as a destructive tempest from the Almighty will It come. Is not the food cut off before our eyes, joy and gladness from the house of our God? The seed [grain] rots and shrivels under the clods, the garners are desolate and empty, the barns are in ruins because the grain has failed.

“How the beasts groan! The herds of cattle are perplexed and huddled together because they have no pasture; even the flocks of sheep suffer punishment(are forsaken and made wretched)” (v.15-18).

The massive deaths of the birds and fish are a *prelude* of what is coming. They are an *omen* of what the future holds!

If the recent masses of birds and fish that died were caused by Phosgene gas and thousands of tons are stockpiled in the U.S., then we are potentially guilty of mass annihilation. Will this stockpile be used by the end-time Babylon?

The Book of Revelation

This end-time prophecy is further elucidated in the book of Revelation which concludes the New Testament. In chapter 6 we read of the “four horsemen” of the Apocalypse, riding forth with plagues and destruction, wasting the earth. These represent the world powers at the four quarters of the earth (see our article on “The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse”).

After they begin to ride, a great martyrdom of saints and persecution of true Christians fills the earth with innocent blood (Rev.6:9-11).

Then comes the 6th seal at which a great earthquake occurs, the sun is darkened and the moon become like blood, and the stars of heaven [meteors] fall upon the earth. People will call out for the mountains and rocks to fall on them exclaiming, “Who is able to stand in the Day of the Lord?” (Rev.6:12-17).

At this point, there will be a space of quietude – of foreboding, and quiet, an eerie calm (Rev.8:1). There will be a pause, as the world waits breathlessly for the other shoe to drop!

We find next that there are seven angels that stand before the Lord with seven trumpets to sound and plagues to unleash on the earth (Rev.8:2-13), causing great destruction and catastrophe. The first five smite the earth in rapid succession, bringing calamity and anguish.

But now notice the fifth trumpet plague, which is called the “first woe” (8:13).

The First Woe

“Then the fifth angel blew [his] trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth; and to the angel was given the key of the shaft of the Abyss (the bottomless pit). He opened the long shaft of the Abyss (the bottomless pit), and smoke like the smoke of a huge furnace puffed out of the long shaft, so that the sun and the atmosphere were darkened by the smoke from the long shaft.

“Then out of the shaft *locusts* came forth on the earth, and such power was granted them as the power the earth’s scorpions have [that is, TOXIC POISONS – CHEMICAL WARFARE AGENTS!]. They were told not to injure the herbage of the earth nor any green thing nor any tree, but only [to attack] such human beings as do not have the seal (mark) of God on their foreheads. They were not permitted to kill them, but to TORMENT (DISTRESS, VEX) them for five months; and the PAIN caused them was like the torture of a scorpion when it stings a person” (Rev.9:1-5).

Notice! They were not given the authority to kill them, but to *torment them for five months*. What do scorpions do? Scorpions inject poison into their victims’ system which is painful and debilitating. This is describing chemical and biological warfare. It will be so bad that “people will seek death and will not find it; and they will yearn to die, but death evades and flees from them” (v.).

Men shall seek (desire/crave) death, but won’t be able to find it. The shape of the locusts was likened to horses prepared for battle. On their heads were as it were crowns like gold, hair as the hair of women, breast plates of iron, their teeth were as of lions and their faces were as the faces of men (vs.7-8).

Notice these “locusts.” They appeared to have huge breastplates, or thick armor, and “the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle” (v.9). This describes modern attack HELICOPTERS, such as the Apache – those used in modern warfare in Iraq and Afghanistan! Aircraft helicopters (gunships) have rotary blade wings, make a great noise and even look like a locust with scorpion-like tails.

“They have tails like unto scorpions, and they have stings, and in their tails lies their ability to hurt men for [the] five months (v.10). Apparently, they will use up their stockpile of nerve gases and noxious chemical agents within five months.

“And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon” (v.11). .

This New World Order king is the head of the beast power. The world will be astounded when they see just who this Beast is and the levels of destruction that he will bring upon the earth.

The Second Woe

This is the first woe of the three final woes. There are still two more to come after this.

The sixth angel then sounded his trumpet, and a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, said to the sixth angel “Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.” The four angels which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, are released to kill over a third of mankind—over two billion people. They go forth eastward to the Orient—Russia, China, India, and Japan—and lead these nations to attack the western world in a final confrontation which will plunge the world into TOTAL WAR.

“The number of their troops of cavalry was twice ten thousand times ten thousand (200,000,000); I heard what their number was’ (Rev.9:16).

The number of the army of the horsemen (soldiers and men at arms) that is raised up in Asia and the Orient is *two hundred million men*.

John writes, “And in [my] vision the horses and their riders appeared to me like this: the riders wore breastplates the color of fiery red and sapphire blue and sulphur (brimstone) yellow. The heads of the horses looked like lion’s heads, and from their mouths there poured fire and smoke and sulphur (brimstone). **A THIRD OF MANKIND WAS KILLED BY THESE PLAGUES**—by the fire and the smoke and the sulphur (brimstone) that poured forth from the mouths of the horses. For the power of the horses

to do harm is in their mouths and also in their tails. Their tails are like serpents, for they have heads, and it is by means of them that they wound people” (vs.17-19).

Could these be describing modern battle tanks with massive armaments, flame-throwers, rocket launchers, machine guns, able to fire nuclear-armed battlefield rockets and missiles?

These are horrendous weapons of mass destruction!

Yet, we read in verse 20, “And the rest of humanity who were not killed by these plagues even then did not repent of [the worship of] the works of their [own] hands, so as to cease paying homage to the demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor move. And they did not repent of their murders or their practice of magic (sorceries) or their sexual vice or their thefts” (Rev.9:20-21).

It is at this point, that the seventh and final angelic trumpet blast is given, and the third “woe” is poured out.

The Third Woe

“But when the days come when the trumpet call of the seventh angel is about to be sounded, then God’s mystery (His secret design, His hidden purpose), as He had announced the glad tidings to His servants the prophets, should be fulfilled (accomplished, completed)” (Rev.10:7)

“The seventh angel then blew [his] trumpet, and there were mighty voices in heaven shouting, The dominion (kingdom, sovereignty, rule) of the world has now come into the possession and become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ (the Messiah), and He shall reign forever and ever (for the eternities of the eternities)!” (Rev.11:15).

Judgment day will have arrived! John declares, “And the heathen (the nations) raged, but Your wrath (retribution, indignation) came, the time when the DEAD will be judged and Your servants the prophets and saints rewarded—and those who revere (fear) Your name, both low and high and small and great—and [the time] for *destroying the corrupters of the earth*” (Rv.11:18).

Christ will return with shouts of acclamation by the shouts of the angelic hosts of heaven, and the sound of the mighty shofar. He will come like lightning from the east to the west and He will establish the kingdom of God. In that very day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives on the east side of Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:4).

The events we see happening around the world today are a visible prelude and palpable warning, a forecast, an example, and warning of the soon coming plagues that mankind is bringing upon himself because of his evil deeds and terrible rebellion against the laws of God and goodness. Evil men and nations will use these fearsome and diabolical weapons upon each other, to the point of threatening the very survival of human life on planet earth until God intervenes with His final judgment and brings the day of redemption and salvation.

“And if those days had not been shortened, no human being would endure and survive, but for the sake of the elect (God’s chosen ones) those days will be shortened” (Matt.24:22).

The gospel of Luke tells us, “And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken” (Luke 21:25-26, NKJV).

Said the Messiah, “Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption (deliverance) draws near” (Luke 21:28).

So what does Yeshua tell us to do, under present circumstances? “Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36, NKJV).

Or, as the Amplified Bible has it: “Keep awake then and watch at all times [be discreet, attentive, and ready], praying that you may have the full strength and ability and be counted worthy to escape all these things and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36).