

Scripture of the Quarter

The disciples came to Jesus and asked him for the signs of the end of the age:

v³"Tell us when will these thing be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" (Jesus responded by saying)

 v^{32} "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. ^{v33}So you also, when you see all these things, know that it (His coming) is near at the very doors! ^{v34}Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things are fulfilled."

Matthew 24:3, 32-34. NKJV

We Are The Terminal Generation

This quarterly newsletter will focus on 1 On May 15, 1948 the United Nations the fact that we are the terminal generation that will see the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The proof will come from God's Holy Word, the Bible. I want you to notice in the above scripture the disciples asked three questions. The first question was, "When will these things be?" The second, "What will be the sign of Your coming?" The third, "What will be the sign of the end of the age?" In this newsletter, I'm going to cover four out of seven signs. In the following newsletters I will cover the other three. We must remember the Bible is a book of prophesy. Which means when God says something, it will come to pass no matter what men say or think!

The first prophetic sign: The rebirth of Israel as a Nation. The Bible also prophesies that a nation will be born in a day. The prophet Isaiah records these words: "Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once?" Isaiah 66:8. NKJV

recognized the State of Israel. According to Bible prophesy Israel *must be a* nation (experience a rebirth) before the coming of the Messiah. Remember Israel is pictured as a fig tree. Jesus says, "When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves" the Diaspora (scattering of the Jewish people) is ending and the Jewish people of the world are returning home to Israel. This is a miracle that no one can miss. Jesus said, "This generation will by no means pass away till all things are fulfilled." We have seen the rebirth of Israel. This proves we are the terminal generation who will see the return of Jesus Christ.

The second prophetic sign: The return of the Jews from Russia. Exodus IIthis is when the Russian Jews would return to Israel in massive numbers. During the Ronald Reagan administration the former Soviet Union began to collapse. The door was opened for the Jews trapped behind the Iron Curtain to return to Israel. Exodus II was a joint effort by many Christian Ministries to



give financial aid to help these Russian Jews return to their homeland Israel.

You may be asking where this is recorded in the Word of God. It is recorded in the book of Jeremiah.

"Therefore, behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "that they shall no longer say, 'As the Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel form the land of Egypt,' but, 'As the Lord lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country (Russia) and from all the countries where I had driven them.' And they shall dwell in their own land." Jeremiah 23:7-8 NKJV

The Jewish people from the north land (Russia) have returned to Israel by the hundreds of thousands, as have Jewish people from around the globe. It has been recorded on television the multitude of Jews disembarking from planes in Tel Aviv. We have read it in every form of print media. Today they live in their own land, just as the prophet Jeremiah prophesied. Their return to their homeland is another sign that we are the **terminal generation**.

The third prophetic sign: Jerusalem no longer under Gentile rule.

Jerusalem was under the control of the Gentiles from 70 A.D., when Titus attacked the city and destroyed the Temple, <u>until the Six Day War of 1967</u>. Jesus Christ prophesied "and Jerusalem will be trampled by the Gentiles <u>until the</u> <u>times of the Gentiles are fulfilled</u>" (Luke 21:24 NKJV). David the psalmist predicted that the Lord would rebuild Zion (Jerusalem) and appear in His glory there (Psalm 102:16).

That's why David wrote, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem" (**Psalm 122:6**). World history proves that when there is peace in Jerusalem, there is peace in the world. Think about that! When there is war in Jerusalem, there is war in the world. Therefore, to pray for peace in Jerusalem is to pray for peace in the United States of America.

The fourth prophetic sign: Worldwide television and the Internet. This is another sign that proves we are the **terminal generation**. The invention of worldwide television and live streaming through the technology we currently possess. Think about our grandparents when they went to church, the preachers of their day could not explain the Book of Revelation scripture where it reveals all eyes at one time will see Enoch and Elijah slain in the streets of Jerusalem. How would they see them come back from the dead and ascend into heaven as our **Lord Jesus** did?

The obvious answer is worldwide television functioning by interconnecting satellites. This was impossible in 1950. It is possible today as the explosion of communication satellites continues to expand. Now it is common place for the world to watch at the same time while something is happening. John tells the story in the book of Revelation:

"And I will give power to my two witnesses (Enoch and Elijah), and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth." **Rev. 11:3 NKJV** [One thousand two hundred sixty days is three and a half years, which is the midpoint of the Tribulation.]

"Now, when they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them." **Rev. 11:7** Before I go any further I know some people will question why I'm listing Enoch as the other witness. Some believe it should be Moses. But we must remember Moses died, Enoch and Elijah were both translated into Heaven alive. Hebrews 9:27 says "And it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment." Remember Elijah was taken to heaven in a chariot. 2nd Kings 2:11 NKJV says "Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven." Enoch was also taken, by God, into heaven while he was alive. In Genesis 5:24 NKJV we read, "And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him." In Jude v9 NKJV it reads, "Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke you!" Enoch and Elijah were the only two men who never faced death.

And their dead bodies (Elijah and Enoch) will lie in the street of the great city (Jerusalem) which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues and nations will see their dead bodies three and a half days, and not allow their bodies to be put into graves. And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth. Now after the three and a half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them "Come up here." And they ascended into heaven in a cloud and their enemies saw them. Revelation 11: 3, 7-12. NKJV

John states that the whole world will, at the same time, be able to see the two witnesses in the streets of Jerusalem. It was a mystery and considered absolutely impossible! Then came television, followed by international satellites, the internet, and wireless communication where you can watch television in the palm of your hand over an i-Phone. Think, about it this was impossible in 1900 or even 1967! It is possible today because we are the **terminal generation**.

In closing Sheree and I pray that if you are not ready to meet **Jesus** upon His **soon return** that you will say this prayer:

Lord Jesus, I confess I am a sinner and I ask, you to forgive me of all my sins. I ask, you to come into my heart and help me to *live* righteously. Lord Jesus I believe you died and rose again. And this day I denounce all works of the devil. And from this day forward *I will serve you* as my Lord and Savior. In the Bible in **Romans** 10: 9-10 That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one *believes* to righteousness and with the mouth confession is made to salvation. Acts 16:31 says "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved." (Paraphrase) You must believe to receive any spiritual blessing including salvation (being saved).

If you said, this prayer and **meant it** in your heart **Jesus** will come into your life as you now belong to Him and are saved. But it doesn't stop there you **must study** the Bible and **renew** your mind daily. Find a good Bible based church which teaches and preaches the full Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sheree and I want to take this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude to all of you who support this ministry with your prayers and finances. May God richly bless you for your faithfulness and your unselfish giving.