

Scripture of the Quarter

Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brothers and sisters who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God!
For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Revelation 19:10 NASB

Prophecy Happening Now

First, we must define what prophecy is. God used many prophets in the Old Testament to prophecy His Word. Prophecy, or prediction, was one of the functions of the prophet. It has been defined as a *"miracle of knowledge, a declaration, or description, or representation of something future, beyond the power of a human to foresee, discern, or conjecture."*

God used the following methods to speak to His prophets; see mentally, a dream, see a vision, have a revelation, and receive an oracle (forewarning). Every one who is a student of the Bible knows John had a revelation given to him while on the island of Patmos. Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John;

This is how much Jesus the Messiah loves us to tell us what is going to come upon the earth in the near future. Why? It is not to scare us but to prepare us. Some teach the book of **Revelation** is an allegory, just a story, and in turn they are misleading thousands of people by their teaching! Now let's talk about the prophet Daniel who also had dreams and visions (Ref. Daniel 7:1-3). Here are just two of the examples found in Daniel that God Almighty spoke to His prophets. As you are well aware that, there are a lot of people today that are calling themselves prophets. So how do we as believers know if they are true prophets? Jesus warned us in this scripture; Matthew 24:24 For false christs, and false prophets will arise and will provide great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. In this verse when it refers to the elect. In this

instance it is referring to the Jewish people.

In Matthew 24 Jesus Himself tells us exactly what would be taking place, in which we can see now in our lifetime in our generation. Think about it – Jesus prophesied these things over 2,000 years ago. Again, He was preparing all those who had an ear to hear and an eye to see. Ref. <u>Matthew</u> 13:13 Therefore, I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

When a lot of people read the passages in Matthew 24, they say "oh we have always had wars, earthquakes, famines, and plagues." That is why I don't believe this is coming soon as you teach. Well, this is a wake up call for all those who doubt that **prophecy is true** and that it will happen no man or government will ever stop God's prophecies from being fulfilled. A very important point the doubters and scoffers are missing, is that all these listed events are happening all at once. This is called **convergence!** Like Birthpains things start happening then they get closer together and more intense. Based on the Lord's words, which are true, as it is written in Luke 21:28 But when these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift

up your heads; because your redemption draweth nigh.

So we will see that **His** Coming in the Rapture is very soon.

Matthew 24:9-11 ⁹Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. ¹⁰And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. ¹¹Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

I would like to share a story that **Rabbi** Jonathan Cahn reported in his *Watchman World Report* dated July 1, 2021 regarding betrayal of the worst kind.

The story regards a German Pastor, **Olaf Latzel** who is a Pastor in an Evangelical Church in Germany. He has had gay activists interrupt his services as he teaches biblical definitions of gender and sexuality. He spoke against the Berlin Pride March. A court in Bremen, Germany found Pastor Latzel guilty of sedition. He was accused of "inciting hatred" against homosexuals. The remarks he made were not given in a public rally but in his own church and not even in a worship service, but to couples at a marriage seminar. And yet he was found guilty of a crime.

Now we will see the fulfilling of prophecy given in Matthew 24:10. What about Latzels fellow Pastors? Seventy of them held a meeting for the purpose of DENOUNCING him. What about his DENOMINATION? They initiated proceedings to discipline him. And the parliament of his region

gathered to **DENOUNCE** him; the first time a minister had been **DENOUNCED** by a German parliament since the Second World War. In closing this TRUE MAN OF GOD despite the ruling of the court, the condemnation of the parliament, the **DENOUNCEMENT** of his fellow Pastors, and the rebuke of his own denomination, Pastor Latzel is NOT **BACKING DOWN and will continue** to preach the TRUE WORD OF GOD! We as believers must fight the good fight, always in love, always in truth, and always with courage (Ref. **Joshua 1:9**).

Now, regarding Matthew 24:24 where Jesus warns about false prophets. Today, many refer to themselves as prophets. How do you recognize a prophet? According to the Bible all **God's** prophets spoke "thus saith the Lord' meaning they actually heard God speak to them and they spoke to the people what the Lord said. Their prophecies always came to pass. Some were time sensitive example Isaiah speaking of a virgin giving birth to a child without having copulation with a man. Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. This prophecy wasn't fulfilled until hundreds of years later.

Another verse in Matthew 24:7 For <u>nation</u> will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

The Greek word for <u>Nation</u> in this verse is <u>ethnos</u> meaning Gentile, pagan, foreign Nation, or a **people.** What do we see in our cities? Black Lives Matter burning buildings and looting fighting against Caucasians, Hispanics, or anyone else who gets in their way. Remember all the riots in Portland Oregon the last few months which cost more than \$23 million dollars in damages. Think about this—you have churches and corporations supporting this group called Black Lives Matter—REALLY!!!!!!!

The Apostle Peter himself told us what would happen in the last days in which we are living right now! 2 Peter 3:3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts.

We also see in the **Revelation of Christ** in the book of **Revelation** what **Jesus** stated: <u>**Revelation 3:16**</u> "So then, <u>because you are lukewarm</u>, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth."

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Matthew 24:24