

Apostasy Increases Worldwide!

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Apostasy Increasing globally is a sign of the Lord's return—and when we least expect it to happen—Matthew 24:44 “*Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.*” Apostasy is a departure from religious principles, and this abandoning of a person's one-time faith in God seems to increase daily.

Knowledge is good, but too much learning can be used by the devil to make us proud. The knowledge that truly benefits us is a knowledge of God—knowing and doing His will. Psalm 111:10 “*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.*”

Today there are billions of people who are 2 Peter 3:5 “*Willingly are ignorant of*” God's Word; His divine power; and His divine plan to save their soul. They do not read His Word; do not know of His plan for life; and do not trust Him in faith for anything.

Many today think science has all the answers, but there nothing more *unscientific* than to believe that *everything* came from *nothing*; that *life* came from *non-life*; or that *intelligence* came from *non-intelligence*! But that is what evolutionists believe.

Even though many are *willingly uninformed* of God and of His promises, He is still merciful and loving and patient toward everyone—He is 2 Peter 3:9 “*Not slack concerning his promise, as*

some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” Repenting is our decision to make!

God does not want to see *anyone* in the lake of fire—that is why He sent His Son to die on the cross for everyone's sins—that is how much He loves His creation John 3:16. And every atheist, skeptic, and unbeliever still has an opportunity to *confess* their sins, *repent* of rebellion, *turn back* to God, and be saved by faith in Jesus—that is *their* choice to make.

The compassion and love of God is great, and it is very evident, because He Himself came to our world, in the person of Jesus, and allowed Himself to be nailed to the Cross in the *place* of everyone on earth—even those who demanded His crucifixion.

Time is running out, and anyone who *persists* in unbelief will eventually pay the ultimate price—they will experience the worst fate anyone could experience. 2 Peter 3:7 “*The heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.*”

Everything imaginable that people *cling* to—every idol and every treasure on earth, will eventually be let go and destroyed. The *hope* everyone has is *knowing* that God is loving and merciful and patient—giving everyone time to repent. God is also *holy* and *just*, so He cannot ignore *sin* and evil.

2 Peter 3:10 “*The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*”

Escaping the flames by faith in Christ is available to everyone—but they will have to be informed, and then be willing to *live* that divine plan of escape. If anyone passes from this life

still in sin and still unrepentant, they will suffer eternal judgment.

They do not just *cease* to exist—the body *dies* but the spirit *lives*—either in Heaven or Hell. Any sinner who *persists* in rebellion against God, will *persist* in that rebellion beyond the grave. To reject Jesus is to reject the only means of escaping the coming wrath.

Rejection of religion in general, and especially rejection of Jesus increases everyday—even His *name* is not to be mentioned in public assemblies, schools, and false religious gatherings. To *refuse* God's offer of salvation by faith in His Son Jesus, and to *reject* the Spirit of God who inspires faith in those willing to believe, is to eventually find themselves in the flames.

Any news of peace initiatives today is a sign of the end times. The first International Peace Conference was held in 1899 in the Hague. It was to prevent wars and usher in world peace. After World War I, 1918, the League of Nations was formed with the *same* objective, and after World War II, 1945; the United Nations took its place.

At the UN headquarters in New York is a statue of a man beating a sword into a plow—with the words of Isaiah 2:4 “*They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.*”

They had noble intentions, but the UN cannot bring peace as long as they reject the true Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 “*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*”

The prophecy being fulfilled *today* is AV Joel 3:10 “*Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears*”—it is a call to arm for war. Scripture will be fulfilled 1 Thessalonians 5:3 “*For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then*

sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.”

A sure sign of the times is 2 Timothy 3:1 *“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy.”* That is an accurate description of today’s culture that has permeated the world through modern communications such as social media.

The *Time* magazine *Person of the Year* for 2006 was titled: *“You.”* The cover featured a sheet of Mylar to reflect the reader’s face. Today is the age of my Facebook; my music; my tweets; my blog—it’s all about “me”—it is the age of the *selfie!* Emphasizing *self* is a sure sign that Jesus is approaching our door.

The spiritual condition of the world today enables us to Hebrews 10:25 *“See the day approaching.”* Apostasy is a global issue—we *know* the hour is late. The Roman Catholic Church with its Mary worship as Queen of Heaven and other apostate teaching, continues to move further and further from any resemblance of sound doctrine.

There is the World Council of Churches, which has 340 member denominations in 120 countries, representing 500 million professing Christians—but as are all too many churches today, it is apostate. God’s Truth is not being taught and less are living it. 2 Timothy 3:5 *“Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.”*

Jesus likened the end of the church age to the days of Sodom and Gomorrah Genesis 9:4-7. Luke 17:28 *“Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; 29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.”*

Sodom is mentioned three other times in the New Testament—2 Peter 2:6; Jude 7; Revelation 11:8. This alternative lifestyle is a serious sin and an abomination to God—it has rapidly swept across the world. People are demanding their rights—wicked as those rights *are* in the sight of God.

Some living in this sin are being accepted into the ministry—but God speaks clearly on the matter. Many today, Romans 1:25 *“Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.”* And Romans 1:28 *“Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.”*

Government surveillance systems have increased much recently. It is just another sign of the times. No one can move around and communicate in modern society without being observed. When someone uses a credit card; bank machine; phone card; mobile phone; or do other types of digital transactions, they create an electronic trail.

U.S. agencies like the Information Awareness Office, National Security Agency NSA, and the FBI spend billions of dollars to intercept and record phone and Internet traffic. Since 2007, federal, state, and local governments are allowed to access imagery from intelligence satellites to observe the activities of citizens.

The FBI is creating a billion-dollar underground computer facility to store DNA, facial recognition data, iris/retina data, fingerprints, and palm prints of people living in the U.S. The Washington Post, not too long ago, had an article titled: *FBI Prepares Vast Database of Biometrics*. All this will eventually lead to the Tribulation.

The Department of Homeland Security awards billions of dollars to assist local, state, and federal agencies to install surveillance equipment. Businesses have cameras and sophisticated software that allows them to not only spot shoplifters,

but to also *profile* customers. Some believe this recording of shoppers is good and prevents theft—but it *is* a sign of the times.

According to the prophet Daniel, Europe will play a major role in the end times. It is interesting to note that the European Union was formed in 1993. It is said to encompass 500 million people and owns about 30% of the world’s gross domestic product—GDP).

The Euro was adopted on January 1, 2002, as a common currency. Time Magazine said 2008 Quote: *Now Europe is free from the Atlantic Ocean to the Black Sea; its people mingling happily and trading with each other, watching the same football games; and sharing the same beaches* unquote. It’s all part of globalism that increases every day.

2 Peter 3:11 *“Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?”*

The symbol of the European Union is the ancient Tower of Babel, and outside of the Union’s headquarters is a statue of the goddess Europa, which is a woman riding on a beast!

The apostle John said Revelation 17:3 *“So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.”*

The return of Christ just gets *closer* every day—*time is running out!*



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