

"Peace And Security" Prophecy:

Essay #1: Recent Start Of The Fulfilling Of An End-Times Prophecy?

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- - In his speech before the United Nations on September 21, 2021, United States President Joe Biden may have started the fulfillment of an end-times prophecy that is a precursor very close to the 7-year 'Great Tribulation' period.
- - In 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3 in referring to the coming of the day when the 7-year Great Tribulation period technically starts, in verse 3 from the original Greek, the translation is "Because when they say "Peace and security", then sudden destruction comes on them, just like the labor pains to the pregnant woman, and they will not at all escape."
- - President Biden said to the United Nations and the world that the United States of America, along with its allies, will lead together to meet "the greatest challenges of our time - from COVID to climate, peace and security, human dignity and human rights".
- - Consider that pandemics (like COVID-19) and extreme weather conditions (like those reportedly produced now by climate change), referred to in the Scriptures by the broader term "plagues", were orchestrated by God to bring repentance, discipline, judgment, and death on people who are engaging in gross wickedness - like the widespread and prevalent wickedness that they are doing nowadays.
- - Also consider that the 7-year Great Tribulation will be filled with sequences of numerous kinds of plagues, which include pandemics and extreme weather conditions - like what is increasingly occurring nowadays.
- - Moreover, consider that President Biden in this speech is announcing and rallying the world to solve these challenges, even using the words "peace and security", which exactly match the words predicted in 1 Thessalonians 5:3 as a precursor very close to the sudden start of the 7-year Great Tribulation period.
- - In its context, the phrase in verse 3 "Because when they say "Peace and security"" seems to indicate that people will be declaring this statement not only as an objective but also declaring that some significant progress has been made towards achieving this objective.
- - Therefore, a reasonable implication here is that President Biden apparently has unwittingly started the fulfillment of the prophecy in verse 3 of 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3, which predicts that the conditions in this prophecy will occur right before the actual beginning of the 7-year Great Tribulation period.
- - True believers and servants of the Lord would be wise to stay alert, and watch to see if this phrase "peace and security (or safety)" is subsequently picked up and verbally promoted by other leaders in the world, which would fulfill the part of the prophecy "they say" in verse 3, and that substantial progress is made in achieving these conditions of "peace and security" across the world.

Essay #2: A Prophecy That Remains To Be Fulfilled

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- - A prophecy that seemingly needs to be fulfilled before the 'Great Tribulation' can start is presented in verse 3 of 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3, "While people are saying, "Peace and safety..." (or "security" (Strong's GRK #0803)).
 - - In order for the countries of the world to quickly unite into a one-world government and a one-world armed forces at the very beginning of the 7-year Great Tribulation, all of the major power nations of the world would have to be readily willing to unite together
 - governmentally (Revelation 6:1-2), militarily (Revelation 6:3-4), and economically (Revelation 6:5-6).
 - - Currently (in the year 2022), there does exist a regional organization of united countries that could easily be the framework of this future one-world government with a one-world armed forces and a one-world economic system.
 - - The problem, though, is that there also exists a world-power country that has been and continues to be extremely hostile and highly aggressive towards nearly all of most of the countries in the world that are not directly allied with it, and it exhibits a very pronounced bent on forcefully attaining world conquest.
 - - If the Great Tribulation were to start, and this hostile world-power country is still in this mindset of having a highly combative bent on its own world conquest, then the predicted one-world government and its one-world military alliance could not form quickly nor successfully, as it is predicted to do during the very beginning of the Great Tribulation.
 - - And the prophecy in 1 Thessalonians 5:3 would not be true - that during a time right before the start of the Great Tribulation, people will be saying, ""peace and safety"" (or security)... have been attained in the world".
 - - Therefore and logically then, we should see in coming years that somehow all of the current government officials and military commanders in this hostile world-power country are deposed and replaced by their own peace-minded citizens who demonstrate a genuine striving to live at peace and in mutually-amicable collaboration with the regional organization of united countries that are already doing that - governmentally, militarily, and economically.
 - - Therein, we should soon see the people of that hostile world-power country rise up and impose this deposing and replacing of their government officials and military commanders who possess this highly combative bent on world conquest.
 - - From the few reports and evidence coming out of this hostile world-power country, it is quite evident that there does currently exist in it many good and peace-minded citizens who oppose the hostile and aggressive actions and policies of their own current government and military.
 - - Perhaps the Lord God is allowing this hostile world-power country to inflict unwarranted aggression and destruction on other countries in order to vividly expose this aggression mindset in its government and bring its citizens to a point of action that successfully and comprehensively deposes and replaces all of the leadership people within their government and military who possess this aggression mindset.

 - - Let us true believers continue to fervently pray for not only the people and countries that fall victim to the aggression of this hostile world-power country but also for empowerment of the good and peace-minded citizens of this hostile world-power country.
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