

# 12 Foreshadows

## Hope U - October, 2022

### Week 3

**Review of the past two weeks:**

**The perspective of the book:** a Pre-Tribulation, pre-millennial Rapture as opposed to:

1. Preterism
2. Partial preterism
3. Amillennialism: Post-Tribulation has 2nd Coming (no rapture)
4. Postmillennialism (kingdom now theology)
5. Mid-Tribulation, premillennial Rapture

**The super sign:** Israel and the key day, May 14, 1948

**Eight of the 12 Foreshadows/signs of Jesus's return that we've covered:**

1. The Rise of Globalism
2. The Trends Toward a One-World Government
3. The Struggle to Build a United European Empire
4. The Spread of All-Invasive Technology and Surveillance
5. The Progression to a One-World Economy
6. The Descent into Moral and Spiritual Corruption
7. The Proliferation of Deception
8. The Assault on Truth

**The Final Four:**

**Foreshadow #9: The Increase of Christian persecution**

- More Christian martyrs in the 20th century than all the previous centuries combined (birth pangs)
- Think Covid and religious exemptions: the denigration of Christians as not loving their neighbor, preferred pronouns, life, gender, etc. The stages that countries/Christians/Jews (think Nazi Germany) often go through:
  1. Marginalization (silencing and dismissing their views)
    - "Merry Christmas"
    - Pressure for your faith not to inform your politics
    - Faith on the sidelines of your vocational practice
    - Cancel culture and censorship
  2. Demonization (stigmatizing and rejecting them as people)

- Critical Theory: victimization is your identity
- People are no longer seen as individuals but a collective belief system---especially identified into three groups: race, gender, and sexuality. If you don't agree, you are labeled as "intolerant" and demonized
- White patriarchs constructed this present system that is so abhorrent
- Those who have come from foreign countries here are warning us
- 3. Criminalization (imprisonment and labor camps to reeducate them)
  - Our precious freedoms are being taken away because of "hate speech"
  - No longer can we say, "Let's just agree to disagree" for disagreement equals discrimination
  - The globalist (who will control the economy) few decide what is best for all
  - Deconstruct to reconstruct
  - Persecution is approved and sanctioned by the state (around the world facing harassment in 145 countries now)
  - F.B. Meyer quote: "No one suddenly becomes base." It's true with an individual. It's true with a nation (abhor, endure, embrace)
- For Christians in America, presently there is not more harassment than what Christians go through in North Korea, Pakistan, China, India, Iran, and other places, where real criminalization is taking place now. But it's increasing here. (The story of soldiers going into a church threatening to kill anyone who called himself a Christian...Beliefs versus behavior---a recent Barna study about evangelical Christians in America)

**Some verses to consider:**

- Matthew 16:24

*24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."*

- John 15:20

*20 Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.*

- 2 Timothy 3:12

*12 Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,...*

- Hebrews 12:3

*3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.*

- 1 Peter 4:14

*14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory[a] and of God rests upon you.*

- Matthew 5:10-11

*10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*

*11 “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.”*

**Can you identify a time you've suffered because of your faith in Jesus?**

**Practical steps:**

1. Understand what is at stake when you vote
2. Get involved as called
3. Develop great faith---trust your total self to God
4. Realize the importance of the effect of leadership upon the blessings

and

and curses of God upon its citizens

### **Foreshadow #10: The Explosion of Hostilities Toward Israel and the Jewish People**

- Why the hatred of the Jews?

- Genesis 3:15

*15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring[a] and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”*

- From Abel to Esau to Haman to Herod to Hitler to today
- Yet the Jews' darkest hour is yet to come: the increase in anti-Zionism: global divestment, boycott and sanctions against the Israel and the Jewish people
- Gradual and incremental (hatred always works this way)
- An Iranian leader recently asked about whether the Holocaust really happened. He said it needs more study.

- “Never forget” at end of both Holocaust museums in Jerusalem and Washington, D.C.
- The two-state solution? It won’t ever happen because the Palestinians and other Muslim nations want Israel completely destroyed.
- Hamas, Hezbollah, and Iran’s funding of \$800 million annually to Hezezbollah
- The Abraham Accord and Ezekiel 38 nations
- Ezekiel 38 reminder

### **Foreshadow #11: The Preparation for a New Temple in Jerusalem**

- The two temple time periods...as many are awaiting the third one on the Temple Mount (35 acres). Could a Temple be built near the Dome of the Rock?
- The 1967 war and...
- Muslim denial of any Jewish claim on Temple Mount
- There must be a third Temple on the Temple Mount for the “man of lawlessness” to sit in it and declare himself God in the Great Tribulation
- After a pact of peace with Israel - Daniel 9:27

*27 “...And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week,[a] and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.”*

- Building plans and models: The Temple Institute
- Vessels and Furnishings
- The Priesthood
- The Red Heifer
- The Al-Aqsa Mosque? Ezekiel 38 war? A rogue missile?
- Always remember Job 42:2

*2 “I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.*

- This is God's world. It's his story that he began. Wrote. Authored. And will finish. In his way. His time. In his perfect way.

### Foreshadow #12: A Coalition to Destroy Israel

- Ezekiel 36, 37, and 38's importance
- Ezekiel 38:1-6

*38 The word of the Lord came to me: 2 "Son of man, set your face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech[a] and Tubal, and prophesy against him 3 and say, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech[b] and Tubal. 4 And I will turn you about and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armor, a great host, all of them with buckler and shield, wielding swords. 5 Persia, Cush, and Put are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; 6 Gomer and all his hordes; Beth-togarmah from the uttermost parts of the north with all his hordes—many peoples are with you..."*

- The attack after the Rapture?
- 172 predatory birds on the Temple Mount right now---first time ever
- Og and Megog (Putin as Og?) and the coalition with other nations
- Russia's rising power and aggression
- Russia's presence in Syria
- Russia's strengthening alliance with Iran and Turkey and Muslim hatred toward Israel
- Iran's nuclear buildup and CCTV's turned off thus affording no accountability
- The U.S.'s weakening presence in Mideast and around the world (the disastrous Afghanistan withdrawal)
- Missiles into Israel and the dome shield
- China? Alliances with Iran
- The attack and divine interruption and intervention---Isaiah 54:17: a promise to Israel

*17 “...no weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed and you shall refute every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their vindication[a] from me, declares the Lord.”*

- Jesus’s 2nd Coming with the saints and angels at the end of the Great Tribulation
- The Millennial reign

#### **Next week: A review**

- And a look at many other contemporary signs around us not mentioned over the last several weeks and not ones often noted but ones that are nevertheless very interesting. Invite your friends!
- Q and A
- Prayer
- Always remember John 14:1-3

*14 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God;[a] believe also in me. 2 In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?[b] 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”*