

“TIME IS RUNNING OUT”
Romans 13:11-14

INTRODUCTION

We are running out of time! The clock never stops. We are nearer our salvation than ever before! We are looking forward to the return of Jesus. Man has tried to create a utopia, but is unable to do it. Only Jesus can accomplish that.

THREE PIECES TO LET US KNOW

1) The Middle East - This is a *big* clock! Prophecy is like a forecast. In **Ezekiel 38:1-5** we see that there is a coalition against Israel, 10 named countries. Four are in Turkey - Meshech, Tubal, Gomer, Togarmah. Rosh is Russia, Persia is Iran. In **v. 13** Sheba and Dedan are Saudi Arabia which opposes Iran.

There are some flash points happening now: the ring of fire, Lebanon, Gaza, Syria and Iran.

The US is sending in more troops even though we are trying to get out. Iran is the main threat in the Middle East. They have fought proxy battles through groups like Hezbollah, Hamas and the Islamic Jihad. Gaza is firing rockets on Israel. Soon Israel's Iron Dome will become obsolete because of new guidance systems on the rockets. Lebanon has just elected a Hezbollah leader.

Israel just signed a major energy deal with Egypt for exporting natural gas. With the arms embargo on Iran ending in October 2020, Israel may feel the need to make a preemptive strike on Iran. Israel's political situation is volatile as they can't get a coalition.

Impeachment of our President has been a big part of the news. It affects more than US politics. Trump has defunded the PLO, abortion in other countries and here in the US. He has also appointed a number of federal judges and Supreme Court judges.

2) Globalism /Totalitarianism - In **Daniel 7:23** a 4th kingdom is mentioned, a global power like the tower of Babel. See **Rev. 13:7,8; Rev 17:15, 18**. God wants de-centralized government or power. The nationalistic policies of Trump and Brexit stand in the way of the globalism movement.

How will Iran get on board with a one world government? Islamic leaders are losing their appeal. The youth there, through social media, know what is going on. Amazingly, Rabbis attended a peace conference in Dubai. Bahrain has had peace delegations visiting Israel. Saudi Arabia and Muslim league leaders started meeting with Jewish organizations. Arabs have been praising Israel.

3) Narcissism /Selfishness. Lovers of pleasures, **2 Timothy 3:1, 2**. There is an explosion of online material addressing this disorder. This is a prophetic trend! Many with this don't even realize it! All motivation is for themselves and even when sinning they don't see it. They don't think they are wrong! They are critical of others and have bursts of anger. They have a complete lack of empathy. They manipulate by creating a culture of criticism and anger. Others try to keep them happy but it is never enough. All blame is put on others.

CONSIDER

The 3 clocks mentioned above keep ticking, right on schedule. These are God's prophecies that are coming to pass! For some this is an inconvenience, for others it is the Blessed Hope, the return of Jesus! Let's keep looking up. Don't get too attached to this life. Remember Lot's wife!

PRAY.....

* That the Lord would unite us in prayer for a spiritual awakening in New York State!

* That the body of Christ would read and love His Word!