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**H**ere we face another new year with hope and concern with what the future holds for us. Hope indicates that there will be peace in the Middle East and our soldiers in Iraq will be coming home. On the other hand, the president of Iran could initiate Armageddon along with World War III! Both of these are possible, but with Iran's nuclear power and enrichment program, I see more reason for fear rather than hope.

I see a determined enemy who is looking to destroy Israel, Europe, and the United States while forcing his own theology on the whole world. All of the Christians who refuse to convert to his form of Islam will be executed! All Muslims who do not believe as he believes will find themselves being executed. We are looking at the war described in the Bible!

### **Revelation 13:1-18**

1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the

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earth in the sight of men,  
14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.  
15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.  
16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:  
17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.  
18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

Now there are many who are calling Iran's President Ahmadinejad the Antichrist. I will not go that far, but he certainly fills many of the prophecies and prerequisites concerning the Antichrist. He speaks great outlandish things about Armageddon and the destruction of Israel. The Internet will provide him the means and power to control all banking.

Thus the technology is in place for the mark of the beast to be implemented along with controlling who will have access to their bank accounts. I have preached many sermons in the past where computer technology is leading us in accordance to the end times. We are rapidly approaching the day where we will see the fulfillment of all of the Bible prophecy concerning the Antichrist and the last days.

The time is at hand to make our election sure and to be prepared for the troubled time ahead. We need to make sure that we are ready for God's trumpet call when he calls his saints to meet him in the air.

### **1 Thessalonians 4:15-18**

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.  
16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:  
17 **Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air:** and so shall we ever be with the Lord.  
18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

We have been preaching about the rapture for years and now we are closer to the coming of the Lord than ever. We now have a political leader that is proclaiming that he will start the battle of Armageddon. We have a political leader that is telling the world that Israel should be destroyed! If this is not the start of the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy then I do not know what is!

I have the firm conviction we are going to be the ones who will not see death, but will rise to meet the Lord in the air. The day of the Lord is at hand! Will you be one of the few who will rise to meet the Lord in the air? Will you be able to hear the trumpet call of the Lord? Are you prepared to meet your Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ?

The alternative is you will be one of the great majority who will be too busy to even

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notice the trumpet call of the Lord. You will be too wrapped up with your work to even notice the trumpet call of the Lord. You might be too consumed with your own life that you won't be able to hear the trumpet call of the Lord.

Whatever your excuse, if you miss the trumpet call of the Lord Jesus Christ, you will go through what can be called hell on earth. Imagine having to drink blood for water! Imagine being scorched and burned by the sun! Imagine a world-wide famine caused by locusts eating the majority of the crops! Whatever your excuse for missing the trumpet call of the Lord, it will pale to the suffering that you receive by being left behind! If you are left behind you will have no one to blame except yourself.

If you have any doubt about your salvation now is the time to seek the wisdom, guidance, and spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Today is the day of salvation. Now is the time!

### **Romans 13:11-14**

11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: **for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.**

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Now that we are seeing a charismatic leader calling for Armageddon and the demise of

Israel, it is time for the Christian community to wake up and realize that the time is at hand to make your calling and election sure.

### **2 Peter 1:10-13**

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.

13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;

As the Apostles admonish the first-century Christians, we need the same admonishment. We need be more diligent toward our salvation now than just a few years ago. We need to make our calling and election sure! We need to strengthen ourselves in the Lord Jesus Christ and his wonderful salvation. We need to be renewed in the Holy Ghost on a daily basis. We can do this by following the admonition of the Apostle Paul.

### **1 Thessalonians 5:16-23**

16 Rejoice evermore.

17 Pray without ceasing.

18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

19 Quench not the Spirit.

20 Despise not prophesyings.

21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

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22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.  
23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

When we are raptured by the Lord Jesus Christ and rise to meet him in the air, we will realize that everything that we have gone through was worth it. When we see our heavenly home we will know that this world had nothing to offer us. Everything that the world lusts after is nothing compared to what the Lord Jesus Christ offers us. All the money and riches that the world entices us with is nothing compared to reaching our heavenly home.

What Jesus Christ offers us has greater wealth than anything that the world offers. The day that we rise to meet the Lord in the air will be a day of celebration while the world

suffers under the hand of the Antichrist.

In whose kingdom do you want to reside? Do you want to be with the Lord Jesus Christ in heaven, or be a member of the great majority who are left behind suffering under the Antichrist?

The choice is yours and you have to make up your mind where you will reside. Joining the born-again Christian minority will not be easy, but it will be worth it in the end.

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