

Events to Come

Commentary for May 20, 2011 — Future Events before Christ Returns

Many events prophesied in the Bible must occur before Christ returns. Each prophetic subject has its own time sequence associated with it. For example, there are many preparatory events that must occur before the prophecies involving the rebuilt Jerusalem Temple can happen. These events have a necessary sequence associated with them. Another example is that of the prophetic future actions of the antichrist and his activities. He must take over from a prior King of the North. He must gain power before he attacks the King of the South. Then he must have a world-wide influence and control before he enters the Temple and declares himself to be God.

While God can change, speed up, or even eliminate any one or several events within a prophetic scenario (and it is His prerogative to do so at any time¹), God says that certain events shall happen before Christ returns, and they are sure to do so. Some want to selectively choose which prophecies they think will occur. Then they ignore other prophecies that do not fit their prophetic scenario requiring Christ to return within a few years.

Can we “choose” to ignore the specific statement that Christ will return just as He departed from the Mount of Olives? Can we do so because we think it will occur differently?

“... this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen him go into heaven.”

• **Acts 1:11**

That event will occur as described. So too, many other events will occur as prophesied before He returns. Recently I received a question relating to this matter from a writer who believes that the Times of the End will be soon, within 5 or 6 years. I disagreed. In my Answer I list prophetic events that must occur before Christ's return. [I combine some paragraphs.]

Question

Dear David, I was reading ASK Commentary for May 2011 [the Commentary, “[Responsibility](#),” DWS]. I was wondering about a few things, mentioned in that article. Is there an article on God's true Salvation on the web site?

Why is it that ASK never talks about how all Christians are “deceived” to serve the Anti-god, by the USE of his “fiat money,” and “codes” and “insurance?” All Christians use “Satan's way” based on “iniquity,” or lawlessness, or the “codes!” (the Vehicle Code, and the Penal Code, and the UCC Uniform Commercial Code etc., etc.) We all obey in America, and now the world, or by every nation Codes. The CODES are instructions in the absence of law, and is “Man's way,” which is “Satan's way,” which lead us to DEATH Prov.14:12, Mat.7:13.

¹ Some events or times may be shortened, or the severity of judgment lessened because of the prayers of believers. See Dr. Martin's excellent article, “[The Repentance of God in the Bible](#).”

"God's way" which leads to LIFE Mat.7:14 in the Old Testament, and the NEW, and the "Mystery" is based on LAW, and its Exchange Systems, which in the Old Testament is MONEY, and in the New Testament it is "love and faith," and in the Mystery Administration "grace and mercy." God's way is also rest on FAITH in the Old and the New Testament, but not in the Mystery.

Now we know that God has three (3) LAWS. The Old Testament's is the "law of flesh" Rom.7:25, and for the New Testament is the **"law of faith"** Rom.3:27, and for the Mystery administration the **"law of the spirit"** Rom.8:2.

We also know that the use of "insurance" is trusting, having "faith" in the collective "wealth" of men. This is why insurance is giving us "limited liability," pulling our wealth into one pool, limiting our "risks." We know that **"he that trusts in his riches (wealth) shall fall"** Prov.11:28. Man's way, and Satan's way are the same, for man was created "evil" Mat.7:11, and Satan has **"no truth in him,"** making him pure "evil" Jn.8:44.

Trusting in MAN (using insurance) is trusting in Satan, the Devil! This is "Idolatry," the greatest "SIN" IJn.3:4, preventing our salvation Rev.21:8, or "SHUTS the DOOR to the Kingdom of Heaven" Mat.23:13; 25:10, the "resurrection" to eternal life ICor.15:52. Now then, USING "Satan's way," or fiat money, and codes and insurance is "obeying" the Anti-god!

Apostle Paul said: **"his servants you are [to] whom you obey"** Rom.6:16. We can't "obey" Satan, and our Creator, Jesus Christ at the same time Mat.6:24, for Jesus is **"the truth"** Jn.14:6, and Satan has **"no truth"** in him Jn.8:44.

I had an appointment with Dr. Martin on this but just before our meeting he suddenly died [in January 2002, DWS]. My question is would you be interested to discuss this URGENT, and VITAL issue? Would you be willing to WARN your followers, subscribers of not having salvation, unless they REPENT, and to show them HOW to REPENT?

In the reality of Christ's eternal love, [name].

Answer / Response

[Name], Look at Dr. Martin's article "[The Way of Salvation in the Christian Gospel](#)." You should know this already, having been acquainted with ASK for decades.

With regards to the other matters, we win, they lose — but not before Christ returns. God has chosen for us to live within the Babylonian system that began at the time of Jeremiah and Nebuchadnezzar. You may fight them if you wish, but it is best not to directly challenge their power base. God chooses them to have such power at this time. Just as God through Jeremiah told Judah not to fight against Nebuchadnezzar, we are not supposed to fight the antichrist or the system that is being established for him.

Satan is the god of this world. Learn to live with that fact. It will not change until Christ returns. At the time of the antichrist God's LAW will be the mark of the Beast. He will enforce obedience to the Law of Moses. He will pervert that Law, of course.

However, if “they” come after you, then fight them with all your power and strength, but you do not poke a stick at a dragon. If you choose to do so, then do not expect God to protect you. In fact, God says you are on your own (Revelation 13:7–10).

[Name], I am not bragging when I say I MAY know more than you do about the subjects you mention. I have studied (not just read about) such matters since I graduated from college in 1972. I learned about the Illuminati about 1969 from Myron Fagan’s original LP recording. I worked with researcher Jordan Maxwell for a few years. David Icke is an acquaintance and I am cited in one of his books (before he got onto the subject of shape-shifting people). I own a photocopy of Adam Weishaupt’s book *Apologie des Illuminaten* (1786, mine is dated 1789) in Old High German, which means “Apology of the Illuminati.” Believe it or not I have never been able to get any of the “great” conspiracy researchers to do (or finance) a translation. I guess they do not care enough.

You must feel it is your mission to tell people how to live. How is that working out for you? For me, ... been there, done that. [I don’t do that any longer.]

Such political matters are not part of the Evangel of Christ, so far as I understand it. We all greatly miss Dr. Martin. I encourage you to read his last book: *The Essentials of New Testament Doctrine* (free online at <http://www.askelm.com/essentials/index.asp>).

Regarding your predictions about events before 2016 of Christ’s return, do you really think three generations of the kings of the south will occur in 5 years? Fascinating. If so, then you should be able to identify for me **NOW**:

1. Who is the Cyrus to come from Persia who will aid Israel? Surely you should know by now?
2. Who is the first King of the North? Surely you should know by now?
3. Who is the first King of the South? Surely you should know by now?
4. Who is the antichrist? Certainly you must have some idea by this time? He seems to be slow in gaining power.
5. Who is the false prophet? Only 5 years left! When will he begin prophesying?
6. Who are the 10 kings? Can we identify them yet? They support, then oppose, and probably kill the antichrist before he is re-energized by Satan.
7. What parts of Zechariah chapters 9–14 have been fulfilled? Where are we in that lengthy sequence of events (which must also be factored in with Daniel and Revelation)?
8. Where are we in the various prophecies of Daniel? Certainly some milestones should be identifiable from at least some of those prophecies, if there is only 5 years left?
9. Has there been a conversion of Israel yet? Will that begin soon?
10. Has the Gospel been **“preached in all the world”** (Matthew 24:14)?
11. How are the Times of Refreshing, the restitution of all things (meaning knowledge of God going around the world) to come before Christ returns (Acts 3:19–21)? How is that progressing?

12. Has the falling away occurred yet (2 Thessalonians 2: 3)? Falling away from what? False evangelical Christianity? Hardly.
13. Is anyone saying **"peace and safety"** at the present time (1 Thessalonians 5: 3)? Will that begin soon?
14. God shall send the world **"strong delusion"** that allows the antichrist to deceive the world (2 Thessalonians 2: 11). When will that occur? Will that last just a few days?
15. How is the Temple reconstruction coming? Any news on that? Where will that Temple be built?
16. Has Babylon been rebuilt? Is anything being done there? Nothing yet, just talk. Rome was not built in a day. Babylon's rebuilding will take years also. Remember, Babylon will be a major financial center. (I am sure you understand that the prophecies regarding Babylon's destruction are future, and that Babylon's greatness must occur). (Babylon and Mystery Babylon are different.)
17. The difficulties of Matthew chapter 24 are **"the beginning of sorrows"** (24:8). (I do not see that we are even close to that beginning — yet. Apparently you do.)
18. **[Let me add another to this list not in my original response:]** When will Egypt and countries around it (combined into the Kingdom of the South) become rich, so rich that the King of the North will desire its riches?

If everything is happening "behind the scenes," then what good are the prophecies if we cannot see their ongoing fulfillment and identify prophetic events as they occur? As you yourself note, God will let his people know beforehand!!! Consider again Amos 3: 7 (that you quote often) with regard to my above list, which is not comprehensive, as well as Psalm 25: 14 and Mark 4: 22. The prophecies fulfilled during Jesus' ministry, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension all occurred openly and in public. We have an advantage over those at that time, as you point out, we have God's Holy Spirit. We can discern the times and the seasons (1 Thessalonians 5: 1–11, a passage you know well). They will be obvious to us believers.

[Name], each of these points takes time. As I think more on this subject I will add to this list above. The evil Babylonian system is setting the stage for the antichrist. The mystery of iniquity will take time to be fulfilled (2 Thessalonians 2: 7–12). In fact, the consolidated power that will be handed to the antichrist so he can "take over" is a long way off. You should find the June 2011 article very interesting. There is much in that article by Dr. Martin that needs to be fulfilled before **"the time of the end"** begins.

Comment

The questioner gave a gracious reply and expressed a desire to meet with me in the future. I am pleased to do so, but do not know when I will be in his area. Truly, dozens of prophetic sequences and hundreds of identifiable prophetic events must happen before Christ returns. Like you, I am anxious to see them as they occur. They will be obvious to all believers.

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