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“Let us be alert to the season in which we are living. It is the season of the Blessed Hope, calling for us to cut our ties with the world and build ourselves on this One who will soon appear. He is our hope—a Blessed Hope enabling us to rise above our times and fix our gaze upon Him.” Tozer

This is Not a Drill

By Hal Lindsey

Critics of end-time Bible prophecy often say exactly what the Bible said they would say. 2 Peter 3:3-4 (NASB) says, “In the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, ‘Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.’”

Wars and rumors of war? Nothing new there, they say. Famines? They were worse in the past. Plagues and pandemics? We had a bad one for a couple of years, but the world has had worse. Lawlessness? Humanity has always had its crooks and creeps. Deception? People started lying right after they started talking. So, what’s new? What’s different?

Those samples of end-time signs all come from the words of Jesus in Matthew 24. There are lots of others, but let’s look briefly at these and see what makes them different today.

Wars and rumors of war. — Before each of the first two World Wars, everyone saw the terrible possibilities. But almost no one really thought it would happen. They thought cooler heads would prevail. But cool heads did not prevail. Pride prevailed. Greed prevailed. Hate prevailed.

It’s happening again, but this time with the added threat of nuclear weapons. As before, no one believes it will really happen. But the signs are there. War threatens every part of the earth, especially Europe. In Ukraine, Russian arrogance has been shattered. Their president, Vladimir Putin, is as proud and as careless with human life as Hitler or Mussolini. And right now, he’s like a wounded animal... with nukes.

That is just one factor that has turned planet earth into a tinderbox. Another would be severe shortages, especially of oil. This is a classic and historic cause of war. And we’re on the verge of shortages not seen since the last World War.

Famine. — This summer, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said that present food shortages could trigger a global “catastrophe.” The soaring cost of fertilizer, the war in Ukraine, drought, and many other issues, have placed earth on the brink of major famines — maybe sooner than you think and in places you never thought famine was possible.

Pandemics and plagues. — The Covid pandemic still rages, and others threaten. Technology has made our generation more vulnerable to disease, not less. Several biological threats lurk on the fringes of civilization right now — many of them manmade. Also, superbugs are still on the rise, and we have no known solution to the crises they threaten.

There are other kinds of plagues as well. For instance, computer viruses carry the threat of cutting off essential water, electricity, food, and health care to entire regions.

Lawlessness. — Still another kind of pandemic was recently pointed out by scientists at the University of California San Diego School of Medicine. They reported that 18% of Californians — one in six — experienced physical or sexual violence in the past year. That doesn't include theft or vandalism or fraud or any number of other crimes. This number only reflects violent crime, and it's getting worse. Principal investigator Anita Raj said, "Californians are experiencing violence at epidemic proportions." California is just one example. The epidemic of lawlessness knows no regional or national boundaries. It is global in scope.

Deception. — Fake news is not new. But it has never before been possible on the scale we see today. A global media outlet is built into every new phone. This explosion of media means opportunities for mass deception like no one even dreamed of before this century.

These are just a few of the signs Jesus pointed out in Matthew 24. And that's just one chapter of the Bible. What's unique about today is that all the hundreds of biblical end-time signs are converging and intensifying. The 1918 flu killed a higher percentage of people than Covid-19, but the modern nation of Israel did not exist then. Geopolitical alliances predicted in the Bible were not forming at every turn. Satanism was not exploding in popularity and influence. The 1918 pandemic was not accompanied by a rise of technology perfectly fitted to Antichrist and the mark of the beast.

The signs are all coming together right now. Keep your eyes on Jesus. Take care of your business, but do not let the cares of this world distract you from Him. Look up. Maranatha! Jesus is coming soon!

50,000 visits a year: Jews increasingly flock to Temple Mount amid escalation fears

Ahead of Rosh Hashanah, group says visits nearly doubled in past year; police gear up for tense holiday season

By JUDAH ARI GROSS
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The umbrella group of Temple Mount activists Beyadenu, which tracks the number of visits to the Temple Mount by Jews, released the figures in recent days ahead of the Jewish new year, Rosh Hashanah, that takes place next week.

According to the group, as of last Thursday, Jews visited the holy site 50,000 times over the past Jewish year (since September 7, 2021), with more still expected to make the pilgrimage ahead of the new year.

This appears to be the largest number of visits to the Temple Mount by Jews since the site came into Israeli hands in the 1967 Six Day War and thus the largest number since the Second Temple was destroyed in 70 CE.

The meteoric rise in the number of visits to the Temple Mount represents a major shift and a resounding victory for groups like Beyadenu that push for Jews to not only be allowed to visit the flashpoint site, but to pray there as well.

The Temple Mount is the holiest place in Judaism and the third-holiest place in Islam, though it holds particularly strong national significance for Palestinians. It is also a frequent site of violence, primarily between Muslim men and Israeli police. Non-Muslims are allowed to visit the site at certain hours, but are officially barred from praying there (though quiet prayers have increasingly been allowed, to the chagrin of Muslims).

This massive rise in the number of visitors and the slow expansion of Jewish prayer on the site — developments that a small but dedicated group of Jewish activists have cultivated over the course of the past three decades or so — has prompted regular claims by Muslim authorities that Israel is changing the status quo on the Temple Mount, along with occasionally violent protests, despite official Israeli denials.

The more than 50,000 visits is nearly twice as many as in the year before — 25,582 — and far more than the previous record of 29,420, which was set from September 10, 2018, to September 30, 2019.

The figure marks the number of visits to the Temple Mount, not visitors, so it is unclear whether this statistic represents a major rise in the number of pilgrims or whether the same devotees are making the trip more frequently. The answer is likely a mixture of the two, as the past year has seen a number of days with a far larger than normal number of discrete visitors, such as on last month's Tisha B'Av, a day of mourning on which 2,200 Jews ascended the Temple Mount this year on that day alone, according to Beyadenu.

The Israel Police on Sunday warned of potential unrest ahead of the upcoming holiday period, which begins next Sunday night with Rosh Hashanah and continues through the middle of next month with the Simhat Torah holiday on October 17.

To prepare for this tense period, the police have deployed some 2,000 officers around the capital and have also issued restraining orders against a number of Muslims and Jews who were seen as potential instigators of violence and unrest in Jerusalem.

Speaking to reporters on Sunday, Jerusalem District Commander Doron Turgeman said that visits to the Temple Mount would continue as usual during the holiday season and that police would remove anyone who violated the rules of the site.

“Regular practices in place at the [Temple Mount] for years will be maintained. The dates of visits will not be changed. Anyone who breaks the rules will be removed from the mount,” Turgeman said.

Police said they were also working with the Waqf — the Jordan-funded trust that administers the site — to prevent an escalation of violence.

Devastating floods from Typhoon Merbok soak coastal Alaska

By Stephanie Pappas

Coastal Alaska is recovering on Monday (Sept. 19) after a weekend of dramatic flooding caused by the remnants of Typhoon Merbok.

The storm brought flooding to coastal communities, impacting 1,000 miles (1,609 kilometers) of coastline, Alaska governor Mike Dunleavy said at a news conference on Sunday (Sept. 18), and hundreds of people huddled in temporary shelters on Saturday (Sept. 17), according to Alaska Public Media(opens in new tab). Roads were washed out and homes were damaged by winds gusting near 70 mph (114 km/hour), CBS News reported(opens in new tab). In Nome, at least one home was torn from its foundations and seen floating down a river.

Water levels remained high in many areas on Monday, with storm surge expected to recede throughout Monday and Tuesday (Sept. 20) morning.

"Merbok was a rare and historic storm for the Bering Sea and Western Alaska," NWS meteorologist Virginia Rux told Alaska Public Media(opens in new tab) on Sunday. "Many of the coastal communities are still recovering, and we are not anticipating any storm like what we just experienced anytime soon."

The typhoon originated on Sept. 11 in the central Pacific, east of the Northern Mariana Islands,, according to Accuweather(opens in new tab). It lost strength by the time it neared the Alaska coast, but still produced winds strong enough to whip up a combination of waves (caused by local winds) and swells (caused by the cumulative effects of the more distant storm winds) up to 50 feet (15.2 meters) tall.

Winds from the storm have now peaked and are concentrated west of Point Hope, Alaska, where they will remain for the next few days, according to the NWS. Meteorologists are not expecting any more impacts from what's left of the storm.

But coastal Alaska is now taking stock of the damage. A popular restaurant on Nome's Front Street burned down on Saturday evening in a conflagration fueled by extreme winds, according to the Anchorage Daily News(opens in new tab). The Nome Nugget(opens in new tab) reported failing seawalls, dislodged fuel tanks, submerged roads, and homes knocked from their foundations, including one that lodged under the Snake River Bridge after floating downstream.

On Sept. 17, Melissa Frey, a meteorologist with KTUU/KYES Anchorage, shared photos that showed severe flooding in Newtok, St. George and Hooper Bay, with homes partially submerged and wreckage littering the coastline.

The storm was reminiscent of the 2011 Bering Sea Superstorm, which struck in November and brought wind gusts of up to 93 mph (150 km/h) to the region, according to the NWS Fairbanks(opens in new tab). Gov. Dunleavy declared a state of emergency on Saturday and said he was in contact with the federal government for relief. Time is of the essence, he said in a news conference(opens in new tab) on Saturday, , because some communities will experience their first freezing temperatures of the year in just a few weeks.

"We just have to impress upon our federal friends that it's not a Florida situation where we've got months to work on this," the governor said. "We've got several weeks to work on this."

Mr. Harari, How Dare You!

Geri Ungurean

To quote Greta Thunberg:

“HOW DARE YOU!!”

Harari completely misses the point of Noah’s Ark. His attempt at likening Climate Change to the Great Flood, which God ordained, is ludicrous.

GENESIS 6:

“Now it came about, when mankind began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw that the daughters of mankind were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. Then the Lord said, ‘My Spirit will not remain with man forever, because he is also flesh; nevertheless his days shall be 120 years.’ The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of mankind, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

“Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of mankind was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. So the Lord was sorry that He had made mankind on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. Then the Lord said, ‘I will wipe out mankind whom I have created from the face of the land; mankind, and animals as well, and crawling things, and the birds of the sky. For I am sorry that I have made them.’ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

“These are *the records* of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. And Noah fathered three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

“Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for humanity had corrupted its way upon the earth.

“Then God said to Noah, ‘The end of humanity has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of people; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth. Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with compartments, and cover it inside and out with pitch. This is how you shall make it: the length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. You shall make a window for the ark, and finish it to a cubit from the top; and put the door of the ark on the side; you shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.

“Now behold, I Myself am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which there is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish. But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every *kind* into the ark, to keep *them* alive with you; they shall be male and female. Of the birds according to their kind, and of the animals according to their kind, of every crawling thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every *kind* will come to you to keep *them* alive. As for you, take for yourself some of every food that is edible, and gather *it* to yourself; and it shall be food for you and them.’ So Noah did *these things*; according to everything that God had commanded him, so he did” (Genesis 6).

*But you see, Mr. Harari has **no** understanding of the Scriptures. If he did, he would understand that the people on earth who God said “**every intent of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually – were just like him!**”*

*He is an **arrogant atheist homosexual man** who scoffs at the mention of God’s name. And he has the **audacity** to invoke Scripture to drive home the lie that is GLOBAL WARMING! Mr. Harari has no idea of his eternal destiny in a fiery hell if he does not repent and trust our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Brethren – he may indeed be one of those whom God has given over to his depraved mind. **WOE to him!***

From **breitbart.com**

Yuval Noah Harari, historian, futurist, and World Economic Forum (WEF) adviser, said on Friday [that] “climate change,” if unaddressed, may cause a “technological Noah’s ark” scenario in which “elites” escape what he framed as planetary catastrophe for humanity.

Harari’s remarks were made as he joined a discussion hosted by the Warwick Economics Summit which framed “climate change” as “the most pressing threat facing humanity.”

*To watch video, go to: <https://youtu.be/sIAYTeJeyRY> *Relevant portion begins at 25:40**

Harari framed “climate change” as a function of anthropogenic global warming. He stated:

“Technology is obviously the key. It created the problem in the first place. It’s also a key to the solution, but by itself, technology is never a solution because every technology can be used for good or for ill. It depends on how you [use] it, [and] on which interests you take into account. So yes, we need people to work on the technological aspects, but we need the politicians to direct it in the right way for the benefit of the greatest number of people and of the entire ecosystem. One of the biggest dangers in technological utopianism — [the belief] that, “Oh, the technology will solve it” — is a kind of Noah’s ark syndrome, like in the Bible with the flood, that yes, eventually they built an ark, but just for five people or something like that. Almost everybody drowned.

“There is a very big danger that with climate change, when people talk about what our future is going to be like, there is no “us.” There is no “our future.” Humanity might divide into a majority – maybe – of people who would suffer tremendously, and a minority that will have the resources, the wealth, [and] the technology to protect themselves, and even flourish in some kind of technological Noah’s ark. This is extremely dangerous. Again, I think one of the reasons that we don’t see enough urgency — from leaders, from business elites, and so forth — is that in the back of their minds, they are counting on a technological Noah’s ark, and that’s very, very dangerous.”

CNN’s Bill Weir, who hosted the discussion, described the “COVID pandemic” as a “dress rehearsal” for “the climate crisis” while alluding to the contemporary leftist slogan “trust the science.”

“I keep coming back to the idea that the COVID pandemic is really a dress rehearsal — on a much smaller level — for the climate crisis,” Weir said, “and a reminder about how communities that have trust and faith in science, and each other, sort of suffer the least.” Corporate control in the form of “benevolent capitalism,” he added, may yield “planet-saving” protocols. He continued, “Those who wait for those citizens to start dying suffer the most, but at the same time, we’re still so divided globally within countries about these sorts of things, and there’s a lot of hope that if governments can’t pull it together, then maybe it’ll be corporations, like benevolent capitalism.”

Harari concluded by framing “climate change” as an urgent threat to humanity.

“We don’t have a lot of time,” he held, “but it’s still possible to change our priorities [and] to rewrite the rules of the game so that not just a tiny elite — but all the inhabitants of the planet — will have a better future — or, for starters, will have any kind of future.”

Yuval Noah Harari is a despicable person. I’m sorry, but I must say the truth. His only hope is in the Lord Jesus Christ. That would be a miracle for his eyes to be opened.

But our God is in the business of miracles – is He not?

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The IDF is building a networked war machine

On Sept. 15, the Israel Defense Forces did something remarkable. As part of its first-ever International Operational Innovation Conference at the Tze’elim Base in the northwestern Negev, where it hosted chiefs of staff and commanders from dozens of militaries around the world, the IDF mounted a display of operational firepower. That display provided a glimpse into the networked war machine that the IDF is building—and it was a display that foreign militaries observed with keen interest.

Muslim nations moving towards peace with Israel in prophetic Ishmael-Isaac reconciliation

Israeli media is reporting that representatives from two Muslim majority countries, Pakistan and Indonesia, are currently in Israel on a “secret” visit focused on developing diplomatic relations. Neither of the countries currently has formal relations with Israel. The Indonesian delegation reportedly includes a “senior official.”

Facebook removes suspected secret US military ops accounts; Pentagon orders massive review

A new report on Monday revealed Facebook removed fake accounts suspected of being used by the U.S. military for secret psychological operations, people familiar with the matter said. The action prompted the Pentagon to order an audit of how the Department of Defense conducts secret information warfare online.

Global space agency leaders see asteroid deflection, moon missions as top priorities

Officials from NASA, the European Space Agency (ESA), Canadian Space Agency (CSA), the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) and Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) took to the stage Sept. 18 at the International Astronautical Congress (IAC) 2022 in Paris. The first major mission milestone discussed is already speeding along. “This weekend, at 15,000 miles an hour, a spacecraft is going to ram a small asteroid that revolves around a larger asteroid,” NASA administrator Bill Nelson said, speaking about the upcoming DART mission impact.

James Webb Space Telescope’s 1st images of Mars reveal atmosphere secrets

The images of Mars’ observable disk — the side of the planet lit by the sun and facing the telescope — were captured by Webb’s Near-Infrared Camera (opens in new tab) (NIRCam) and could provide planetary scientists with a unique view of Earth’s close neighbor, delivering data that can be used in

conjunction with observations made by rovers like NASA's Perseverance and craft in the Martian orbit.

Magnitude 7.6 earthquake strikes off La Placita de Morelos, Mexico -USGS

A magnitude 7.6 earthquake struck near La Placita de Morelos in western Mexico, the U.S. Geological Survey said on Monday. The quake, which struck in the state of Michoacan, was at a depth of 15 km (9.3 miles) USGS said. The U.S. Tsunami Warning System said there was risk of a tsunami near the coast of Michoacan.