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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

## Top Ten Significant Stories of 2022

Jan Markell

Reflecting back on 2022, I found myself in the same yearly predicament. How do we select ten top stories of the year when, in reality, there were one hundred ten prominent happenings during the year as the last days wind down? Let me share some that I feel are worth discussing. All of them have prophetic implications.

### ***The Rise of the World Economic Forum (WEF) Cabal and their Rush to Global Government***

Ten years ago, had you heard of Klaus Schwab? How about Yuval Noah Harari? Were you tracking them even five years ago? Of course not. Today many are aware of this crowd and their one-world intentions. *A lot of our readers understand this is the true shadow government.* Revelation 13 outlines their scheme well.

### ***The Stirring Up of the Spirit of the Antichrist***

We all see the new lawlessness and rebellion in every aspect of society! Its current overdrive was sparked in my hometown, Minneapolis, in May 2020 with the George Floyd ordeal. Now police forces are reduced, criminals face no bail, and prosecutors encourage more lawlessness. But the spirit of the Antichrist is everywhere—in our government, in our schools, and more. *It is priming the pump for the real Antichrist.*

### ***Government Knows Best—Trust It***

That has been the mantra in the Western world for almost three years. Trust the government for vaccines, to properly handle pandemics and other health issues, and to keep you well! Millions bought into it. *Millions will now transition from trusting government to trusting the Antichrist.*

## ***The Rise of the Green Dragon: The Worship of Mother Earth***

Entire continents have caved to the religion of climate change and environmentalism. They worship mother earth rather than loving Father God. Joe Biden wants to block the sun to fight global warming. In the name of saving energy, farmers in Europe are being put out of business, an action that is inviting a famine. *Sane people know this is lunacy, but they are helpless when their governments mandate foolishness.*

## ***The Race Towards Digital Currency: Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)***

Why are we surprised when our authorities tell us cash is going away? A cashless system plays a prominent biblical end-time role. More than 100 nations are exploring CBDCs, according to the IMF. The Biden Administration is pushing this. It is being portrayed as the answer to many of the world's problems! We could see it in 2023.

## ***The Decline of America, Rise of Radical Liberalism, and Lack of a World Leader***

Although it's tough to watch, America is in decline. At the same time, name even one global leader. Leftists are trying to make America a liberal paradise like Venezuela. Sadly, the result is more like a banana republic. Progressives are attempting to accomplish what every other Socialist/Communist country has: Destroy the middle class, obtain unending power, create a permanent welfare state, and create total dependence. You can't have a superpower when the goal is global government.

## ***Christians Are Canceled; Jews are Under Attack***

When Sam Brownback's *National Committee for Religious Freedom* needed a bank account, they went to J.P. Morgan Chase. They quickly realized their account was closed! They are fighting back. At the same time, Jews are under attack in many countries. Assaults have increased over 100% in the last year. New York City attacks against Jews are up 125% in the last year. *The "people of the book," Jews and Christians, are hated as the Bible foretold.*

## ***The Rise of Strong Delusion and Global Deception***

How else do you explain the rage that girls can become boys and boys can become girls? That men can join women's sports and change clothes in the ladies' locker rooms? *And that all of this is totally normal and healthy?* Trans-identifying kids in the U.S. have increased by almost 1,000% in the last two years. How do you explain the love of killing a baby in the womb, at any stage of life, with a torturous procedure? *God will not tolerate this much longer!*

## ***Running Amok: Apostasy in the Church***

It would take a three-hundred-page book to summarize the current state of the church now. In the last two years, thousands have gone "woke," seeker-sensitive, and more. Social justice has replaced salvation. Many teach that the church will make the world a better place—even perfect.

The sheep are trying to find a solid church—and one that talks about issues of the day and Bible prophecy. Many churches want to tell people they can have their best life now.

### ***The Staggering Rise of the Paranormal and Occult, Called Sorcery in the Bible***

The world, and some in the church, *are dancing with the devil*. Social media encourages this and provides a platform. Even Christians dabble in things they know they shouldn't. Then there is the blatant—the Commonwealth Games last summer that featured the re-creation of the Tower of Babel and a woman riding a beast—with many bowing down to the beast. This is all leading to rampant sorcery talked about in Revelation, and there it is combined with drugs.

*What did you think the last days would look like?* Believe the Bible when it calls our times perilous and filled with people possessing selfish, reckless motives. God is orchestrating events to wind up this amazing drama known as the Church Age. The last act may be on display. *Expect a trumpet and a shout any day.* (1 Thess. 4:16)

## **'All Is Well': A False Peace Has Invaded The Church, Leaving Many Blind To The Days They Live In**

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I can't imagine living at a time when deception is greater than it is now, but the Bible says that just such a day will exist during the time of the antichrist.

Those who reject the words of Scripture become easy prey for the wiles of the devil; they believe many things are not true. We see the words of 2 Timothy 2:13 lived out all around us as never before; there Paul says that "evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived."

Sadly, the lie that "all is well" has invaded many churches, even those that claim to be Bible-believing. Despite the multitude of signs that tell us the wrath of the Day of Lord is ever so close, a majority of Christians remain unaware that they live in the last days.

As I reflect on 2022, the illusion of peace that's become the hope of many saints saddens me. This deception has come about through false teaching concerning the end times, which prevents them from recognizing the signs of the rapidly approaching Tribulation period.

## **VIEWPOINTS THAT OBSCURE THE VISION OF THE SAINTS**

Let's begin by looking at some of the various teachings regarding the end times that give believers a false illusion of peace in our time.

### **1. THE REBRANDING OF PREMILLENNIALISM**

During the past several years, I have become aware of several churches that hold to a type of premillennialism that's far different from what Bible-believing ones taught during the twentieth century. Whereas the Bible teaches the restoration of a glorious kingdom to Israel, today's updated version denies this while still maintaining a belief in Jesus' future reign, which may or may not include a literal belief in the words Revelation 20:1-10. Most often it does not.

In churches that rebrand premillennialism, you will not hear sermons that reflect the signs of the times in which we live. Instead, the messages frequently deny the reality of Jesus' soon appearing as well as the reality of the seven-year Tribulation.

The new premillennialism *might* include a "role" for Israel, but it's not the reign of Jesus over the nations seated upon the "throne of David" in Jerusalem, which *God's Word promises* the descendants of Jacob in passages such as Jeremiah 33:23-26, Zechariah 14:9-21, Isaiah 9:6-7, and Luke 1:30-33.

### **2. REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY**

Many churches adhere to the more traditional form of amillennialism, replacement theology, which teaches that there's no thousand-year reign of Jesus because the church has replaced Israel and thus inherited all its physical promises, albeit in a spiritual sense. Similar to the rebranded form of premillennialism, they see the church as God's physical kingdom and regard the book of Revelation as something far different than a book of prophecy, which it claims to be (Revelation 22:6-10).

Replacement theology lies at the heart of all other errant viewpoints on the end times. If one combines the church age with the kingdom promises God made to Israel, it always leads to further errant teaching, *always*.

### 3. KINGDOM THEOLOGY

Replacement theology emphasizes that the church is now God's kingdom. Those who adhere to Dominion Theology, or what many refer to as the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR), take this a step further.

The proponents of NAR teach that since the church is God's kingdom, it will eventually defeat all the evil in the world and usher in the peaceful conditions of the Millennium *before* Jesus returns to earth.

They rely on "new revelation" to the church. However, what they teach contradicts what the Bible reveals about the Lord's defeat of wickedness during the seven-year Tribulation and Jesus' glorious return to earth *before* the Millennium.

### 4. PRETERISM

Many of those who hold to the preceding viewpoints claim that the words of Jesus in Matthew 24:4-28 have already happened; they are past history. Preterism extends this faulty interpretation by teaching that Jesus' has already returned to earth in AD 70 as He promised to do in Matthew 24:29-31. Rather than regard most of Matthew 24:4-31 as already fulfilled, preterists regard the entire passage in this way.

I include this blatant false teaching to show how the failure to distinguish between the church and God's promises regarding his future kingdom on the earth, the Millennium, cascades into many errant teachings that lead to the denial of the "blessed hope" of the Gospel (Titus 2:11-14) and sometimes even to the subversion of the Gospel itself.

### **"PEACE, PEACE; WHEN THERE IS NO PEACE"**

In Jeremiah 6:14, the prophet records the Lord's complaint regarding the spiritual leaders of the people in Judah. He wrote that they "have healed the wound of my people lightly, saying, 'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace." The sense is that of applying a superficial salve that not only failed to address the hurts of the people, but also promoted a false sense of security despite the threat posed by Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians.

I believe the words of this passage apply to church leaders and writers that promote doctrines that close the eyes of the saints to the dangers posed by the Satanic globalists. They do not proclaim "peace, peace" as did the false prophets in ancient Judah, but by their silence they fail to warn those that they lead of the great dangers that exist in our time. They repeat the errors of the false prophets and priests of Jeremiah's day.

I know that the majority of those who read my posts are fully aware of all the signs that tell us the seven-year Tribulation is ever so near, which means the Rapture could happen at any moment (the sooner the better).

I go to this place of warning again, however, because of my sadness for believers who never hear about their joyous hope in Jesus' soon appearing.

As a result, many Christians do not recognize the great evil that masquerades behind the mask of good intentions of the globalists and most government leaders. Beneath the many benevolent-sounding words lies the spirit of the antichrist taking people down paths that lead to lawlessness, chaos, destruction, and certain death.

The prevailing message of peace in our time prevents them from seeing behind the veil of deception to the working of our dreadful enemy. They fail to recognize the extensive stage-setting for the kingdom of the antichrist that's so rampant throughout the world.

### ***THE WAY OF WISDOM***

I love the contrast between the way of wisdom and that of folly in Proverbs 9. I'm not saying this chapter speaks directly to the end times, it does not. However, it's something I believe we can apply to it.

In the book of Proverbs, wisdom reveals the person of Christ. We trust the words of wisdom because they come from Him (2:6), are righteous (8:8-9), and bring blessing and "life" to us (8:34-35).

In Proverbs 9:13-18, the "woman Folly" sits in front of a nondescript house offering "stolen water" and "bread." Her seductive ways appeal to a great many, but in the end her ways lead to death.

Compare that to what Wisdom offers (9:1-5). Her magnificent house has "seven pillars" and she provides so much more than a meager meal. Those who accept her invitation feast on meat from a freshly butchered animal and wine. She offers "insight" or "understanding," which signifies greater discernment in all things pertaining to the wisdom of God's Word.

I believe we can apply the fabulous feast offered by Wisdom, aka Jesus, to our hope of eternity beginning with the Rapture and the receipt of our immortal and imperishable bodies. In 1 Corinthians 15:51-58, the Apostle Paul says that not all believers will die, but many will be alive at the time of Jesus' appearing. After that, our experience in eternity will far exceed the happiness of our very best day here below.

On the other hand, teachings that see the church as God's physical kingdom have great appeal. Many Christians don't want to hear that the Rapture might interrupt their cherished aspirations. Perhaps this is why so many flock to churches that assure them "all is well" and avoid any suggestion that the Lord's appearing might suddenly interrupt their future plans.

However, in reality they settle for a meager meal that fails to satisfy. The "full preterists" believe we are already in the eternal state. Many of the other viewpoints postulate a continued existence on this earth devoid of the glories of the New Jerusalem or a new earth. It's rare to hear any mention of the glorious, immortal bodies that the Lord will give us at the time of the Rapture.

The way of wisdom revealed in the Proverbs leads to a belief in what the words of Scripture tell us about our imminent hope and our reign with Jesus when He rules the world from a gloriously restored Israel. It's not bread and water, but rather a fabulous feast that we will enjoy forever.

If you do not yet know Him as your Savior, [click here](#) for how you can know for sure that you possess eternal life.

The Tribulation period is on our doorstep and that means His appearing to take us home is ever so close. Now is the time to make sure you belong to the Savior. Please don't delay!

## **The End of 2022**

By Hal Lindsey

By the end of 2022, eight billion people lived on the earth. They were besieged by a series of plagues, droughts, false prophets, war, the threat of greater war, hatred, rage, theft, and violence. The eight billion were fragmented in a variety of ways — according to their nations, level of income, race, gender, various understandings of gender and human sexuality, along with religion or the lack thereof.

Change became overwhelming to most of the eight billion. For those over 40, it was almost unfathomable that by the end of 2022, not even half the students at Cambridge University identified as heterosexual.

In 2022, deception ruled the day. Trust in government, educational institutions, and the news media had been largely obliterated. Trust in health officials and doctors had become severely damaged. In such an environment, many found it increasingly difficult to maintain friendships. Even families had begun to crumble. When deception rules, relationships die, and loneliness begins to blanket lives.

By the end of 2022, people were offended by almost everything. A public library in Massachusetts refused to put up a Christmas tree. It purportedly made some people "uncomfortable." The library celebrated Hanukkah, Kwanza, and pride month, yet the powers-that-be deemed Christmas offensive.

After a public outcry, they changed their position and put up the traditional tree. But it raises a huge question. Why would a Christmas tree be considered offensive? Such trees are ubiquitous during the month of December. So, what is the offense? The word Christmas begins with Christ, and an increasing number of people are offended by any reference to Him.

A member of the town's human rights commission wrote on Facebook, "You – who claim to believe in Christ and Christmas... are the least gracious, most hateful, most disgusting trash in the world.... Is this what you think your magic sky daddy wants?"

She said a lot more than that, most of which I don't care to quote. I'm sure her profanity-riddled rant against God and Christians came partly because of terrible things people were saying about the town and library. There are also reports of library employees being bullied. That should not happen, and it is certainly not Christian. Later, the woman resigned from the human rights commission. But she represents another ominous trend as we near the end of 2022. That trend is rage against Jesus and His people.

For most Americans, it feels like we left Bedford Falls somewhere along the line, and we entered Pottersville. It feels unreal. Many dismiss it as society simply going through another phase. But these phases are leading to darker and darker places.

Christians can look forward to 2023 with renewed hope, but not because the world is getting better. It is not. More than ever before, it should be obvious that our hope is not in the mechanisms and programs of this world. It is in Christ alone.

## Turkish, Russian strategy for Syrian endgame emerging

BEHIND THE LINES: Without US pushback, Turkish-Russian cooperation may deliver victory in Syria to Moscow-Tehran axis

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Since 2019, the Syrian situation has been largely at a stalemate, with authority divided among three de facto enclaves, each dependent on the sponsorship of outside powers. The Assad regime, guaranteed by Russia and Iran, controls around 60-65% of Syria's territory, including the coastline and the main cities. The US-backed, Kurdish-dominated Syrian Democratic Forces hold most of the area east of the Euphrates, comprising roughly 30% of Syria's area. Turkey, in partnership with the self-styled "Syrian National Army" (the remnants of the Sunni Islamist rebellion, remustered under Turkish auspices) and with the jihadi Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) group, controls an area in the northwest, comprising around 10% of Syrian territory.

This de facto partition has mostly held since early 2018. Turkey shifted the balance somewhat in October-November 2019, with a ground incursion east of the Euphrates. This resulted in the establishment of an enclave of Turkish-controlled territory biting into the Kurdish-controlled area, and in the deployment of regime and Russian forces east of the Euphrates in order to deter further Turkish advances. Since then, the military situation on the ground has been static, the broader question of Syria's future unresolved.

There are currently indications of renewed movement. Specifically, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has been carrying out an air campaign against targets in the Kurdish/US area since November 20. The Turkish president has already threatened a ground incursion, with the intention of pushing the Kurdish forces back 30 kilometers from the border and conquering three towns – Tal Rifaat, Manbij and Kobani. Kurdish sources told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Syrian Kurdish leadership had expected the invasion in late November. Its postponement appears to be the result of both American and Russian representations to and pressure on Ankara. Sources suggest, however, that the danger has not yet passed.