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(Daniel 11:31)    Six hundred years after Daniel, Jesus Christ also made reference to both the 'abomination' and the Prophet who foretold it.    "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)" (Matthew 24:15)    There are those who argue that, because of Daniel's astonishing accuracy in foretelling the rise and fall of Babylon, Medo-Persia and Alexander the Great's Greek Empire, the Book of Daniel must be a forgery written long after the prophet's death.    Opines the Encyclopedia Brittanica:    "Because its religious ideas do not belong to the 6th century BC, numerous scholars date Daniel in the first half of the 2nd century BC and relate the visions to the persecution of the Jews under Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175-164/163 BC). . . The unknown author may have drawn inspiration from Ugaritic and Phoenician sources that speak of a legendary figure notable for his righteousness and wisdom."    These 'scholars' run into a bit of a problem with their argument, since the Gospels specifically identify Daniel as a prophet.  If Daniel wasn't a prophet and if he did not pen the book bearing his name, then it follows that Jesus Christ could not be the Son of God.    It is impossible for Jesus to be Whom He claimed to be and not know whether Daniel was a Divinely inspired prophet or whether Daniel was just the name ascribed to a later work of forgery.    If Jesus is the Son of God, then He is also the One Who makes an appearance in Daniel's narrative.  King Nebuchadnezzar demanded that he be worshipped as a god.  Three Hebrew captives (and companions to Daniel), Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused.    Nebuchadnezzar ordered the three men thrown into a furnace to be burned alive. Later, he looked in, and then questioned his counsellors:    "Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king."    But there were four figures visible in the flames, and it was Nebuchadnezzar who identified the mystery figure:    "He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God. " (Daniel 3:24-25)    Jesus identified Daniel as a prophet and quoted from the Book of Daniel in His sermon.  If Daniel is a forgery, then Jesus could not be anything more than a fraud.    If Jesus is a fraud and Daniel is a forgery, then the Bible isn't worth studying.  If it isn't worth studying, then what does that make these 'scholars'? (Hint: see Psalm 53:1)    Jesus trusted Daniel enough to quote him in a sermon.  I trust Jesus for my eternal salvation.  Logically, I can also trust the Book of Daniel as a Divinely inspired work of God.    Now, what is the 'abomination of desolation' to which Jesus refers?  There are two answers -- one from history and the second from prophecy.  When Alexander the Great's empire broke up, it resolved into four major kingdoms.    Seleucus was one of Alexander's generals, and came to control the Syrian portion of the empire.  Syria was one of the two dominant divisions of the empire, and continued through twenty kings.  Antiochus IV was the eighth king of the Selucid Empire.    Antiochus IV had two key passions which are worthy of note, since they bear on the prophecy: He hated the Jews, and he fancied himself a conqueror in the mold of his father, Antiochus III Magnus ("the Great").    In 167 BC, Antiochus Epiphanes raided the Temple, entered into the Holy of Holies and sacrificed a pig on the altar.  Of singular importance for our understanding of prophecy is that Antiochus did not destroy any part of the temple.    He did build extra structures, including pagan "enhancements" to the altar of sacrifice.  However, none of this can be considered "throw(ing) down" the foundations of the sanctuary.    Jesus referred to the "abomination of desolation" in the context of the signs of His return.    Jesus was not referring to an historical event as the fulfillment of His prophecy, He was providing an example from history of what such an event meant.    The abomination of desolation, therefore, is a future event that involves the desecration of the Holy of Holies in the Jewish Temple.    Jesus is clearly describing events that take place during the Tribulation Period and He is just as clearly addressing the Jews in the last days, and not the Church.  He speaks directly to those Jews who will live in Judea (the West Bank) at that time.    "But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For THEN shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." (Matthew 24:20-21)    Some argue that Jesus is addressing the signs of His return in the last days to the Church, in an effort to support their argument that the Church will be present during the tribulation.    A Jew is not permitted to undertake a journey exceeding 1000 steps on the Sabbath.  The Church isn't bound by Sabbath day restrictions.    So why would Jesus warn the Church to 'pray' that the time for flight does not occur on the Sabbath?  Applying Jesus' warning to the Church doesn't make sense.    But to a religious Jew, it makes perfect sense.    Assessment:    Jesus divides the Tribulation into two parts, splitting it at the point in which the antichrist replicates the abomination committed by Antiochus Epiphanes.    The Apostle Paul reveals that the antichrist will, in the last days,    "AS GOD, sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." (2nd Thessalonians 2:4)    Paul provides another important clue that is often overlooked or omitted when trying to find the presence of the Church during the "Time of Jacob's Trouble." (Jeremiah 30:7)    Many critics of a pre-Trib Rapture call the Third Temple the "antichrist's temple."  Paul describes the Temple in the last days as "the Temple of God".    The Tribulation is the 70th Week of Daniel.  Jeremiah refers to it as the Time of Jacob's Trouble.  Jesus warns of persecution that will come on Sabbath-keeping Jews.    Where is the Church?  What is the role of the Church during the Tribulation?    To answer that question, we need look at the role of the Church in the Church Age.    "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" (Matthew 28:19)    But during the Tribulation, the Great Commission is carried out, not by the Church, but by an angel appointed to the task by God.    "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to PREACH TO THEM THAT DWELL ON THE EARTH, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people. (Revelation 14:6)    If the indwelt Church is present during the Tribulation, why did the Great Commission get passed from the Church to an angel?  Again, what is the Church's role during the Tribulation?    Those who argue against a pre-Trib Rapture claim the role of the Church in the last days is to be massacred.  To what purpose?  To bring the Church to Christ?  Clearly not, since by definition, the Church is already Christ's.    Jesus promised the Church in Matthew 16:18 that,    "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."    But we then read in Revelation 13:7    "And it was given unto him (the religious beast) to make war with the saints, and to overcome them."    Which is it?  Do we prevail, or does the antichrist?  Apart from Dispensationalism, the two statements contradict.    But if the Church Age is over and the Tribulation period is the time of 'Jacob's Trouble' and judgment against 'them that dwell upon the earth' rather than for the Church, then Scriptural harmony is restored.    One can only conclude the Pre-tribulation Rapture scenario is the view that is most harmonious with Scripture, particularly when given the added dimension of actually watching the preparations unfold before our very eyes.    But our faith isn't in WHEN Christ comes, it is in the fact that Christ IS coming soon.  And the Rapture Debate is one more evidence of that fact.    Notice that the debate isn't over whether or not the Lord will come in this generation.  For most, that is not even an issue.    A century ago, they were debating over whether He was coming at all.  Today, we're fighting over His coming within a seven-year time frame.    Regardless of what you believe concerning the timing of the Rapture, the soon coming of the Lord is proved by the fact such a debate exists at all.  And no matter what you believe about the timing of the Rapture, and no matter who turns out to be right in the end, the important thing to remember is WHAT we are debating.    The evidence (and logic) both indicate that we are living in the last generation in history.  It also indicates that there are people reading my words -- right now -- who will never, ever die in the traditional sense, but will be caught up alive to be with the Lord.    "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: 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."    If that event is to take place at some point after all the Christians are massacred by the antichrist, then Paul's next words make very little sense:    "Wherefore, comfort one another with these words." (1st Thessalonians 4:16-18) |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | http://img.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101116784221/S.gif | | http://img.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101116784221/S.gif | | http://img.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101116784221/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | a1  **Saudi cash boosts Egypt's war on ISIS-Sinai after US opts out** -  [http://www.debka.com/article/25353/Saudi-cash-boosts-Egypt's-war-on-ISIS-Sinai-after-US-opts-out](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001icWS06BLnn_5EuZ3ydxI5q374ngFVHyjL3WjTAqAFX957YsrrzfNbbzHe-yUTfuzF_vLxWaUYc2ZriebdFNwpHeMvTGdsrfR6XqXowm79FILu4A11kBWwYjDFAiecI_Di4UhDuTOrjkdp3fF7AUx6d4B1mpNDAcZtenWUFGQp1EsVoVJoqR34FJI22doAxaEU6ykjAehL7PA8oGze8DzBt-yuOh9R7zD56ooRMfgXxR2WlOBvygkfyVz3PnnvMITrGTtvD5KAtKcUtnbPxi2nw==&c=&ch=)    The first visit to Cairo by Saudi King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Thursday, March 7,heralded a new chapter in the war on the Islamic State in Sinai, one to be fought with petrodollars versus the jihadis' war chest. The monarch brought President Abdel-Fattteh El-Sisi two large checks: a $20bn guarantee to cover the oil needs of 90 million Egyptians for the next five years, and another $1.5bn listed euphemistically under the heading of "Sinai development."     Two-thirds of the latter sum - a cool billion dollars - has been wholly earmarked, according to debkafile's military and intelligence sources, for weaning 13 Sinai Bedouin chiefs from their commitments to supply fighters and other services to the Wilayat Sayna of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant - ex-Ansar Bait al-Maqdis. The Egyptian army will also acquire hi-tech intelligence tools for fighting the terrorist group holding the peninsula in its grip.     King Salman's arrival in Cairo, his first since ascending the throne in January 2015, follows a sharp downturn in Egyptian security versus the rampant ISIS threat due to three disturbing developments in the last week of March::    1.  A large group of senior ISIS officers arrived in Sinai from their Syrian Raqqa headquarters to assume command of operations against the Egyptian army and security forces. Their arrival coincided roughly with the transfer to the Golan of another group of officers to bolster the affiliated Yarmouk Martyrs Brigade posted there.     The Islamist commanders traveled to Sinai via Iraq and Jordan and were ferried across the Gulf of Aqaba in smugglers' boats.    2. They carried additional orders to mount terrorist operations from Sinai against Israel. One of their plans is to land sea raiders on Israeli beaches, in the same way as ISIS gunmen attacked tourist seaside resorts in Tunisia and southern Egypt.    3.  ISIS has imported into Sinai through Bedouin smuggling rings a new type of extra-powerful Improvised Explosive Devices (IED), which were recently encountered with deadly effect by Egyptian military, intelligence and security forces on Sinai roads.    The Bedouin tribesmen pose an all-encompassing threat to Egyptian forces. They are the Islamist terrorists' eyes and ears for detecting and betraying their slightest movements in the peninsula. Furthermore, hundreds of "messengers" on motorbikes or camels carry information and orders to and from ISIS commanders before they decide whether to strike or go into hiding from a coming Egyptian assault.     By using these human couriers, ISIS operatives can eschew communication by satellite networks, cell phones and social media, which are susceptible to eavesdropping.     Another service supplied by the indigenous Bedouin is their vast smuggling network, which covers 11,000 kilometers stretching from the eastern Libyan town of Derna to western Iraq and runs through Egypt, the Gulf of Aqaba and Jordan.    All in all, the Bedouin tribes are the Islamic State's lifeline in Sinai: they move forces and command posts from country to country through clandestine trails, and procure any item ISIS may require to support its campaign of violence, from missiles to brand new automobiles straight off Japanese or South Korean production lines.     No espionage or counterterrorism services, whether Egyptian, American or Israeli, has ever managed to penetrate the secret Bedouin smuggling master hub, from which all orders issue to the sprawling the network.    Israel has its own special problem with this network, since it also serves the Palestinian Hamas terror organization and other radical Salafi groups in the Gaza strip.    ISIS and this vast Bedouin smuggling machine have mushroomed in recent weeks into major hazards not just to the stability of the Sisi regime in Cairo, but also to Saudi Arabia and its oil shipping route through the Gulf of Suez and the Suez Canal.    Saudi rulers have therefore decided to neutralize the threat by severing the dangerous symbiosis between the Bedouin tribes and the Islamic State's Sinai wilayat, by using the same means as their peace effort in Yemen, i.e.,  buying the loyalty of renegade tribal chiefs with hard cash.     King Salman handed President El-Sisi a check for one billion dollars for Egyptian intelligence to spend on winning the Bedouin chiefs away from the terrorists. The balance of half a billion dollars was made available for the Egyptian army to acquire sophisticated intelligence systems, including advanced drones and other items which the Americans have withheld, although they were promised.    The effort to turn the war on terror into a financial contest carries its own risks.    The Saudis may discover that ISIS can match them dollar for dollar, rather than relinquish access to the most wide-ranging smuggling machine in the region. Furthermore, the Sinai Bedouin chiefs are perfectly capable of pocketing money from both sides and carrying on as before     The day before the Saudi king landed in Cairo, it was leaked in Washington that the Obama administration is pondering ending or reducing the US-led Multinational Force and Observers operation in Sinai, since the peacekeepers have become sitting ducks for Islamist terrorists.     The White House has still not answered El-Sisi's urgent plea for US military back-up to support Egypt's foundering effort to curb ISIS in the peninsula, although US officials constantly declare their strong commitment to the war on global terrorism.    Saudi Arabia this week showed itself ready to step into the breach left by Washington's indifference. |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | http://img.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101116784221/S.gif | | http://img.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101116784221/S.gif | | http://img.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101116784221/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | a2  **US army building secret missile-proof base in Israel** - By David Rosenberg -  [http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/210488#.VwfYVY-cE2x](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001icWS06BLnn_5EuZ3ydxI5q374ngFVHyjL3WjTAqAFX957YsrrzfNbbzHe-yUTfuzwhCgUSsi0MSZD6PGcXDv8_wqxsrBJyD5yDoqCd7FXMhkTnM4J1kGD5P9efGy9ddVZavEgYfmed5DnSHftydbolFAg3UfqzmNd1Q-d3M-wr2Iw8t8TkETV3S1dpdhkKkI5jwrTB3xreAvyE3iDElXNg_6H9aZIbH0TZ8bQNHdM391gNABQtxjsg==&c=&ch=)    Fearing Iranian missiles and Hezbollah rockets, US military constructing reinforced base in central Israel    Iran's recent ballistic missiles tests, which have led to concern and consternation in Israel, apparently have the United States military worried as well.    In late February the US military took part in a five day joint military exercise with Israel code named "Juniper Cobra".    The central focus of the exercise was coordinating responses to a potential ballistic missile attack.    Since then, however, security officials have revealed that the US military has serious concerns about the possibility of missile attacks by Iran, Hezbollah, or Hamas, and is taking additional precautions to protect American assets in Israel.    Speaking to Walla News, these officials said the US is constructing a secret army base in central Israel.    The new base, which is being built in response to the Iranian missile threat, is reportedly designed to withstand ballistic missile attacks.    According to the report the base, which is already in advanced stages of construction, will be fully manned at all times and prepared for emergency situations.    The base is linked to the US army's radar facility in Dimona.    In March Iran conducted a series of ballistic missile tests, the first since October 2015.    Iran's ballistic missiles, which are capable of reaching Israel and can be fitting with nuclear warheads, have prompted partial American sanctions, with some American lawmakers calling for harsher measures to punish the Iranian regime. |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | http://img.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101116784221/S.gif | | http://img.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101116784221/S.gif | | http://img.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101116784221/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | a3  **Iran boasts it has developed 12 new nuclear products** - [http://www.timesofisrael.com/iran-boasts-it-has-developed-12-new-nuclear-products/](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001icWS06BLnn_5EuZ3ydxI5q374ngFVHyjL3WjTAqAFX957YsrrzfNbbzHe-yUTfuz8CEoMchcA6fp6H87ccI_7ak0zwyuPBCEieIviz7tsPYkr9uHxskLnd9h9t0C7g8xTx7milA_0Zj6LcPaIJDowCxhao6fYQWVXFSYCTvnl61W1s342vfanVszJMXUkk6fvQPYZGyIoLiAbybZdqBkH23uJzJIcKqicCmyTYhtnGup0fN_WenKNK96AsQEISq2&c=&ch=)    On Day of Nuclear Technology, Rouhani also announces new atomic facility, unveils latest technology    In a ceremony to mark Iran's National Day of Nuclear Technology, the Islamic Republic on Thursday announced the unveiling of twelve new, self-developed nuclear products in several different fields, ranging from fuel and laser technology to power plants and reactors.    Among the products unveiled at the ceremony, which was attended by Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, were new centrifuge systems and fuel rod complexes for testing reactors, according to the Iranian Fars news.    The report quoted a spokesman for the Iranian Atomic Energy Organization referring to "new nuclear achievements" in "fuel, laser, power plants and health fields."    During Thursday's event, Rouhani also announced the establishment of the Pasman Gor nuclear site in Anarak region, as well as the publication of three books related to nuclear technology and the Islamic Republic's nuclear program.    On Wednesday, Iranian Defense Minister Brigadier General Hossein Dehqan said the country intends to produce the powerful explosive Octogen for use in the warheads of its missiles to improve their "destructive and penetration power."    Octogen is used as an explosive in penetrating missile warheads and as a solid rocket fuel - but is also employed as part of the detonator in an atomic bomb.    During a ceremony to inaugurate a Octogen production plant, Dehqan stressed Iran's goal of gaining the know-how to make the explosive material in order to avoid relying on external sources.    Western powers have called on the UN to take action against Iran over tests of ballistic missiles carried out on March 9, noting they threatened Israel.    Under a UN Security Council resolution passed alongside a landmark nuclear deal last year, Iran is forbidden to develop weapons that can carry nuclear weapons.    That would seem to include ballistic missiles, including two that were tested last month with the words "Israel must be wiped off the earth" emblazoned on one, according to the US and other Western powers.    The nuclear agreement, passed in July 2015 and implemented in January, lifted punishing economic sanctions and has allowed Iran to forge fresh economic and diplomatic ties with the West. In return Iran agreed to dismantle the weapons-capable aspects of its nuclear program.    At the end of March, the US, France, Britain and Germany and three allies called for a United Nations Security Council meeting to formulate an "appropriate response" to Iran's recent ballistic missile tests, which they say were carried out in defiance of the UN resolution.    The letter called the launches "destabilizing and provocative" and says the Shahab-3 medium-range ballistic missile and Qiam-1 short-range ballistic missile that were fired are "inherently capable of delivering nuclear weapons."    Israel also called for punitive action against Iran following the tests.    Iran maintains that because it cannot develop nuclear weapons under the deal, no missile is capable of carrying a nuclear weapon. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | http://img.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101116784221/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | http://files.ctctcdn.com/61c7cfcb201/803085f3-b6df-417b-98e9-bc6986e95c22.jpg  **Amazing Offer For the**  **Month of April**  **The Entire Revelation Series**  **(11 Videos): A verse by verse commentary and study of the Book of Revelation**    **The Daniel Series**  **(6 videos): A verse by verse commentary and study of the Book of Daniel**    **The Prophecy Series**  **(17 videos) on various prophecy topics.**    **The End of Times**  **Israel: God's Timepiece**  **The Rapture: In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye...**  **As in the Days of Noah**  **Perilous Times**  **The Soon to be Revealed Antichrist**  **After the Rapture**  **Gog and Magog**  **Living on Borrowed Time**  **Angels, Aliens, and Armageddon**  **There will be Tribulation**  **Jerusalem: A Cup of Trembling**  **Six Hours that Changed the World**  **CONVERGENCE**  **The Rapture and the Thief in the Night**  **The Fate of Damascus and the Psalm 83 Battle**  **Magog Rising**    **But wait! 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They are together in an alcove at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in the beautiful hills of Simi Valley, California.    They lie before a wall on which is inscribed words spoken by President Reagan at the dedication of his library in 1991: "I know in my heart that man is good. That what is right will always eventually triumph. And there's purpose and worth to each and every life."    The President was on solid Biblical ground when he said that the right will eventually triumph. He was also correct when he said that every human life has purpose and worth.    But what about his statement, "...man is good..."?    Are human beings basically good, evil, or something in-between?    The Bible has a great deal to say about this. If you want to understand yourself and your fellow human beings; if you want to understand your children or your parents; if you want to understand history, politics, literature, psychology, or even rock and roll, you need to know what the Bible says about humanity's glorious origin and its present sorry state.    And you need to understand our "one hope."    The story begins, as you might expect, with creation.    This week, I'm going to discuss "The Great Schism."    Jesus Christ became a man and gave His life to span the chasm, the abyss created by The Great Schism. He is our only bridge to salvation and eternal happiness.    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Hope of a better today. Hope for a brighter tomorrow. Hope in Christ. Is it easy to lose this hope? Sure it is. Life throws all sorts of stuff at us that can bog us down. Some days it's a drizzle while other days it's a storm. Burdens pile up. Trouble stacks up against you. No lifeboat is in sight. The light of hope can get more and more dim.    The shadows of darkness are sharper and seem to envelope you. The rapids of life boil over and you gulp for air that isn't there. You're looking for a life vest to be tossed to you but what you really need is to reach out and grasp hold of hope. Of course hope isn't a tangible, but a spiritual thing. I say this because those who don't follow Jesus don't have hope like we do.    The unsaved have hope in things that are not spiritual. They hope for more money. They hope for a bigger house or a better job. They hope for fleshly satisfaction and they hope for... you fill in the blank. They hope for anything and everything other than the one thing they should have hope in: Christ.    When life treats us badly, we pray and pray with the hope for life to get better. When life is going our way, we take for granted the hope we have in Christ and we stop praying with the earnestness we had when our lives weren't going so great. I'm not saying we are all bad at this, well... yes, I am saying a lot of us are. If you disagree... that's okay; pray for us who aren't.    The point is, all of us need hope and this need never diminishes but gets bigger the more we realize how unfathomable God is and how much we need Him each day in our lives. We tend to leave the hope we need in Christ behind us only to turn around and sprint back to hope when we need it.We are just as bad as the Israelis in the Old Testament.    They only sought after God when things were going really badly for them. Once God came into the scene, they turned back to God with the hope of His promises to only put God in the rearview mirror again when life was going pretty good for them. This cycle repeated itself throughout history. We do this same thing today as they did throughout history.    It seems that when life has its foot on the back of our neck while we're in the dirt do we do our best to look up to heaven for hope in heavenly intervention. When our oppressors get knocked on their butts and we stand up again, our eyes look everywhere else but up. When we look for hope, we find it and when we find hope we need to keep it close to our hearts-not to use it only when we have a need.    **Romans 15:13 tells us:**    "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost" (KJV).    The apostle Paul wasn't saying that we abound in anything else but hope from the hope of God. Not some hope, but hope. Hope being (from Strong's Concordance, 1680) the expectation, trust, and/or confidence we have in God. God wants us to abound in hope.    Again, He didn't qualify this hope with a timeframe or a scenario, but simply says abound, which is always. Where do we get this expectant hope? From the Holy Spirit, not on your own. Not through money, a movie star or politician, but through the Holy Spirit.The Holy Spirit was given to us by God to teach us and to help us remember His ways (John 14:26). The Holy Spirit will guide you and help you keep the hope you need to survive in this world.    Hope can be easy to lose though. One can let it go and dive into despair. Let's be honest, sometimes we think we are hoping in God, but in reality we are relying on ourselves. When we rely on ourselves, we fail and when we fail on our own accord, we are disappointed which then leads to loss of hope. It's almost as if we have a half-and-half relationship with God regarding hope.    We don't want to give up complete control of our lives and the issues we have. At the same time though, we want hope in God, but it's more like we're trying to convince ourselves to have hope in God because we aren't completely sure He will come through for us. I know this is something a lot of people may disagree with, but isn't this a reality for some people? Just like it's hard to completely surrender to Christ, it's difficult sometimes to completely have hope.    Holistically, yes we have hope, but when it comes to the more minor issues in life, we may not have 100 percent of hope in our hearts. For example, you're in financial trouble. You pray for relief and help and with that you need to have hope that God will help you. Yet in the back of your mind, you're still going through the "what-if's" scenarios just in case. We've all done this on some level. To say that you don't, I believe you need to relook and examine yourself.    There is hope for your hope life with God. First and foremost, don't give up on hope or God. Without hope, we are lost. Without hope, what do we have to look forward to? Nothing is impossible with God (Luke 1:37). You can do all things through Christ who gives you strength (Philippians 4:13). God has plans for you, your future, and to give you hope (Jeremiah 29:11    I can go on and on, but the point is that God wants you to have hope in Him. If you don't have hope in Him, your hope will be in worldly things not of God and will leave you disappointed. Our problem is that when we face troubles or have needs, we pray and expect God to answer our prayers on our terms and timeline.    God is not a convenience store where we can get what we as we need it in a pinch. No, we need to be realistic about hope. We need to understand that God works on His timeline, not ours. His will is greater than ours and His plans for us may not be known to us. It doesn't mean we don't give up on hope. The more we wait on God in hope, the more understanding of God we will have.    We need to learn patience with our hope. We are so used to instant gratification of our needs and wants that our patience is about as far as the length of an arm.    "Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer" (Romans 12:12 KJV).    The three main components of this verse are virtues that we need to apply in every facet of our lives: hope, patience, and prayer. Each feeds upon the other all intimately tied to together.    As one of the ingredients, hope is integral in this cycle. Hope is a virtue that needs to be practiced, especially with our busy lives. We need hope to hold on to our faith and in our effort to grow closer to God.    **The prophet Isaiah says in Chapter 40:31:**    "But they that wait upon the   Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."    As we learn to wait on God, we also learn to maintain and increase our hope. Hope is always available to us. Hope never runs out. Without hope in the Lord, we have nothing to look forward to. With hope, we can find our place in this world. We can strive to do God's will for us and to serve Him. God Bless.    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But when someone finally gets the chance to occupy the office, grim realities should set in. This government is a mess. The world is a mess. Leadership and character are lacking throughout the world, especially in the United States, which has traditionally held the "character" card. On inauguration day, there is an issue on which very few are focused, but one the next President and Congress must address.    The Washington Free Beacon reports that Gene Dodaro, the comptroller general for the Government Accountability Office, testified at the Senate Budget Committee about its audit on the government's financial books. Dodaro's findings were an indicator of how big government has grown, how out of control it is, and the massive undertaking it will take to get things under control. Dodaro told the senators that the US debt to gross national product ratio was 74%. To put that number in perspective, the average ratio has been 43% since immediately after WWII. He said that in 15-20 years, the US will owe more than it can produce, which means that our nation is not sustainable.    The audit found, according to Dodaro, that in just 2015 alone, some $136.7 BILLION of improper payments were made. Additionally, the audit found that the government books showed "hundreds of billions of dollars" in differences between government transactions. Dodaro told the senators, "GAO's audit calls into question the reliability of the underlying financial data. The sketchiness is such that GAO remains unable to even issue an audit opinion on the government's books." This is how the "president" is running our country, and how the Congress is holding him accountable. Imagine if the IRS audited your personal finances and found such discrepancies. It would seize your assets and you would be in jail.    This malfeasance leads to tyranny. Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 3:13, "...every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labor, it is the gift of God." Even after the Lord returns, people will, as shown in Isaiah 65:21-23, "They shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain." As long as our government and leaders are not held accountable, our citizenship is cheapened, and our general welfare, family security and property are threatened. |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | http://img.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101116784221/S.gif | | http://img.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101116784221/S.gif | | http://img.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101116784221/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | b4  **Daily Devotion: Altered Plans** - Greg Laurie - [www.harvest.org](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001icWS06BLnn_5EuZ3ydxI5q374ngFVHyjL3WjTAqAFX957YsrrzfNbdfmFN0yOhzunL5DzGZ3teh24KKXxN5Iibd7H_KHV7Z67RRfTz1KclyAcGoxi7V602izAHFhnnhepbWtt4GSLIrGHP6-yaTP0TdAAbFD0Cm56v3t7ypLnpA=&c=&ch=)    Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." -1 Kings 17:2-4    After a significant moment of delivering his message to King Ahab of an impending drought in the land, Elijah could have said, "Lord, let's get this thing going. Let's have the face-off with the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel. Let's go for it."    But there was an interesting twist to the story. Loosely paraphrased, God said, "I have a different plan in mind for you, Elijah. I want you to disappear from the scene for a while. In fact, I want you to go over to this little brook called Cherith and just hang out there."    So Elijah, a man of faith and obedience, went to a place of total obscurity. It doesn't make sense, yet it makes total sense. Sometimes God will use us, and then He will say, "Now I have to work on you for a while. You are not ready for what I have for you next. I've got to whip you into shape a little more." That is what He was doing with Elijah.    Maybe something like that has happened to you recently. Maybe there were cutbacks at work, and you were let go. Maybe you had a ministry that was flourishing, and suddenly it is not flourishing like it once did. Perhaps sickness has altered your plans. You've had to make changes, and it seems like the end. You don't get it. But maybe it isn't the end at all. Maybe it is a new beginning.    God may have closed a door for you because He has another door ready to open at any time. Here's what you need to do: Just wait on the Lord and be faithful to Him. Everything we go through in life is preparation for something else. 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America is in more danger of falling than at any time in its history. But I believe Bible prophecy predicts this very decline. From this point on, we believers have to get serious. We are going to face discouragement, disillusionment and, most certainly, persecution in the time between now and the Rapture. But don't be discouraged or disillusioned. The coming turmoil will provide us unrivaled opportunities to share the good news of the Gospel. So be ready to share your faith and your hope with those who need Christ. We still have time to reap a great harvest of souls for God's kingdom!" - Hal Lindsey  **1) We need your prayers!**- We proclaim the Truth of the Word of God and we are under constant spiritual and sometimes even physical attack.  **2) We need your encouragement!**- We need to hear from you, let us know how the Lord is blessing you through this ministry so that we can share it with others.  **3) We need your input! -** If you have a prophetic article or story or if there is a news related item we missed, let us know.  **4) We need your financial support!**- To put it quite simply, without your support, there would be no Prophecy Update.  I ask that you would prayerfully consider partnering with us to get the Word out and keep the world informed. Remember, your gift, no matter how small, does make a difference! 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