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Why do these people occupy such a singular position in the world today? Why does the nation Israel, which is 154th among the nations in land size, play such a prominent role in the world today? (You could fit 32 Israel's in the state of Texas.)    Why is Jerusalem - not New York, Los Angeles, Paris, Moscow, or Beijing - so often mentioned? Answer - because God has chosen the Jewish people. Amos 3:2 says, "You only have I chosen among all the families of the earth" (NIV). Why did God choose the Jewish people? Deuteronomy 7:7-8 says, "The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; but because the Lord loves you" (NKJV). Some would say that God has set aside or cast away the Jewish people, but this is not biblical. The original promises to Abraham and his descendants are not completely fulfilled.    **A blessed nation**    The promises to what would later become the nation Israel began with Abraham. God made very specific promises to Abraham and his descendants: "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you" (Genesis 12:2-3 NIV).    And that is true; all the world has been blessed because of the Jewish people. God delivered His Word through Hebrew prophets to the Jewish people. The Jewish people have the Ten Commandments that are the basis of morality. And God gave us our Lord, the Messiah Jesus, who was a Jewish man. Our Christian faith came through a chosen people - the Jews. The gospel is a Jewish message about a Jewish Messiah given to Jewish disciples.    We Gentiles are "grafted in" to the promises God made to His people. As Jesus said to the woman at the well, "Salvation is of the Jews." As the covenant and chosen people, the Jews have a special place in God's heart. Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16 NKJV).    **A persecuted people**    This is why Satan hates the Jews and is the author of anti-Semitism - because Satan hates what God loves. The anti-Semitism that has been directed toward Jews historically by "Christians" is sinful and wrong. It wasn't the Jews who put Jesus on the cross; it was our sin.    We see this anti-Semitism going back thousands of years. It goes back to Exodus, with Pharaoh killing Jewish baby boys. Then in Esther, we see the plot to destroy Jews by ancient Iran. Fast-forward to the Holocaust, where 6 million Jewish people died. Those who have "cursed Israel" and the Jewish people have paid a price.    Egypt, Assyria, Babylon and Rome persecuted the Jews. They collapsed as world powers. Germany, once a world power, was devastated after World War II, and justly so. Spain illustrated this on a national scale as well. In 1492, Jews were told to leave Spain or convert to Catholicism. None of their money or possessions could be taken with them. Spain collapsed as a world power.    The United States has been an example of how God can bless a nation that stands by Israel. We do not have a perfect record, as we turned away passenger ships during World War II filled with Jews and sent them back to Germany and certain death. But we did defeat the Nazis and have been, until recently, a staunch ally of Israel.    One of the reasons God has blessed the USA is because we have blessed Israel. No nation on earth has stood more closely with Israel than America over the years. America needs Israel more than Israel needs America.    **A promised land**    In Genesis 12:7, God says, "To your offspring I will give this land," and in Genesis 15:18, God makes it clear what the land is: "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates" (NIV). In Joshua chapter 1, God reiterates that the land belongs to the descendants of Abraham: "And it happened after the death of Moses the servant of Jehovah, the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, 'My servant Moses is dead. Now, therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people to the land that I will give him, to the sons of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, I have given that to you, as I said to Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon even to the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites'" (NKJV).    Israel possessed their land but turned to idolatry, so God banished them to Babylon. After 70 years, they returned, and later we find her occupied by the Romans. This is when Jesus began His public ministry and predicted that Israel would be scattered. They remained scattered for the most part until the end of World War II. God foretold in Scripture that Israel would return to their land. Ezekiel 37 predicted that Israel would rise from graves and return to her land: "Then He said to me, 'Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, "Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!" Therefore prophesy and say to them, "Thus says the Lord God, 'Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves and bring you into the land of Israel.'"'"    Speaking on the 65th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camp, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke from Auschwitz in Poland. He proclaimed that the return of the Jewish people to their homeland was fulfillment of prophecy. "The Jewish people rose from ashes and destruction, from a terrible pain that can never be healed. Armed with the Jewish spirit, the justice of man, and the vision of the prophets, we sprouted new branches and grew deep roots. Dry bones became covered with flesh, a spirit filled them, and they lived and stood on their own feet, as Ezekiel prophesied." The return of the Jews was a "super sign" that started the prophetic time clock ticking.    Scripture promises that not only will the Jews be regathered in their land, but that they would have Jerusalem under their control as well. This did not happen until fairly recently. After the modern state of Israel was declared in 1948, Jerusalem was still divided. Jordan retained control over the old city, including the Temple Mount and most historic sites. During the Six-Day War in 1967, Israeli forces captured the old city, reunifying Jerusalem. The city was under Jewish control for the first time in over 2000 years! And Bible prophecy had once again been fulfilled to a T.    And that is where the "rub" comes. Jerusalem remains at the heart of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; with many Arab leaders worldwide insisting that Jerusalem and the entire West Bank are rightfully Palestinian territory and must ultimately be given back as a condition of peace. But we must understand that God gave this land to the Jewish people. They have returned, against all odds, to this land and have shed a lot of Israeli blood. They will not give up Jerusalem. Nor should they.    **A focal point**    The city of Jerusalem - isn't it amazing that this tiny little city creates such a stir? More wars have been fought at her gates than any other city, even though her name means "City of Peace." Why this hostility toward Jerusalem? Because she plays a key role in God's plan today and tomorrow.    \*Jerusalem is the nerve center of the world geographically.  \*Jerusalem is the salvation center of the world spiritually.  \*Jerusalem is the storm center of the world prophetically.  \*Jerusalem is the glory center of the world ultimately.  \*Jerusalem is the city of the past, the present and the future.    1. Jerusalem is the city of the past. This city was the capital of Israel under King David. David's son Solomon built the first temple, and the Shekinah glory came. Jesus was crucified there as well.    2. Jerusalem is the city of the present. When the Jews formed a nation on May 14, 1948, it was a modern-day miracle. And more specifically, a fulfilled prophecy that set the prophetic clock ticking. Never has a nation been able to maintain its national identity after being scattered for hundreds of years - until Israel!    3. Jerusalem is the city of the future. It is here that world history as we know it will end. Jerusalem with be at the center of the final conflict as the battle of Armageddon rages. The Lord will enter in through the East Gate and establish His kingdom. We are commanded in Scripture to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem." God says of the Jewish people, and in effect, the nation Israel, "Whoever touches you touches the apple of his eye" (Zechariah 2:8 NLT). Essentially, He says, "Anyone who harms you harms my most precious possession." That's why we stand with the Jewish people and the nation Israel. We bless them and thank God for them.    One of my favorite books is "The Hiding Place" by Corrie ten Boom. It is the amazing story of the ten Boom family, watchmakers in Holland. They were all committed Christians. As the persecution against the Jews began, the ten Boom family took them in. The ten Booms hid hundreds of Jews to protect them from arrest by the Nazis. Betrayed by a fellow Dutch citizen, the entire family was sent to concentration camps.    Corrie's father and her sister Betsy both died in camps. Corrie alone survived and spent the rest of her life sharing the gospel. Earlier on, Corrie recounts what it was like when Jews were rounded up by the Nazis: "One day as Father and I were returning from our walk, we found the Grote Markt cordoned off by a double ring of police and soldiers. A truck was parked in front of the fish mart; into the back were climbing men, women and children, all wearing the yellow star. 'Father! Those poor people!' I cried. ... 'Those poor people,' father echoed. But to my surprise I saw that he was looking at the soldiers now forming into ranks to march away. 'I pity the poor Germans, Corrie. They have touched the apple of God's eye.'"    Just like the ten Booms, we as Christians need to stand by our Jewish friends. We need to stand up for the nation of Israel. They are still God's chosen people. God still has plans for them, and revival will break out in their nation again. |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | 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 | |  |  | | --- | | **Qalamoun battle is do-or-die for Bashar Assad, Hassan Nasrallah and Iran's General Soleimani** - [http://www.debka.com/article/24590/Qalamoun-battle-is-do-or-die-for-Bashar-Assad-Hassan-Nasrallah-and-Iran's-Gen-Soleimani-](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001e7L9IetR3maw_T589gB1ZO8bjW-XRN-fHVgGzPagml7NfgV1zlNh-MZ0XgD2iQiMOVESePSG0rKw-F7dYW0R18rLZVa6ujkvuXTEr7DAC_-X1HGddMXU01WHS2WSYMXsYstjxuaFodsFJg7orvV0yyfPLTGmcFjbEr16LhxLz1PBDblG_0bslN1smeurf0RrgnhT1qYkcvoDNe70Lru87m0a1k6W_2Kt80l7iB1UEtrkjh3IqRp-Wdt9NJrjjyKHJVw1l2zgqKnto9PZ5mYdGFapFGZSNz0sVzHzv9dvxgYR2vRhAfjqiA==&c=0pXzfmqSJwjBKkXnihDBjNMs5K4IxDf-DNsVSCbzjLYPuuWozPEd8g==&ch=NH4fjQDHBt89v6nSwfQ5NN__5GraCfHYSgJVPGwBX1T334Nu2bghLQ==)      Two contenders are locked in a fateful contest to win the strategic Qalamoun Mts. on the Syrian-Lebanese border: The Syrian army and its Hezbollah ally are fighting tooth and nail against the opposition Army of Conquest, which is spearheaded by Nusra Front, Al Qaeda's Syrian branch. This battle has all of a sudden attained the proportions of a critical regional contest, which poses dire consequences for the Iran-Syrian-Hezbollah alliance at large and its three prime movers, Syrian President Bashar Assad, Hezbollah leader Hassan Nastrallah, and their overall commander, Iran's Gen. Qassem Soleimani, head of the Al Qods Brigades.     With so much hanging in the balance, it is no wonder that Hezbollah issued confused communiqués on the battle, until Nasrallah interceded Tuesday, May 5 to say: "We have not issued a statement, and we will not issue a statement. When we launch a (Qalamoun) operation, it will be obvious to everyone."    The operation is, however, already in full flight. Neither Nasrallah nor anyone else can predict its outcome for sure, because a radical, unforeseen shift has taken place in the balance of strength. For the first time in nearly five years of Syrian civil war, the United States has lined up with Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Qatar and the UAE to give the Syrian opposition heavy weapons. Had they been supplied earlier, the war might have ended sooner and many of the hundreds of thousands of victims might have been saved.     Also, after a long silence, senior Obama administration spokesmen were finally willing to blast the Assad regime for his heinous war crimes.    Friday, May 8, three senior spokesmen confirmed as "strong and credible" the reports that the Syrian army had reverted to the use of chemical weapons. They were Robert Malik, US ambassador to the Hague-based Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, US Undersecretary of State Antony Nlnken and US ambassador to the UN Samantha Power.     They were willing to "disclose" a fact - long common knowledge in the region - that the Syrian army had retained a part of its chemical stockpile. This disclosure exposed the much-acclaimed US-Russian accord concluded by Secretary of State John Kerry and Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov at the end of 2013, forcing Assad to surrender his chemical arsenal, as a more or less dead letter.    On the heels of the US accusation, PCWU international inspectors revealed that traces of sarin and VX nerve agents were found in Syria last December and in January.    The new Obama administration's diplomatic offensive against Assad came as the Qalamoun showdown attained momentous proportions, after two weeks of heavy Syrian military war reverses in the north. The sharp US edge was also directed at Gen. Soleimani, who is responsible for Iran's supply of chorine-filled barrel bombs dropped by the Syrian air force on civilians in rebel-held areas.     Washington has refocused its attention on Syrian-Iranian chemical warfare out of two broader considerations:    1. Iran's cavalier contempt for the international accords and treaties banning chemical weapons raises tough questions about Tehran's credibility and trustworthiness for upholding the comprehensive nuclear accord currently in negotiation with the Six Powers. Can Iran be trusted to honor any commitment to allow the "intrusive inspections" of its nuclear sites, which President Barack Obama has pledged as the underpinning of any accord?     2.  President Obama has just lately adopted a plan some members of his National Security Council put forward: It is to get the Iranians moving on the nuclear deal by applying a painful prod in the form of a wedge in the Revolutionary Guards (IRGC) leadership. IRGC chief Gen. Ali Jafari is being elevated as a "moderate" and the "good guy" of the regime, while Gen. Soleimani, the Al Qods chief, who orchestrates IRGC's external subversive operations, is fingered as the "bad guy.'    Jafary is also to receive economic incentives for accepting the nuclear accord, while denouncing Soleimani, leading light of Iran's military interventions in Iraq, Syria and Yemen, may have the added benefit of forcing Tehran to pull in its horns in those conflicts.     Time will tell whether this tactic is effective. As matters stand in May 2015, it is hoped that undercutting Soleimani's repute will impinge on the level of Iranian military involvement in Syria, Iraq and Yemen. A decision by Tehran to downscale its military support for the Syrian and Hezbollah armed forces may undo them in the battle of Qalamoun. This defeat will seriously undermine Assad, Nasrallah and Soleimani. And so the Syrian opposition and its backers have all the more reason to push hard to win this fateful encounter. |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | 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 | |  |  | | --- | | **The Middle East runs out of water** - Daniel Pipes - [http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/may/8/daniel-pipes-middle-east-runs-out-water/](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001e7L9IetR3maw_T589gB1ZO8bjW-XRN-fHVgGzPagml7NfgV1zlNh-MZ0XgD2iQiMWqi9aYx5g7IXskZSSvT2inneCZkUoD0Ybqu8a9TS6jwO5SNWt3JDOeT5k52OYvovC_MeqhiBvyJpM9wt2i5m3CQk-e88uHH59tZym-x5IPEUK23ebV-lLAy8j_ipzTTQYX4NWOBX91BUTkwt91nYN487V5EpHo8tQK2RtaZXlg6WiBCFHO4wTIU4Dd-jDN3xxxH3uFWh7Cg=&c=0pXzfmqSJwjBKkXnihDBjNMs5K4IxDf-DNsVSCbzjLYPuuWozPEd8g==&ch=NH4fjQDHBt89v6nSwfQ5NN__5GraCfHYSgJVPGwBX1T334Nu2bghLQ==)      A ranking Iranian political figure,    Issa Kalantari, recently warned that past mistakes leave Iran with water supplies so insufficient that up to 70 percent, or 55 million out of 78 million Iranians, would be forced to abandon their native country for parts unknown.    Many facts buttress Kalantari's apocalyptic prediction: Once lauded in poetry, Lake Urmia, the Middle East's largest lake, has lost 95 percent of its water since 1996, going from 31 billion cubic meters to 1.5 billion. What the Seine is to Paris, the Zayanderud was to Isfahan - except the latter went bone-dry in 2010. Over two-thirds of Iran's cities and towns are "on the verge of a water crisis" that could result in drinking water shortages; already, thousands of villages depend on water tankers. Unprecedented dust storms disrupt economic activity and damage health.    Nor are Iranians alone in peril; many others in the arid Middle East may also be forced into unwanted, penurious, desperate exile. With a unique, magnificent exception, much of the Middle East is running out of water due to such maladies as population growth, short-sighted dictators, distorted economic incentives, and infrastructure-destroying warfare. Some specifics:    **Egypt**: Rising sea levels threaten not only to submerge the country's coastal cities (including Alexandria, population 4 million) but also to contaminate the Nile Delta aquifer, one of the world's largest groundwater reservoirs. The Ethiopian government finally woke to the hydraulic potential of the Blue Nile that originates in its country and is building massive dams that may severely reduce the flow of river water reaching Egypt (and Sudan).    **Gaza:** In what's called a "hydrological nightmare," seawater intrusion and the leakage of sewage has made 95 percent of the coastal aquifer unfit for human consumption.    **Yemen**: Oil remittances permit Yemenis to indulge more heavily than ever before in chewing qat, a leaf whose bushes absorb far more water than the food plants they replaced. Drinking water "is down to less than one quart per person per day" in many mountainous areas, reports water specialist Gerhard Lichtenthaeler. Specialist Ilan Wulfsohn writes that Sana'a "may become the first capital city in the world to run out of water."    **Syria**: The Syrian government wasted $15 billion on failed irrigation projects in 1988-2000. Between 2002 and 2008, nearly all the 420,000 illegal wells went dry, total water resources dropped by half, as did grain output, causing 250,000 farmers to abandon their land. By 2009, water problems had cost more than 800,000 jobs. By 2010, in the hinterland of Raqqa, now the Islamic State's capital, the New York Times reports, "Ancient irrigation systems have collapsed, underground water sources have run dry and hundreds of villages have been abandoned as farmlands turn to cracked desert and grazing animals die off."    **Iraq**: Experts foresee the Euphrates River's waters soon halved (refer to Revelations 16:22 for those implications). Already in 2011, the Mosul Dam, Iraq's largest, shut down entirely due to insufficient flow. Sea water from the Persian Gulf has pushed up the Shatt al-Arab; the resulting briny water has destroyed fisheries, livestock, and crops. In northern Iraq, water shortages have led to the abandonment of villages, some now buried in sand, and a 95 percent decrease in barley and wheat farming. Date palms have diminished from 33 million to 9 million. Saddam Hussein drained the marshes of southern Iraq, at once destroying a wildlife ecology and depriving the Marsh Arabs of their livelihood.    **Persian Gulf**: Vast desalination efforts, ironically, have increased the salinity level of gulf sea water from 32,000 to 47,000 parts per million, threatening fauna and marine life.    Nearby Pakistan may be "a water-starved country" by 2022.    Israel provides the sole exception to this regional tale of woe. It too, as recently as the 1990s, suffered water shortages; but now, thanks to a combination of conservation, recycling, innovative agricultural techniques, and high-tech desalination, the country is awash in H2O (Israel's Water Authority: "We have all the water we need"). I find particularly striking that Israel can desalinate about 17 liters of water for one U.S. penny; and that it recycles about five times more water than does second-ranked Spain.    In other words, the looming drought-driven upheaval of populations - probably the very worst of the region's many profound problems - can be solved, with brainpower and political maturity. 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A lot of my readers also lead "off the grid" lifestyles similar to what the Nauglers had been enjoying.  The Nauglers  own 26 acres in a remote area of Breckinridge County, and their family has been described as "extremely happy".  But despite never giving them a single warning or a single indication that anything was ever wrong, Kentucky police raided their home on May 6th.  The following is how the raid was described on a website dedicated to this case...    On May 6th, 2015, Breckinridge Co. Sheriff's officers came to their home, acting on an anonymous tip, and entered their property and home without a warrant and without probable cause. Nicole was at home with the two oldest children, while Joe was away with the others. When the officers left the home, they attempted to block the access road to the family property. Nicole and the two boys got in their car to leave the family property. The got only a short way down the road before the officers pulled Nicole over.    During this stop, sheriffs deputies took their two oldest boys from Nicole's custody, providing her no justification or documentation to support their action. Nicole was able to contact Joe briefly by telephone, but only for a short period of time, because she needed to use her phone to record the events.    At that point, Nicole had been taken into custody for disorderly conduct (for not passively allowing the Sheriff to take her boys) and resisting arrest. Even though she is 5 months pregnant, she was slammed belly first into the cop car and bruised and scraped on both arms.    And people wonder why there is such an uproar about police brutality in this country...    How in the world can a police officer ever justify treating a pregnant woman like that?  The police officer that treated Nicole like that should immediately resign.  Talk about an utter disgrace.  You do not ever treat a pregnant woman like that.    But this is America, where we are turning a little bit more into Nazi Germany every single day.    You can listen to audio of Nicole's shocking arrest right here.    When Joe arrived on the scene, the police continued to act like Gestapo thugs...    Joe was able to arrange transportation to meet his wife where the stop had taken place. Joe attempted to get out of the car to speak with the officers and his wife, and to recover the vehicle Nicole had been driving. The Sheriff, with his hand on his sidearm, ordered Joe back into the car. Joe complied with that request. The sheriff informed Joe that he had every intention of making this as difficult as possible for them and that their car would be impounded, despite the fact that Joe was there on­site to recover it.    A friend, who had driven Joe to the location, got out of the car to speak with the Sheriff. She was able to convince the Sheriff to let Joe recover the vehicle. Joe also recovered Nicole's cell phone, which had been recording audio the entire time.    The Sheriff ordered Joe to turn the remaining eight children over to Breckinridge County Sheriff's deputies by 10:00 a.m., and threatened him with felony charges if he does not comply.    Joe did comply with the Sheriff's order, and now their kids have been scattered by CPS among families in four separate counties...    As of now, officials have placed the children with four families in four different counties, and as of Friday morning, the parents had not spoken with them. The four families are families that CPS chose - families the Nauglers don't know.    Shame on you Kentucky.  You are supposed to be better than this.    One of the most disturbing elements of this entire incident is that Child Protective Services never visited the Nauglers a single time and never gave them any indication that anything was wrong.  The following comes from Off The Grid News...    Child Protective Services never visited the home, said Ellsworth, who believes the arrests took place because of the parents' choice of "unschooling" for their children, and because of their simple way of life that some would call backwards. The family's Facebook page calls it a "back to basics life." They have a garden and raise animals. Deputies apparently were concerned about whether the children's needs were being met, but friends say they personally have no concerns - and that the children are blessed to have Joe and Nicole as their parents.    How would you like it if government thugs raided your home and took your children away because they considered your lifestyle to be "backwards"?    What in the world is happening to this country?    Like I said earlier, what happened to the Nauglers is not an isolated incident.  These kinds of things are happening all over the nation.  For example, just consider the abuse that one homeschooling family received in New Jersey...      Meanwhile, in New Jersey, a WND report highlights how parents were interrogated by a CPS caseworker who questioned Christopher Zimmer and his wife Nicole, "on everything from their son's homeschool education to questions about vaccines and guns in the house."    Michelle Marchese aggressively demanded to enter the property after asserting Christopher Zimmer Jr. was not getting a "proper education." Police subsequently arrived and allowed Marchese to enter the home before conducting a warrantless search.    The Zimmers are now suing the CPS for $60 million in a case before the U.S. District Court in Trenton.    I very much hope that the Zimmers win that case and collect a huge monetary award.    All over the nation, CPS officials are running around acting like little dictators and trampling the law.  They need the courts to send them a clear message that this is a nation where the rule of law still applies.    If we do not stand with families like the Nauglers, control freak bureaucrats will continue to harass families that have chosen to live a "basic" lifestyle all over the nation.  So let's stand with them and make this case viral all over the Internet.    And Kentucky, get your act together and send those kids back home.  You are supposed to be so much better than this. |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | 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 | |  |  | | --- | | **What happens to babies who die?** - [http://the-end-time.blogspot.com/2015/05/what-happens-to-babies-who-die.html](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001e7L9IetR3maw_T589gB1ZO8bjW-XRN-fHVgGzPagml7NfgV1zlNh-MZ0XgD2iQiMXoLCp4zmWNDfRtvvVxv7DJ9Kqg8xyQxrQ3_yNK8bXUsv-C-dIqVp8hLCCb_RAPVbRXr4gxI4TXuAvE5VlzYT_qO6xcHCEqp4h-nXjJWMJLVlF2kHUNg9YT8U65gxwBwQ8BqqggMoraFSTponnNL6npxscExMPPBy-cCWy69dukwH5sYwCdBogw==&c=0pXzfmqSJwjBKkXnihDBjNMs5K4IxDf-DNsVSCbzjLYPuuWozPEd8g==&ch=NH4fjQDHBt89v6nSwfQ5NN__5GraCfHYSgJVPGwBX1T334Nu2bghLQ==)      Sinclair Ferguson on a difficult doctrine: Total Depravity in Children    **Little Innocents?**    The total depravity of our children is a faith-doctrine, a biblical insight. Our natural instinct is to think of new-born children as moral and spiritual tabulae rasae, clean sheets on which to write a successful life. Admittedly the page may soon be a little blotted (the occasional temper tantrum!), but the background is still basically white, surely? Not so, according to the Scriptures: the wicked go astray from the womb and speak lies from birth, insists the psalmist  Here is a chart comparing Arminianism and Calvinism. I'll excerpt the part about our sin-nature.    **Arminianism Free Will or Human Ability says:**    Although human nature was seriously affected by the fall, man has not been left in a state of total spiritual helplessness. God graciously enables every sinner to repent and believe, but He does not interfere with man's freedom. Each sinner possesses a free will, and his eternal destiny depends on how he uses it. Man's freedom consists of his ability to choose good over evil in spiritual matters; his will is not enslaved to his sinful nature. The sinner has the power to either cooperate with God's Spirit and be regenerated or resist God's grace and perish. The lost sinner needs the Spirit's assistance, but he does not have to be regenerated by the Spirit before he can believe, for faith is man's act and precedes the new birth. Faith is the sinner's gift to God; it is man's contribution to salvation.  **Calvinism: Total Inability or Total Depravity says:**    Because of the fall, man is unable of himself to savingly believe the gospel. The sinner is dead, blind, and deaf to the things of God; his heart is deceitful and desperately corrupt. His will is not free, it is in bondage to his evil nature, therefore, he will not - indeed he cannot - choose good over evil in the spiritual realm. Consequently, it takes much more than the Spirit's assistance to bring a sinner to Christ - it takes regeneration by which the Spirit makes the sinner alive and gives him a new nature. Faith is not something man contributes to salvation but is itself a part of God's gift of salvation- it is God's gift to the sinner, not the sinner's gift to God.    Total depravity does not mean that all humans are all as bad as they could be. Not everyone is a Hitler, is he? There are people who are nice and compassionate and do kind things. Then there's the Hitlers and Stalins and Pol Pots of the world. No, total depravity means that sin has touched every part of our being, totally, and we are totally unable to do anything good for God. We are all criminals in God's eyes and in His capacity as Judge He would be righteous if He sent all humans to hell upon their death. Even children.     So what happens to children who die, if they are completely depraved but are unable to consciously and maturely respond to the Gospel?     One of the complaints I receive about the Doctrines of Grace is that God would be horribly mean to send babies to hell when they do not have the mind to even be able to contemplate the Gospel and formulate a response to it, the basis of faith and the key to entry into the Kingdom. I agree, that would be hard to swallow. But God does not send babies or children to hell. He is just, and He is sovereign, and He has a plan.     After the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, John MacArthur was invited to the Larry King talk/interview show to try and help people make sense of the spiritual questions the event raised. In a subsequent sermon titled What Happens to Babies Who Die?, Dr MacArthur said this:    Some of you who tuned in to the Larry King Show a week ago Saturday will remember that Larry fired a question to me on the air that came out of nowhere. The question that reveals a nagging, troubling issue in the human heart. He asked me, "What about a two-year-old baby crushed at the bottom of the World Trade Center?"     I answered, "Instant heaven."   He replied with another question. "Wasn't a sinner?"   I again answered, "Instant heaven."     That's a compelling question, what about a baby crushed at the bottom of the Trade Center? What about any baby that dies? It's an agonizing question. It's a question that plagues Christians and non-Christians alike...what happens to babies that die?    In the essay, MacArthur shows from scripture that they go to heaven. Though they are sinners from the womb and though they have not hard or responded to the Gospel, God made a provision.    [https://youtu.be/2eQY-v6hDI8](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001e7L9IetR3maw_T589gB1ZO8bjW-XRN-fHVgGzPagml7NfgV1zlNh-MZ0XgD2iQiMQV3qZq2KT_4CAP1DTsSorW6MmvAome2Wx-mklAva6vcIE1q61SEM_nc3Pl6hvM8iHzgWN00-tZ1tINv8YbFfHXyLpVLtBQYPkjpaPuqD73MMvI4C1tiWQg==&c=0pXzfmqSJwjBKkXnihDBjNMs5K4IxDf-DNsVSCbzjLYPuuWozPEd8g==&ch=NH4fjQDHBt89v6nSwfQ5NN__5GraCfHYSgJVPGwBX1T334Nu2bghLQ==)     The Doctrines of Grace make me love Jesus all the more. He made a provision for the children and adults otherwise unable to cognitively understand their sin or the Gospel. God is love and His provision is demonstrates no better than the very moment an apple cheeked youngster's laugh is stilled by death, when He receives them instantly to His arms.    **Of Children**:  The seed of every known sin is planted in their hearts. Robert Murray McCheyne    **Of Jesus**:  Never forget that there is more grace in Christ than there is sin in your heart and your child's heart combined. Sinclair Ferguson     ------------------------     Further reading:     These essays show from scripture why their authors believe children who die go to heaven.     Charles Spurgeon: Infant Salvation     R. Albert Mohler, Jr. and Daniel L. Akin: The Salvation of the 'Little Ones': Do Infants who Die Go to Heaven?     John Piper: What Happens to Infants Who Die? |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | 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 | |  |  | | --- | | **Why Has It Taken This Long?** - Belle Ringer - [http://www.salvationandsurvival.com/2015/05/why-has-it-taken-this-long.html](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001e7L9IetR3maw_T589gB1ZO8bjW-XRN-fHVgGzPagml7NfgV1zlNh-E9ijQTQtFgnnUwNGufYASDqBw8TfNvvlz6p7XVcOW5jy27mzKWJt3dqgxRXSg3TbIkYj96lnB3gtdfZ5D9-hoDEZBlfBiT3KFzjzqIiXlg2tH0MhaL4U_m_d7sbd8OA-rrKe_KO3TwtwSM-Dq80F_2BG2uqV4nnCXdfOU5Qk6tlCjg5MVBVR84zPZx9f0d5Zg==&c=0pXzfmqSJwjBKkXnihDBjNMs5K4IxDf-DNsVSCbzjLYPuuWozPEd8g==&ch=NH4fjQDHBt89v6nSwfQ5NN__5GraCfHYSgJVPGwBX1T334Nu2bghLQ==)           I viewed a decision by our nation's prominent religious leaders to openly declare that they are ready to enact "Civil Disobedience" with a bit of consternation.  On the one hand, I applaud their bold move to stand in opposition to the Supreme Court, should that august body decide to make same-sex marriage legal across the land.  On the other hand, I am left wondering why now, and why this issue?          A veritable Who's Who of religious notoriety and distinction signed a pledge, which states in part, "While there are many things we can endure, redefining marriage is so fundamental to the natural order and the common good that this is the line we must draw and one we cannot and will not cross."          Everyone from newly announced Presidential candidate Mike Huckabee, to Reverend Franklin Graham, Pastor John Hagee, U.S. Senator Rick Santorum, James Dobson, and the founder of Liberty Counsel, Mat Staver, have signed on.  Their stated purpose is to send a strong message to the Supreme Court (or any court in the country) that they will oppose elevating same-sex marriage to a protected legal stance, engaging in "peaceful resistance against unjust laws and unjust rulings."          They want it known that they fear the legalization of same-sex marriage will transform the face of society and will result in the "beginning of the end of Western Civilization."  Furthermore, "We have no choice," Staver is quoted as saying. "We cannot compromise our clear biblical convictions, our religious convictions."  Supposedly, they have stated that they are willing "to resist [the Supreme Court decision on same-sex marriage] as much as Martin Luther King, Jr. resisted unjust laws in his time."  Now, that's a pretty big commitment.          So here's my concern ... why hasn't this stand been taken for the issue of abortion?  Why haven't we heard their outcry over late-term abortions, or of the issue of abortion, itself?  Hasn't abortion transformed the face of society, and I think a good argument could be made that it is leading us to the end of Western Civilization.          I want to believe that their motives are pure ... I really do!  But, as an article on the website News With Views, pointed out, these are all very wealthy and comfortable men who have had the means and the positions to fight for their "convictions" for a very long time.  They have boldly declared WE WILL NOT OBEY ... but are they willing to follow through?  And why has it taken them this long to come to that conclusion?          Are they willing to go to jail as Dr. King did?  Are they willing to face harassment and persecution and loss of income and status for their cause?  Can they see themselves following in the footsteps of John the Baptist, or Peter or Paul?  Or is it as German Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer noted during his pre-WW II visit that the American Church lacked leadership which had any knowledge of true suffering.  Our nation's prosperity has spawned mega-churches and million dollar corporations, all clothed in 501(c)3 protective raiment.          Are these men willing to forego their soft and comfortable positions to get down in the trenches of real Biblical battle?  Are they willing to contemplate Jesus's words in Matthew 11:7-8?  Scripture says, "Then as these men went their way, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: What did you go out in the wilderness (desert) to see? A reed swayed by the wind?  What did you go out to see then? A man clothed in soft garments? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in the houses of kings."         Was He intimating that John the Baptist's coarse and rough clothing showed that he was dead to all the pageantry of the world and the pleasures of the senses; that his clothing agreed with the wilderness he lived in?  Could we say that his appearance was consistent with his character and how he viewed his position and how he was to conduct his ministry?  If so, what does that say about how today's religious leaders have conducted their commission to spread the Gospel?  Have they relied too heavily on their connections with political figures, and cast their lot and organizations' funds on campaign contributions in the hopes of influencing the culture through political means?  Or are we going to find that they are simply too comfortable in their soft and plush clothes, and in the company of the kings of our day?          Forgive me for being so cynical, but to my mind, there have been far too many years, and millions of aborted babies, that deserved such a call for "civil disobedience".  Perhaps if this approach had been considered in the 1970s, we wouldn't even be talking about same-sex marriage.  So, I guess I can accept "better late than never", but my natural skepticism tells me not to get too excited.  Are these wealthy pastors and religious leaders really willing to get dirty in a fight that may ask them to sacrifice all they own and are?  What will be the fruit of their actions?  Are they willing to go as far as  John the Baptist, Peter, Paul, or Martin Luther King?  I guess we will see .... |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | 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 | |  |  | | --- | | **"The Catching Away of the Righteous"** - By Chuck Steele - [http://www.raptureready.com/soap2/steele1.html](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001e7L9IetR3maw_T589gB1ZO8bjW-XRN-fHVgGzPagml7NfgV1zlNh-MZ0XgD2iQiMRDea2TleOjB6hGLtpRPcJYuoOZ6yylKpdWudz-_ZwbYKiOeoata30cwVCscSYwkfTKe-joaPMhA17uXW5MNMnYpRXF2fpp4eL9CceQRSGnl4LAEBXydmOfwVJbUdJloflCYJnhDFxp8=&c=0pXzfmqSJwjBKkXnihDBjNMs5K4IxDf-DNsVSCbzjLYPuuWozPEd8g==&ch=NH4fjQDHBt89v6nSwfQ5NN__5GraCfHYSgJVPGwBX1T334Nu2bghLQ==)       I think the emphasis is misplaced when the focus of the "catching away" of the believers is on when it's going to happen (pre-mid-post) instead of the "why" it's going to happen. What I mean by that is I think that if we look at why Noah and Lot were spared from judgment, then the question as to the timing of when we are going to be taken out of this world will answer itself based on that information.     I think that it gives us the only solid evidence available to us as to why and when we're going to be taken. It has to happen before God's judgment and there is a precedence that God has set to give us that assurance.    "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Corinthians 5:21).    If Noah were here today he'd probably be doing a lot of preaching from 1 Thessalonians 5:3 which says: "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."    I believe that because Noah lived through the very same warning that we have been given again today from that chapter and verse that he would be able to relate to how it applies to us just as much today as it did right before the flood.     He would be able to give us a first-hand eyewitness account of what led up to the flood and how God spared him and his family from it. He'd be able to tell us how awful it must have been for him and his family to hear the screams for help coming from all those who chose not to enter the ark when they had the chance.     You see, once God closed the door to the ark (Genesis 7:16) it was then too late for anyone to change their minds.     So as I continued reading various Scriptures leading up to the closing of the ark and flipping between Genesis, Matthew and Luke I believe that God has a clear answer as to why Lot and Noah were spared from His judgment, and why we who claim Christ as our own personal Lord and Savior will also be spared from the next judgment which we refer to as the Tribulation (with a capital "T").    I want to share with you what I believe about how God's judgment works and how He prepares us for what's coming. I hope and pray that when you read this it will give you the same clarity and assuredness that it's given me.    **Genesis 7 - The Flood**    Noah was warned by God that He was going to destroy the world by a flood and that he was to build an ark and make preparations for it so that he and his family would be spared from it and as we all know that is exactly what happened. Noah believed God and built the ark just as God instructed him to do and he and his family were indeed spared from God's judgment.     After the ark was completed God then told Noah (Genesis 7:1-4) to load up his family and the animals and as soon as he finished doing so, God shut him in (verse 16).  It was God Himself who closed the door to the ark and once that door was closed it wouldn't open again until the waters came and went.     The question now is this: WHY did God choose to spare Noah and his family from the coming flood? Was Noah without sin? Of course not. Romans 3:23 tells us that ALL have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.  So why did God spare him? The answer is found in the first verse of chapter 7:    "And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation" (Genesis 7:1).    But wait. Doesn't this contradict what we're told in Romans 3:10, that there is none righteous, not even one? No, it doesn't because if you look at the verse at the top of this page we see that we are made righteous through Christ as a result of our faith in Him and believing God (2 Corinthians 5:21).  The flood was before the Cross but it was Noah's faith and trust in God that made him righteous and he found favor with God.    Noah was found to be the only one righteous in God's eyes and this was the ticket to safety for himself and his family. Anyone outside the ark after God closed the door would perish. There would no longer be an escape for them from God's judgment. Judgment was then served after Noah and his family were taken out of the way.    Fast forwarding to Matthew 24 we're told by Jesus that as it was in the days of Noah before the flood so shall the same conditions be present before God's judgment hits (the next time). And in Luke 17:26-29 we read that both Noah and Lot are mentioned, and again, the conditions found in both instances are exactly the same as they were before the flood and before the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. We are now seeing those same conditions today.    Now let's look at Lot and see why God spared him from the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah and I would encourage you to read the conversation between God and Abraham in Genesis 18 which begins with verse 22 and ends with verse 33.  It is so important that you read this!    I don't know why this chapter and this conversation between God and Abraham isn't talked about when discussing the timing of when the Church will be caught-up to be with Jesus. I believe the answer is found right here in these verses. And for those of you who may question who the restrainer is in 2 Thessalonians 2:6,7 you will also find that answer here as well.     The key verse for the entire debate on Pre-Trib, Mid-Trib, or a Post-Trib Rapture, I believe, is found in verse 23:    "And Abraham drew near, and said, 'Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?'"    (Genesis 18:23).    Does this ring any bells? What reason did God give Noah as the reason why he and his family would be spared from judgment? Because Noah was found righteous.    I hope you read the entire exchange between Abraham and God and read it slowly so that it really sinks in, and you understand what is taking place because the whole point of this exchange is to show us how near and dear to God's heart we are to Him. And how He would never ever judge us with the unrighteous. If you still have a problem agreeing with this then turn to the next chapter (19) and read on.     I'll do a quick re-cap of the main points of chapter 19 for you, but afterward, I strongly encourage you to read the entire chapter keeping in mind what took place in chapter 18, and you will see how everything ties in together. I'm certain you will never again doubt the timing of our removal from this earth before judgment time comes this third and final time.     Genesis Chapter 19 begins by showing us the urgency of the angels in getting Lot and his family out of Sodom because the mighty sword of God (Ezekiel 33:1-4) was about to strike and they didn't have much time to get out. As it turns out not all of Lot's family did get out because they didn't believe him and they perished with all the others.    So why did God spare Lot from the judgment that was about to befall Sodom and Gomorrah?  Was he a righteous man too? Yes, he was because in 2 Peter 2 we read the following:    "And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them and ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; and delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation with the wicked:  (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds)."    Do you see the common denominator between Noah and Lot?  It was RIGHTEOUSNESS that set them apart and it was the only reason why God spared them from judgment!    I'm going to close with just one more point and it's one of the most important points. In 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 we learn about the restrainer that is holding back the man of sin from being revealed and once this restrainer is removed then sin will have full-reign on the earth. I believe that it is here in Chapter 19 that we learn who the restrainer is, and God Himself is the One who gives us the answer. The answer is in black and white and it's very clear for all to read.    It is in this chapter that Lot renegotiates where he is to flee to because the place God originally told him to flee to was pretty far away. What is interesting about the place that Lot wanted to go to, and to which God finally agreed to, was called Bela. It was one of the five cities that God was going to destroy along with Sodom and Gomorrah because they were all allied with one another. But because Lot was allowed to go there God spared it from destruction but still destroyed the other four. Lot referred to it as "a little one" and afterward it was renamed Zoara, meaning "small" or "insignificant." It's also called Zoar.    This renegotiating by Lot was taking up valuable time and this is how the conversation ended:    "Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one:  Oh, let me escape thither, (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live. And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken"  (Genesis 19:20-21).    And what was it that caused God to restrain Himself from not having destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah yet, and also caused Him to change His mind regarding the destruction of Zoar?  Here it is:    "Hasten thee, escape thither; for I cannot do anything till thou become thither" (Genesis 19:22 a).    This is the verse that convinces me beyond a shadow of a doubt that we will not be here for any part of the 7 years of judgment that is coming upon the earth.    Remember God and Abraham's exchange in chapter 18? It was about God judging the righteous with the wicked (verse 23).  The conversation ended in verse 22 and the final number spoken of was ten. If God could find ten righteous in Sodom then He wouldn't destroy it (bring judgment against it). And as it turns out He wouldn't destroy it for the sake of just ONE righteous man or woman which is why God COULDN'T destroy Sodom until after Lot was gone and until after he was already in his safe spot in Zoar.     Clearly, we can see that the righteous are the restraining force that kept Him from exacting His judgment on Sodom and Gomorrah, and also the world in Noah's day until they were first removed out of harm's way because these judgments weren't meant to be shared with the righteous. They were intended for the unrighteous as is the case with the coming third and final judgment.    God COULDN'T bring judgment against the world in Noah's day until Noah (a righteous man) was locked up inside the ark. God COULDN'T bring judgment against Sodom and Gomorrah until Lot (a righteous man) was safely in his place of refuge in Zoar.    **And guess what?**    Have we not been made righteous through Jesus? Yes we have! The righteous are the restraining force which have kept God's judgment in check until this day, and will continue to do so until we have been taken out of harm's way and are tucked away in our safe spot in heaven. History WILL repeat itself a third and final time.    Because God CANNOT and WILL NOT judge the righteous with the wicked, this means that we-the Church-the Body of Christ, with the indwelling Holy Spirit   are the restrainer; the restraining force talked about in 2 Thessalonians 2 must be taken out of the way before God passes judgment again. The Body of Christ is the "he" that is referred to in 2 Thessalonians 2:7-8:    "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.  And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming."    We aren't righteous because of anything that we have done but we've been made righteous only by the grace of God through our faith and by the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ who is now seated at God's right hand in heaven. Because we are now righteous and have been born of the Spirit, this is what is keeping God from exacting His judgment on this world at this time. He will not judge the righteous with the wicked.    I think that some of the confusion as to what this 7 year period of time is really going to be and how it relates to our removal from this world comes from our putting a label on it. We call it "The Tribulation" but I think we would do better by calling it what it really is and that is judgment.     It's God's righteous judgment on a wicked, evil, unbelieving, and unrighteous world. The Bible refers to this time as Daniel's 70th week (7 years), the time of Jacob's (Israel's) trouble; the day of the Lord and many others but what it doesn't refer to it as is the Tribulation (with a capital T).  Yes, it does say that it will be a time of tribulation and great tribulation but not as THE Tribulation.     It's not an event, per se, that requires a title, but rather, it is a period of judgment that is going to last for 7 years.  This period of judgment commences on day 1 of this 7 year period and as we look back as to why Noah and Lot were spared from any of the judgments that took place in their days then it should make it easier for us to see that what is holding it back this third and final time is the fact that we are still here. And as he told Lot, I believe he is also telling us:    " I cannot do anything till thou become thither."    I no longer refer to this 7 year period as the Tribulation, but instead, I call it what it is and that is Judgment. It's absolutely necessary for us to be removed from the earth before judgment begins because of the nature of some of the things which are going to be included in that judgment, and we would never be able to survive them. Nuclear war is one of the biggest reasons I can think of. Once the restrainer is removed, then God's protective hand will also be removed and then all hell will break loose on earth.    If believers today had to go through any part of the 7 years of judgment coming on this earth then God wouldn't have closed the door to the ark BEFORE the flood either. But instead, would have waited until water began pouring inside before doing so.     Likewise with Lot, he would have had to do his best to dodge the fire while God was busy destroying Sodom and Gomorrah around him. But as it was, Noah never saw a drop of rain and Lot wasn't even in the area when the fire came. Instead, they were taken out of the way well before judgment came.    GOD CANNOT AND WILL NOT JUDGE THE RIGHTEOUS WITH THE WICKED. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | http://img.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101116784221/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | **FROM THE HEART**  **http://ih.constantcontact.com/fs115/1111272225814/img/49.jpg**  **IF YOU HAVE BEEN BLESSED THROUGH THIS MINISTRY, THEN WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD PLEASE REMEMBER PROPHECY UPDATE IN YOUR GIVING - WE ARE TRULY, TRULY, THANKFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT**   Prophecy Update has no corporate sponsors. This ministry is paid for and prayed for by readers and supporters. 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The number of emails I receive from people who are discouraged, frustrated, even despondent, is steadily increasing. They point to current conditions in the world and wonder how much worse things can get.    You no longer have to be an astute observer to notice how rapidly our world is changing. It wasn't that long ago when the standard measure was a comparison between what was acceptable to people in their time with what was acceptable in their grandparents' time. Now we only have to compare what's currently acceptable with what was acceptable just a few years ago to see measurable change. Not only are things changing, but the rate of change is accelerating.    A person with discernment can't help but see a supernatural component in all this. It's true that the heart of man is incurably wicked (Jeremiah 17:9) but these days society seems to be under a compulsion to see just how wicked they can become. All around us we see God's Laws being conspicuously broken, His word being stifled, and His people, both Jewish and Christian, being persecuted. It's like it doesn't matter how twisted something is, as long as it's a slap in God's face, it's bound to catch on.    This obviously couldn't be happening without man's active participation, but I'm becoming convinced there's more to it than a natural progression of things. I think there's growing evidence of a malevolent power accelerating this and to me that means the time during which the restrainer holds back the secret power of lawlessness (2 Thes. 2:7) is rapidly drawing to a close.    **That Day Should Not Surprise You**    If you keep up with Christian or even conservative news instead of just relying on the main stream media, none of what I'm describing is new to you. You've already seen the increase in frequency and intensity of the the things Jesus called "birth pangs" in Matt. 24:4-8. And you're aware of the same kind of destructive changes taking place in society.    As one example among many, our country was founded primarily on principles of religious freedom, but today, of all the religions practiced in America, only Christians are seeing their freedom of expression restricted.  Laws have already been passed that limit our right to adhere to Biblical principles and more are coming. These laws began with prohibiting school prayer, then municipalities were made to stop erecting Christmas displays. These laws have have gotten progressively more restrictive until now individual Christians risk being prosecuted simply for living according to their beliefs.    The Bible tells us we can expect these trends to continue. Speaking of the time before the rapture, Jesus had this to say to the Church,    "I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name"(Rev. 3:8).    At the end of the Age the commendation Jesus will have for the Church is even though we have little strength, we have kept His word and have not denied His name. The Greek word translated "strength" also means "power, or ability." As the end of our time here approaches we will no longer have much influence in the world, but we will have kept His word and not denied His name. For that He promised two blessings for us.    I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars-I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you (Rev. 3:9).    A large component of Christianity believes that when Israel rejected the Messiah they gave up any right to the future promises God had made to them, and those promises were transferred to the Church. This belief is called supersessionism or replacement theology, and is the reason why many Christians believe the Church is now spiritual Israel, heirs to Israel's destiny. Supersessionists believe the very existence of Israel in our time is in defiance of God's word.    But Jesus said these people are liars and He would make them bow down at our feet and admit that He loves us.    Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth (Rev. 3:10).    The Lord also promised that because we've kept His command to endure patiently, He will keep us from the hour of trial that's coming upon the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.    The hour of trial refers to the end times judgments of Daniel's 70th Week, the only time since the Great Flood when the Lord will subject the whole world to a judgment. And right now is the only time since He said that when all the signs we've been given to alert us to this coming judgment are in some stage of fulfillment. The Greek word translated "from" in Rev. 3:10 means "out of the time, place, or cause" of the end times judgments. We won't be here when they happen and we won't be here where they happen, because we're not the reason they'll be happening.    **This Too Shall Pass?**    Many people see the times in which we live as a temporary situation. They think if we just humble ourselves and pray, the Lord will preserve us through them and then everything will go back to being OK again.    But the Bible speaks of a time when that won't be the case. At the end of the age the world will be subject to a series of judgments unlike any other and if the Lord didn't return at the appointed time not a single human would survive them (Matt. 24:22). All indications are that we aren't approaching one of the temporary periods of hard times we're used to, but literally the end of the world as we know it.    One of the signs that this is true is that the world will suddenly become more rebellious toward God and the love of people toward one another will turn cold. Paul said, "There will be terrible times in the last days.  People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,  without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good,  treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God-having a form of godliness but denying its power" (2 Tim. 3:1-5)    This alone tells us that evil is on the ascendancy and we're not just going through a temporary rough patch but are headed straight for the time of judgment.    And that means two things; 1) Born again Christians are going to become less and less comfortable here, and 2) the time of our departure is drawing near.    Jesus said His Kingdom is not of this world (John 18:36) and that means we who are part of His kingdom are not of this world either. Paul said our citizenship is in heaven and we eagerly await a savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ (Phil. 3:20). When Jesus comes for us, He won't be coming to be with us here where we are, He will be coming to take us to be with him in His Father's house where He is (John 14:2-3).    I believe one purpose of this ascendancy of evil is to divest us of all our misguided notions that this world is our home. It never has been our home, and it never will be. If it has been a pleasant place for us, that's just a measure of God's Grace. And if it's steadily becoming less so, that's an indication that our stay here is just about over. In the meantime our prayer should not be that God will make this world more comfortable for us, but that He would hasten to take us to our real home, where we will enjoy every conceivable comfort forever.    One of the Lord's great promises to us is that when we see all these signs of the end times judgments begin to happen we should stand up and lift up our heads because our redemption is drawing near (Luke 21:28). That means every advance of evil in the world brings the day of our departure that much closer.    I'm not saying that we should celebrate the ascendancy of evil in the world. But I am saying that it shouldn't come as a surprise to us that all this is happening (1 Thes. 5:4). It's something the Bible has warned us about and its arrival is one more sign that our time here is drawing to a close, and we'll be going home soon. Therefore encourage one another with these words (1 Thes. 4:18). 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