



WHAT IS GOING ON??

How can anyone be so evil? How can any human being shoot point blank, behead, kidnap, torture, rape, and murder innocent young children, along with their mothers, fathers, Grandparents, and even pets? How can a human being shoot an elderly lady in her bed, one who survived a similar massacre in a concentration camp during the Holocaust? How can human beings burn babies and families alive, behead children and babies, and shoot down young adults as if at a shooting gallery? How can supposedly normal people dance in the streets and rejoice at that kind of barbarism against other normal people not too unlike themselves?

Answer: "anyone" can't. It's not human to be so inhumane. So what is it? Demonic. Yes, Hitler's monsters did it. Stalin's monsters did it. Mao Tse Tung's monsters did it. Pol Pot's monsters did it. Criminal murderers still do it. But are they bad humans or are they demons? I choose the latter.

I presume you know what I'm talking about, but in case you missed it, I'm talking about the attack on Israel that occurred beginning Saturday, Oct. 6, at about 6:30am Pacific time, and continues as of this writing on Friday, October 13. By the time you get this, if it's still going on, it will have been eleven or twelve days. Who knows what will have happened to Israel, to the U.S., and to the region and the world by that time?

Here is what I think is happening. You've been holding your breath waiting for my wise

utterances, right? Ha! But as one who has a strong relationship with our Father in heaven, I hope I have gained insight from Him. You may know that I believe we are nearing the end of this world as we know it, and that God has had it with the mess we've forewarned us that there would come a time when He would end this dark world full of rebellious, violent, immoral people, and would take home to be with Him eternally all who would separate themselves from the evil and surrender to Him.

There are passages of scripture in the Bible where Jesus or Paul the Apostle describes what signs to look for at the end of the age.

In Matthew 24: 6-13a, Jesus lists what we will see:

- Wars and rumors of wars (smaller, localized conflicts?)
- Nation against nation, kingdom against kingdom (Ukraine vs. Russia, Iran vs. Israel, etc.)
- Famines (not only weather-caused, but now due to restrictions on farming methods, fertilizer being used, bans on carbon-based fuel, etc. We ain't seen nuthin' yet.)
- Earthquakes – big ones, all over the world. (And how about those volcano eruptions, huge fires, and multiple massive floods, seemingly everywhere?)
- Tribulation when many of God's people are put to death (Israel right now, and Christians all over the Muslim world, possibly coming soon in the U.S. where we've been named domestic terrorists!)
- We are hated by all nations due to our commitment to Jesus' Name.
- Many fall away (Statistically, so many Americans have already fallen away that we are no longer a church-going nation)
- Betray and hate each other (Racism deliberately rekindled by and since Obama, LGBTQ anger and hatred toward straight whites)
- False prophets lead many astray (Many church pulpits are preaching a false gospel, aka "cheap grace".)
- Lawlessness increased (Smash and grab, behavior while driving, disregard for laws)
- The love of many will grow cold. (Caring more for our pleasures and appetites than we do for others' welfare)

Then, in Luke, Jesus tells His disciples, "But first he [Christ Himself] must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all—so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed." (Luke 17: 25-30)

Don't we see that all around us now? Those who see Reality through God's eyes see the chaos unfolding all around us, and now exponentially increasing with the war developing around Israel. And yet, unbelievably, so many live their lives "business as usual", getting married, having kids to face who-knows-what the world is becoming, going to school to prepare for a career, making plans for months and even years in the future, all the while assuming that things will go on as they always have.

God warns us that that is just the scenario in which He will make His move, surprising the vast majority of humanity, in spite of the plentiful warnings in the Bible to watch for the signs that He is about to act.

The book of Revelation, the last book of the Bible, is not easy to understand, but sometimes I will read a passage that jumps out at me, and is actually clear. In the 12th chapter, it describes a war in heaven between Michael and his godly angels and the dragon (the devil) and his angels, who fought back. "But [the devil] was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world – he was thrown down to the earth, and his rebellious angels were thrown down with him . . . Woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short! . . . Then the dragon . . . went off to make war on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus."

I know that most people are unaware of, or indifferent to, this message from God. If you are reading this, I hope you are NOT indifferent or unaware. I hope you will recognize that what we are witnessing in the Middle East, in Israel, and in our own demoralized, fallen country, is exactly the result of the dragon, the devil, coming down to us in great wrath because he knows his time is short!

Our response? From Ephesians 6. Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

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LVEDA Meeting (Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association)

Note Date:

Monday, October 30

(No longer the first Monday of the month)

5:00 pm at the Moose Lodge

on Foothill Road, just west of Tradepost Road.

- Regular reports from our County, State, Federal, and School representatives. "Meet Assemblyman Lackey's new field rep."
- Results of our requests regarding various issues involving our Solid Waste transfer station, dump cards, illegal dumping, etc.
- Violations that Code Enforcement has abated, what is on its list to be done, etc.
- Weeds along County and State road shoulders. Can pre-emergent herbicides be used?
- LV's changing demographics/housing/etc.
- State grants for Disadvantaged Communities.
- Future of the China House.
- Reports on all the community events in October.
- Announcements.

HALLOWEEN TAILGATE TRICK OR TREAT!

SIGN-UPS FOR
SPONSORSHIPS &
TAILGATE SPOTS
SATURDAYS

October 28
9:00 A.M - Noon



**ON THE PORCHES HERE AT
THE STORE** Come sign up!

The Tailgate Trick or Treat will be held on October 31 in the parking between the Library and Senior Center.

Hosted by the Lucerne Valley Roadrunners

HAUNTED GHOST TOWN
October 28th, 6pm-10pm
Admission is **FREE**
at the Lions Club Park
30200 Del Oro Rd, Lucerne Valley
**CANDY - GAMES - FACE PAINTING
SNACKS FOR PURCHASE**
Presented by the Lucerne Valley Lions Club
and the Chamber of Commerce

On The Lighter Side of Serious Stuff . . . from the Web

Husband: "Why do you keep buying plants when you just end up killing them?"
Wife: "Just to remind you what I'm capable of."



Woman: "Will you stop yawning while I'm talking to you?"
Man: "I'm not yawning, I'm trying to say something."



My wife got stung by a bee in the forehead. She's in the ER now, her face all swollen and bruised. Luckily, I was close enough to hit the bee with my shovel.



The reason people say vinyl sounds better is because the music was better!



A man tells a Rabbi: "I have a strong desire to live forever. What can I do?"
"Get married," replies the Rabbi.
"And will I live forever?"
"No, but the desire will disappear."



A PESSIMIST sees a dark tunnel.
An OPTIMIST sees light at the end of the tunnel.
A REALIST sees a freight train.
The TRAIN driver sees 3 idiots standing on the tracks.

