

**Faith Christian Fellowship**  
**Sunday, December 30, 2018**  
**Prophetic Update 2018**

**TEXT:** Rom 13:10-14 / 1Pe 4:7 / Jas 5:7-8

The news is full of significant events that are reflective of the soon return of the Lord. 2018 has certainly been a big year.

- 1) **We are in the mystery**, the times of the Gentiles that were not known to the ancients
  - a) Romans 11:25 /16:25
  - b) Eph 3:1-10 Paul got it by revelation, it was unknown before.
  - c) The harvest comes, then the return of the husbandman James 5:7 / 2 Peter 3:9
- 2) Events that lie ahead
  - a) Two chunks of **time** yet to be accounted for:
    - i) The Millennial reign of Jesus Christ. Rev 20:4-6.
    - ii) The Tribulation, or the time of Jacob's trouble, or Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week. Jeremiah 30:7 / Matt 24:21,29 / Daniel 9:24-27.
    - iii) Then comes eternity
  - b) Last days events to look for: Jesus is coming!
    - i) **Remember:** We are in the Church age – the time of the Gentiles: Romans 11:25 (Unknown to the ancients)
    - ii) Next up: The Rapture of the Church: 1 Thess 4:13-18 / 1 Cor 15:52 (The war of Ez 38 occurs right at this time)
    - iii) The Tribulation, or the time of Jacob's trouble, or Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week. Matt 24:21,29 / Daniel 9:24-27.
    - iv) For believers, the judgment seat of Christ: 2 Cor 5:10 / Romans 14:10-12 / 1 Cor 3:14-15
    - v) The 2<sup>nd</sup> coming: Zech 14:4 / Jude 1:14 / Rev 1:7 (Armageddon happens here: Rev 16:16)
    - vi) The 1000 year reign Rev 19:11 / 20:1-6 / the earth will be renovated by fire and Heaven will come down. 2 Peter 3:12 / Rev 21:1-7
      - (1) For unbelievers the final judgment at the Great White Throne: Rev 20:11-15
  - c) You will know when He is coming if you are sharp in the Spirit. 1 Thess 5:1-11

### 3) The Clock was ticking in 2018

- a) It started in 1948 Matt 24:32 - the generation that sees the fig tree put forth leaves will see the return of the Lord
  - i) 1948: Israel a nation, Jeremiah 31:6-17 / Amos 9:14-15
  - ii) 1967 Jerusalem restored: Zech 8:7-8
  - iii) Etc. The Hebrew language restored (Zeph 3:9 / Jer 31:23), The agricultural miracles (Ez 36:34-35) The lost tribes in Cush restored (Is 11:11, 12 / Zeph 3:10)
- b) Mark 13:7-8 / Lk 21:9-11 / Matt 24:6-7. Wars and disasters
- c) Preparations for the Tribulation and the rise of the Anti-Christ.
  - i) Cashless society – Rev 13:16-18
  - ii) Global communications (2 witnesses)- Rev 11:7-11
  - iii) Temple in Jerusalem - 2 Thessalonians 2:4
  - iv) Anti- Semitism growing rapidly
  - v) In the East, Armageddon prepping: Rev 16:12-16 / 9:16
  - vi) Israel surrounded - Ezekiel 36
- d) The war of Ezekiel 38 is coming
  - i) Look at the map from Russia down through Syria, and form China across through Iraq and Jordan
  - ii) God is preparing the cleaning crew.for both battles. Ez 39:4 / Rev 19:17-21 "500 million migrating birds fly over Israel's narrow airspace. These birds migrate over Lebanon, Jordan, Israel and through Egypt to Africa." Best estimates, there are 170\_ predatory birds in this group.
  - iii) Look at the map!!!! Why is that little kidney bean the center of the world? The Cross outside the city marks the crossroads of history!
- e) What do we do?
  - i) Live ready, Rom 13:10-14
  - ii) Pray. 1Pe 4:7
  - iii) Recruit. Jas 5:7-8

**“When the day of recompense comes, our only regret will be that we have done so little for Him, not that we have done too much.” – George Muller**