

THE GREAT END-TIME PROPHECIES – WATCH AND PRAY

Our Father, thank you for this opportunity to fellowship together by telephone conference and video-streaming and ask that your presence be among us. Direct our pathways and bless this Bible study that we might grow spiritually and be strong in faith and the Holy Spirit. Please lead us in the way of everlasting life. How merciful and gracious you are to us. Blessed be your name. In Yeshua's name we pray. Amen!

This week the city of Paris, France is reeling after 72 hours of tension in two separate standoffs that shut down parts of the Paris metro area on Wednesday. Two main suspects attacked the offices of Charlie Hebdo killing journalists and the publication's outspoken editor of a satirical magazine. Another man took five hostages at a kosher grocery in eastern Paris. Four hostages are dead and the same number critically injured after the siege. In total, since Wednesday, 20 people have been killed during the three-day reign of terror in France. Hours after the standoffs ended, a senior official of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula claimed responsibility for Wednesday's attack and released a statement threatening France with more violence. Al-Qaeda and ISIS are threatening to export the terrorism to America. Our people are wondering what we will do because our government has made no statement of plan.

On November 16, leaders of the G20 Group of Nations the 20 largest economies – made an important decision. The world's megabanks now have official permission to pledge depositor accounts as collateral to make leveraged derivative bets. And if they lose a bet, the counter party to the contact has first dibs on your money. Most of the governments of these 20 countries including the US have already put these arrangements into law as they agreed. That means your money—checking and savings accounts that are in the bank. What does it mean for you and your bank account? This basically means if the bank fails, the bank pays off its loans first and you can stand at the end of the line to get the money back out of your account until your turn—and get pennies on the dollar, if there is anything left. The largest chunk of unsecured debt that the banks have today is your deposit.

Insolvent banks will re-capitalize themselves by converting your deposits, your checking account, your money market account and your CD's into stock. The G-20 has also declared that derivatives – the toxic contracts Warren Buffett calls “financial weapon of mass destruction” – are secured debts. In the U.S., 100% of deposits in insured banks are protected up to \$250,000 per depositor, courtesy of federal deposit insurance. But it's hardly reassuring that this fund has a reserve ration under 1%. For every \$100 on deposit, the FDIC has less than one dollar to back it with. Since your bank deposits are now only unsecured debt that the bank has pledged to a secured creditor, guess who gets your money if the bet goes the wrong way for bank? Answer: It's not you.

Keep this in mind and remember what Christ said in **Matthew 6:19-20**, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.” **Proverbs 23:5**—“Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away like an eagle toward heaven.”

The global financial system is trembling. The most important precaution is to minimize your exposure to the banking system. Keep bank deposits well below the deposit insurance maximums. In September of 2001 (Elul 29/Hebrew calendar year-end), a Shemita year, Wall Street had a wild shift in financial accounting. Exactly seven years in the fall of 2008 the Stock Market had another shake-up and trillions of dollars were lost on Elul 29. Now in 2015, our economy is on tender-hooks and this the third Shemita year since 2001 on which Wall Street has experienced a substantial financial down-turn on Elul 29.

Now ISIS in the Middle East says it has recruited three Syrian rebel groups operating in the south area bordering Israel and the Golan Heights. These three Syrian rebel groups have pledged their loyalty to ISIS. This may threaten war between Syria and Israel and involve Damascus. The U.S. is now befriending Iran which is well on the path to completing its development of nuclear weapons to which we have been opposed. But now the U.S. is deliberately turning a blind eye to Iran’s development of nuclear weapons. Apparently the U.S. is allying with Iran, who hates us, so Iran can run the government in Iraq, and then together with us, fight ISIS. The U.S. helped create and train those rebels in Jordan and Saudi Arabia. Now those we helped create have turned against us and taken over much of northern and western Iraq. It seems unbelievable.

The Jerusalem Connection Report says that if Israel were attacked by ISIS, America would expect a proportionate response by Israel who is militarily capable of defending itself, says Jeffery Levin, professor at New York University. America would counsel against Israeli involvement because that involvement could threaten the alliance between America, Iran, Turkey, and several Arab states against ISIS. We are being bled dry. How can we be allied with Iran and Turkey and other Arab states against ISIS? The Iranians are our enemies. John McCain and President Obama are paving the way for disaster and the incursion of these jihadists into our own country. Obama is bringing thousands of Muslims into America every year.

Prophecy News Watch (12.16.14) the U.N. is sending thousands of Muslims to the U.S. The federal government is preparing for another “surge” in refugees and this time they won’t be coming illegally from Central America. WND reported in September that Syrians would make up the next big wave of Muslim refugees coming to the U.S., as resettlement agencies were lobbying for the U.S. to accept at least 75,000 Syrian refugees over the next five years. They are cleared for refugee status by the U.N. high commissioner on refugees (UNHCR), who assigns them to various countries. The United States has accepted nearly 2 million refugees from Muslim countries since 1992, WND previously reported.

“The authority for the resettlement program is the Refugee Act of 1980, signed into law by President Jimmy Carter. Like most other refugees resettled in the United States, they will get help from the International Organization for Migration with medical exams and transportation to

the United States. Once they arrive, networks of resettlement agencies, charities, churches, civic organizations and local volunteers will welcome them. These groups work in 180 communities across the country and make sure refugees have homes, furniture, clothes, English classes, job training, and health-care and help enrolling their children in school. Most of the resettlement work done by the above network of agencies is taxpayer funded through various grants distributed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Refugee Resettlement Program.”

Debkafile (1.1.15)—“Obama’s 2015 gift to Israel and Mid East is a multibillion fund for establishing an Iraqi army as a division of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards (IRGC). Wednesday, the last day of 2014, two defense ministers, Iran’s Brig. Gen. Hossein Dehqani and Iraq’s Khallid al-Obeidi, signed a pact whereby Iran i.e. the Revolutionary Guards, will ‘continue to train new Iraqi military units’ for replacing the army that crumbled under the onslaught launched by the Islamic State of Iraq and Levant since last June. Two other key points glossed over by the two defense ministers. The 3,150 US troops currently serving in Iraq are therefore sharing the task of rebuilding Iraqi military units with Iran’s Revolutionary Guards. On the quiet, President Obama has promised Tehran and Baghdad to put up the funding for the new Iraqi army. The source of the new manpower was disclosed by Deputy Commander of the IRGC Brig. Gen. Hossein Salami, when he announced this week that Iran was assembling a mighty army from the various Shiite militias fighting in Syria and Iraq.” America is turning its back more and more on Israel.

The Algemeiner (12.31.14) —“Publishing Giant HarperCollins Apologizes for Middle East Atlas.” HarperCollins, one of the world’s leading publishing companies, has apologized for removing Israel from its Middle East Atlas, which is sold to English-speaking schools in the Arab Gulf, after receiving angry criticism from Jewish and Christian leaders. As the British Christian newspaper *The Tablet* reported on Wednesday, the atlases “depict Jordan and Syria extending all the way to the Mediterranean Sea. A spokesman for Collins Bartholomew, the subsidiary of HarperCollins that specializes in maps, told the paper that including Israel would have been ‘unacceptable’ to their customers in the Gulf and the amendment incorporated ‘local preferences.’ ”

Harper Collins UK said Wednesday on its *Facebook* page: “This product has now been removed from sale in all territories and all remaining stock will be pulped.” Rabbi Cooper called on HarperCollins to “take a stand” arguing that the company – one of the so-called “Big Five English language publishers and a property of media mogul Rupert Murdoch’s News Corporation – should have the courage to tell its clients in the Gulf, “if you are asking us to supply you with world famous atlases, don’t tell us what to put in there.” HarperCollins should say, “Our job is to present you with reality.”

The U.S. government is preparing for elections in 2016. Interestingly, today there are three Republican establishment candidates for President in 2016 that are considered acceptable by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce (USCOC) – Jeb Bush, Mitt Romney and Chris Christie. Unfortunately those candidates are also considered acceptable by Qatar, a nation that harbors Muslim Brotherhood and Hamas terrorist leaders. What’s more

disturbing is that the USCOC has had a cozy relationship with that country for years; they're business partners. There is a Muslim connection to these candidates that does not spell good for America. In 2010, the USCOC and Executive Vice-President David Chavern were in Qatar to inaugurate the American Chamber of Commerce in Qatar. Four years later, in exchange for American Army deserter Bowe Bergdahl, President Obama decided to go with the option that involved trading five Taliban commanders and **\$5 Billion to Qatar** in exchange for one American deserter.

According to Wally Shoebat, "The recently anointed front-runner for the 2016 Republican Presidential nomination is Jeb Bush, a member of the Bush Dynasty. The Bushes are BIG in Arab oil, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and the Middle East. Bush, Sr. has been in the inner workings of the Arab oil business since WWII. Bushes have been pro-Arab and anti-Israel in a lot of their policies ever since, opening America's flood gates to Arabs and Muslims invasion by building thousands of Mosques because of the open door policy of the Republicans and George W. Bush who embraced Muslim Brotherhood leaders both before and after 9/11. He also protected the Clintons for completely separate reasons. Jeb Bush has a history of cozy relations with CAIR which is a Muslim Brotherhood front group in the U.S. Jeb Bush's desire to run likely has as much or more to do with protecting the family legacy and controlling information about the Bush name. His brother's presidency is aging more and more poorly with the passage of time."

"In various ways, Republican establishment candidates are beholden to the Muslim Brotherhood, a group that is strongly supported by Qatar. Muslim Brotherhood countries would indeed support many of the issues supported by establishment Republicans. In the case of common core, this is something that Jeb Bush supports. The Muslim Brotherhood would throw their support behind such a thing. Another issue near and dear to the hearts of the USCOC and establishment Republicans is immigration/amnesty."

If you have noticed, Obama will not use the word jihadist or terrorists in the recent acts of terror, but uses "a lone wolf" ideology, even though these perpetrators are Muslim and loudly proclaim *Allah Akbar*, and use Muslim slogans on *Twitter* and *Face book*. We have leaders who blind their eyes and refuse to call a spade a spade.

"Preparing for the Challenges Ahead"—The Destruction of the Middle Class is nearing the final stages (12.17.14) by Tom Chatham. "The events of the past few months seem astounding when taken in all at once. The plan to destroy the U.S. dollar and the American middle class is moving at an ever increasing speed. At the recent G20 meeting the nations agreed that bank deposits would no longer be considered money. These bank deposits become the property of the banking institution and as such can be used any way the bank wants. This means that money you deposit in a bank now is no longer yours but makes you an investor in the bank and subject to lose that money if a banking crisis takes down the bank."

“The spending bill just passed by Congress makes the American taxpayer responsible for any derivatives losses that the banks may suffer. These derivative holders now have first priority when any funds are paid out and depositors are relegated to last place. FDIC insurance will have to pay out these funds but it has nowhere near enough money to pay the more than 300 trillion in losses that will be suffered in a banking crisis. That means any depositor has little hope of getting anything back. In order for depositors to get anything back massive money printing would have to take place making any payout amount to only pennies on the dollar. If you don’t think there is any danger of a banking crisis in America you may want to keep in mind that the Treasury Department has recently ordered \$200k worth of 72 hour emergency kits for dispersion to every major bank in America. There are known by many as bug-out-bags and are used to support individuals when disaster strikes and they have to care for themselves for the first few days of crisis.”

Will 2015 be a year of financial crashes, economic chaos and the start of the next great worldwide depression? Over 11 predictions of economic disaster in 2015 have been made from top experts all over the globe. Over the past couple of years, we have all watched as global financial bubbles have gotten larger and larger. But as we saw in 2001 and 2008 all financial bubbles comes to an end at some point. Then there is a depression.

Newsmax.com (1.5.15) “Police Nationally Feeling ‘Betrayed’ by City Hall, White House”—*Melanie Barley*—“A growing number of police officers nationwide feel “betrayed” by President Barack Obama and Attorney Eric Holder because of their calls for reforms to policing practices in the wake of the shooting deaths of Michael Brown and Eric Garner, according to *The Washington Post*. The rift between New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio and the New York Police Department appeared to have deepened Sunday after hundreds of officers attending the funeral of murdered policeman Gention Liu turned their backs in a sign of anger and defiance when the mayor rose to speak, *The Wall Street Journal* reported.” The anger in New York seems to be spreading around the nation as many of the officers attending the funeral were from out-of town and had travelled to New York City for the funeral. Other high level public figures, including former New York Police Department commissioner Bernard Kerik, former mayor Rudolph Guiliani and former governor George Pataki have all suggested that de Blasio, Holder, President Barack Obama, and civil rights activist Al Sharpton have fanned the flames of hostility toward police.

There was so much patriotism in the wake of 9/11. Now America has lost its way, repudiated the laws of God, the religion of the Bible, and Christianity and Judaism which largely came out of the Bible. We are on the edge of the Great Tribulation which is gathering like a threatening storm.

Joel Rosenberg of *FlashTraffic*, who is a Christian, said in his latest Newsletter (1.5.15)—“Are the terrorists of the Islamic State (aka, ISIL, or ISIS) waging genocide in Syria and Iraq: Are they planning genocidal attacks against the U.S., Israel, or one of our Arab allies in the Middle East?” On Sunday, Rosenberg was interviewed on the Fox

News Channel by anchor Shannon Beam. “We discussed THE THIRD TARGET, the horrors of the Islamic State, and the dangers of becoming complacent in the face of emerging genocidal conditions.” The following is an excerpt from what Rosenberg shared:

“You’ve got a quarter of a million people now dead in Syria. You’ve got the largest number of murders and deaths in Iraq this past year, 2014, since 2006-7. And it is getting worse because the Islamic State is literally beheading people, crucifying people, slaughtering people, and selling little girls into sexual slavery. It’s a horrific situation. And yet I’m concerned about complacency. Too many political leaders in Washington are becoming complacent about how serious a threat ISIS really is and the stakes. A year ago the President told us that ISIS was not a threat, that they were a ‘JV’ team. Last summer he said ISIS was engaged in genocide. Well okay if they are engaged in genocide why is it such a slow-moving process of defeating them? And what the Third Target does – fictionally – is take us into a world which they are not defeated, in which they capture chemical weapons. And then all hell breaks loose, far worse than what we currently see.” This is the reason Rosenberg wrote his newly released book, *The Third Target*.

The Middle East is continuing to heat up. Middle-East Pakistan and India are the fourth and fifth largest nuclear nations in the world. Pakistan which is one of the most populated countries in the world, with 185 million people has been steadily sinking into the abyss of failed statehood. Ever since its first day as a sovereign nation in 1947, Pakistan has been at war—or on the brink of war—with the one country that’s now the only other nuclear power in South Asia: India. In fact, Pakistan and India have fought three declared wars, one undeclared war, several major battles that have bordered on all-out war, plus countless lesser skirmishes. This past week, in the disputed Kashmir province, Pakistani Rangers opened fire at several Indian Border Security Force posts along the international border, which prompted retaliation from the Indian troops, and in turn, a threatening advance by the Pakistani army toward the area. In addition, civil war in Pakistan is ramping up on a massive scale. Neither Afghanistan nor Iraq are fighting – or are likely to fight – wars with neighboring countries. They’re far too preoccupied with civil conflicts.

“Civil war in Pakistan is ramping up on a massive scale. Last month’s massacre of 132 schoolchildren in Peshawar by the Tehriki-Taliban was horrific. In 2013, the Taliban were linked to the killing of 124 Christians, also in Peshawar. Three years earlier, their operatives massacred 86 minority-religion worshippers during Friday prayers at the mosques in nearby Lahore. Soon thereafter, it was an American citizen trained by this very same organization that attempted to bomb Times Square in New York City.” Martin Wise says, “If recent history is any guide, there are only three possible outcomes from this new trend: Their will to fight will wane as the terrible memories fade. Or each side will retaliate even more forcefully until most of the nation plunges into a three-way civil war – not only the Taliban against civil society, but also Muslims against Christians and Sunnis against Shiites.”

“The key difference is this: In Iraq and Afghanistan, it’s already in an advance stage, and their governments are fully engaged in coping as best they can. But in Pakistan the civil war is just

beginning to ramp up. Worse, much of Pakistan’s civil strife has been virtually legalized! It’s based on strict laws against ‘blasphemy’ used by Muslims to attack minorities with impunity. And it’s spreading across the nation, with most opponents to those laws routinely persecuted or assassinated.”

Civil War is also threatened in Nigeria. “Africa is the home of 1.1 billion, exceeding the population of all of the Americas (North, Central, and South) by 1.28 billion ... and surpassing the population of all European countries by 368 million! In area, Africa is the second largest continent on the planet, twice as large as South America. Moreover, it’s the fastest growing continent –demographically and economically. So when the one country on the continent with the largest population and the most oil resources –Nigeria – suddenly sinks into deep trouble, you’d think Wall Street would pay more attention. Hundreds of schoolgirls are kidnapped, raped and sold off as slaves – very few investors ever talk about it. This is a big mistake, because Nigeria produces more oil than Qatar, Algeria or even Norway and the U.K. It has more proven oil reserves than Kazakhstan, China, Mexico or even the U.S. (excluding new shale oil discoveries). Nigeria’s GDP is larger than Greece’s – and far larger than Ireland’s, Ukraine’s or Iraq’s. The big problem: It’s moving rapidly on much the same turbulent path as Pakistan – toward the status of a failed state.”

“Consider its domestic energy, for example. Even though it’s a huge oil producer, its electric power generation per-capita is only a tiny fraction of what other countries in Africa have achieved. Even Libya, also a failed state, generates at least 30 times more! Mostly thanks to oil the country has had a cumulative trade surplus of \$298 billion since 1970. But nearly all of that money has sunk into the black hole of waste, corruption and lavish living — by a small elite. ***Boko Haram***, the Muslim terrorists group – now operating in the northeast, north-central and central states of the country – is growing rapidly. Since 2009, the group has abducted more than 500 women and children, killed over 5,000 civilians and forced the displacement of at least 650,000.”

“But the central government, despite a state of emergency declared three years ago has been almost entirely ineffective in countering the insurgency – again because of official corruption, and worse, a spate of war crimes by its own soldiers... Nor has the government been able to address the tremendous discontent that has been endemic in nearly all regions, especially in the oil-rich Niger Delta – a conflict that dates back to the early 1990’s , between foreign oil corporations and the Delta’s disadvantaged minorities.”

The world is becoming more and more destabilized. Just like the Bible says in **Luke 21:1-6** –Christ “looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. So He said, ‘Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had (two mites).’ Then, as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations, He said, ‘These things which you see—the days will come in which not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down.’ ”

Signs of the Times. Luke 21: 7-19—so they asked Him, saying, “Teacher, but when will these things be? And what sign will there be when these things are about to take place?” And He said: “Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am He’ and, ‘The time has drawn near.’ Therefore do not go after them. But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately. Then He said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for my name’s sake. But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. **Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.** You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. And you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But not a hair of your head shall be lost. By your patience possess your souls.’ ”

The Destruction of Jerusalem. Verses 20-24 —“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, and then know that its desolation is near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. For these are the *days of vengeance*, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.”

The Coming of the Son of Man. Verses 25-28 —“And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they **will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.** Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”

Christ then told his disciples the *parable of the fig tree*. **Verses 29-33**—“Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. Assuredly, I say to you, **this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place.** Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will by no means pass away.” A *generation* in the Bible according to **Psalms 90:10;12**— is as follows—“The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years”... “So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”

Christ says that this generation that sees these things will by no means pass away “until all these things take place.” I believe that Christ is talking about the generation that was born beginning in 1948 when Israel was established again as a nation for the Jewish people in the Middle East. From 1948 plus 70 years would be 2018, and if 80 years by reason of strength would bring us to the year 2028.

The Importance of Watching. Verses 34-36—“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always **that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass and to stand before the Son of Man.**” Keep your eyes open and pray daily and always.

Put on the Character of Christ. Romans 13:11-14—“And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.”

Walk in Love. Light and Wisdom. Ephesians 5:6-21—“Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them. For you were once darkness, but now **you are light in the Lord.** Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And **have no fellowship with** the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret; but all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says, ‘Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead,’ and Christ will give you light. See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, **giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,** submitting to one another in the fear of God.”

Put the Whole Armor of God. Ephesians 6:10-19—Paul says: “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God that you may be **able to stand against the wiles of the devil.** (For) we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness 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. Stand therefore, having **girded your waist with truth,** having put on the **breastplate of righteousness,** and having shod your feet with the

preparation of the gospel of peace. above all, taking the **shield of faith** with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the **helmet of salvation**, and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God; **praying always** with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel.”

Spread the gospel of the Good News of the kingdom of God and the salvation of Christ. We have work to do. We must be witnesses of the Lord. God wants us to be stirred up with excitement.

Isaiah 42:1-9—“Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom my soul delights! I have put my Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. He will not fail nor be discouraged, till He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands shall wait for His law.

This is a message that God sends to us. “Thus says God the Lord. Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to those who walk on it: ‘I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, and will hold Your hand; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, as a light to the Gentiles, to open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the prison, those who sit in darkness from the prison house. I am the LORD, that is my name; and my glory I will not give to another, nor my praise to carved images. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.’ ”

Verses 13-14—“The LORD shall go forth like a mighty man; He shall stir up his zeal like a man of war. He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud; He shall prevail against His enemies. I have held my peace a long time, I have been still and restrained myself. Now I will cry like a woman in labor, I will pant and gasp at once.” **Verse 16**—Christ, our Redeemer says, “*These things (verses 17-20) I will do for them and not forsake them.*

Isaiah 43:10-13, 21—“**You are my witnesses,**” says the LORD, “and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me, and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, nor shall there be after me. I, even I, am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior. I have declared and saved, I have proclaimed and there was no foreign god among you; Therefore you are My witnesses,” says the LORD, “that I am God. Indeed before the day was, I am He; and there is no one who can deliver out of my hand; I work, and who

will reverse it? This people I have formed for myself; **they shall declare my praise.**"
We have been
formed to glorify God. Our Creator wants us to declare His praise.

Isaiah 43:25-27—"I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake; And I will not remember your sins. Put me in remembrance; let us contend together; State your case, that you may be acquitted. Your first father sinned, and your mediators have transgressed against me." **Isaiah 44:2-4**—"Fear not, O Jacob My servant; and you, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, and my blessing on your offspring; They will spring up among the grass like willows by the watercourses.' One will say, 'I am the LORD's'; Another will call himself by the name of Jacob; Another will write with his hand, 'The LORD's,' and name himself by the name of Israel."

We belong to God. We are his precious jewels and gems in His hands. Meditate on these scriptures often. Encourage and help one another through the coming hard times that lie ahead. God, our Father is on our side. Who can stand against us? Take the whole armor of God brethren. Stand and fight for the Lord and the victory shall be ours through Christ. AMEN!