



MANY SIGNS IN THE NEWS CONVERGE to confirm that the Bible is true! The situation today reflects exactly what we were told to expect.

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This is the Bible in the News, brought to you again this week by Paul Billington—and yet again we have seen another week in which many news items relate to those ancient writings which an angel called “THE SCRIPTURE OF TRUTH.”

That is the expression used in Daniel 10:21. It is a phrase that tells us that *the Bible is true*; and when we see the events predicted in the Bible becoming THIS WEEK’S NEWS, then we *know* it is true. How else could you explain the fact that prophecies made 2,000 years ago match the very things that we are seeing today?

Over 250 years ago, the writer Thomas Newton made this very point. He wrote in 1754—long before the Turkish Empire vanished from the Middle East—long before Jews returned to the Holy Land, or there was a Jewish State there called Israel. Yet, even in his day, he could see the clear fulfillment of prophecy.

Let me read to you what he wrote, as he concluded his book about accomplished prophecies. He said:

“Men are sometimes apt to think, that if they could but see a miracle wrought in favor of religion, they would readily resign all their scruples, believe without doubt, and obey without reserve. The very thing that you desire, you have. You have the greatest and most striking of miracles in the series of scripture-prophecies accomplished; accomplished, as we see, in the present state of almost all nations, the Africans, the Egyptians, the Arabians, the Turks, the Jews, the papists, the Protestants, Nineveh, Babylon, Tyre, the seven churches of Asia, Jerusalem, and Rome. And this is not a transient miracle, ceasing almost as soon as performed; but is permanent, and protracted through the course of many generations. It is not a miracle delivered only upon the report of others, but is subject to your own inspection and examination. It is not a miracle exhibited only before a certain number of witnesses, but is open to the observation and contemplation of all mankind; and, after so many ages, is still growing, still improving to future ages. What stronger miracle therefore can you require for your conviction? or what will avail, if this be found ineffectual? Alas, if you reject the evidence of prophecy, neither would you be persuaded though one should rise from the dead. What can be plainer? you see, or may see, with your own eyes, the scripture-prophecies accomplished; and if the scripture prophecies are accomplished, the scripture must be the word of God.”

Today, we can add so much more—and we are seeing the evidence of it almost daily in the News.

As yet *another* hurricane threatens Florida, we may recall our discussion about this just a few weeks ago. The signs of the end of an age. But not just storm and tempest—we also have earthquakes—Pakistan is now counting 79,000 people killed! Then there is the threat of Bird Flu in some parts of the world—a pestilence. All this brings to mind Bible verses such as Isaiah 29:6 which heralded the end of a previous civilisation: The verse reads:

“Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.”

Ezekiel 14:21 speaks of God’s four sore judgements. The sword, the



The wind currents and Hurricane Wilma approaching are seen on a screen above. Below: The devastation of earthquake in Pakistan.



famine, the noisome beast and pestilence.

Jesus warned of signs that would herald the end of the Jewish or Mosaic Age in the first century. They are given in Matthew 24:7; Mark 13:8; Luke 21:10, 11, also verses 25-26 and verses 34-36. All those signs we see today—and they are telling us of judgement that is coming.

In addition to all that, there are clear signs to us in the very way in which nations are positioning themselves in relation to Israel and the Middle East. Take for example the news that the American Secretary of State has refused to rule out the possibility that US troops could still be in Iraq 10 years from now. Also not to be ruled out was the possibility that the US could use military force against Syria or Iran. Secretary Rice stated:

“I’m not going to get into *what* the president’s options might be... I don’t think the president ever takes any of his options off the table concerning anything to do with military force.”

This comes after a major speech by president Bush in which he said:

“The influence of Islamic radicalism is also magnified by helpers and enablers. They have been sheltered by authoritarian regimes, allies of convenience like Syria and Iran, that share the goal of hurting America and moderate Muslim governments, and use terrorist propaganda to blame their own failures on the West and America, and on the Jews... The militants are aided, as well, by elements of the Arab news media that incite hatred and anti-Semitism, that feed conspiracy theories and speak of a so-called American “war on Islam.” ...Over the years these extremists have used a litany of excuses for violence—the Israeli presence on the West Bank, or the U.S. military presence in Saudi Arabia, or the defeat of the Taliban, or the Crusades of a thousand years ago...The murderous ideology of the Islamic radicals is the great challenge of our new century...whatever lies ahead in the war against this ideology, the outcome is not in doubt...We didn’t ask for this global struggle, but we’re answering history’s call with confidence, and a comprehensive strategy... State sponsors like Syria and Iran have a long history of collaboration with terrorists, and they deserve no patience from the victims of terror. The United States makes no distinction between those who commit acts of terror and those who support and harbor them, because they’re equally as guilty of murder. Any government that chooses to be an ally of terror has also chosen to be an enemy of civilization. And the civilized world must hold those regimes to account...our friends in the Middle East, including Egypt and Saudi Arabia... the rise of a deadly enemy and the unfolding of a global ideological struggle, our time in history will be remembered for new challenges and unprecedented dangers.”

The complete speech can be read on www.Whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2005/10/20051006-3.html

This would place the modern trading nations just where prophecy has predicted. Scriptures such as Ezekiel 38:13 REQUIRE the trading nations (the *merchants* of Tarshish) to be in the Middle East. Daniel 11:40 has a king of the south—a power in the south that will take action in the Middle East.

Then we see in the news a report that Russia seeks to get involved in the Middle East—That was in Israel’s *Haaretz* paper this week. There is Ezekiel 38 again, which speaks of the Prince of Rosh (Russia) coming against the mountains of Israel. Iran of course is the Persia of Ezekiel 38:5, who will be with the Northern confederacy. But it is in putting all these things together that we see the big picture. All these events converging on the page of history just at THIS time. It is just too much to be coincidence—the pieces of the jig-saw puzzle just falling into place at this time to match the picture on the box lid.

As literal storms hurricanes, earthquakes and so on strike—so here in Ezekiel 38 we have the same language. Gog will come like a storm (v. 9). There will be a great earthquake (verses 19 & 20).

All these things demonstrate that the Bible IS true. That the Bible IS in the News, and that the personal challenge is for men and women to repent and believe what God has said. If we can do that, we can face the future with confidence and hope. Thank you for listening again—we will be with you again next week, God willing.



President George Bush delivers a speech declaring war on Islamic radicalism, warning Syria and Iran of the consequences of supporting terrorism.

