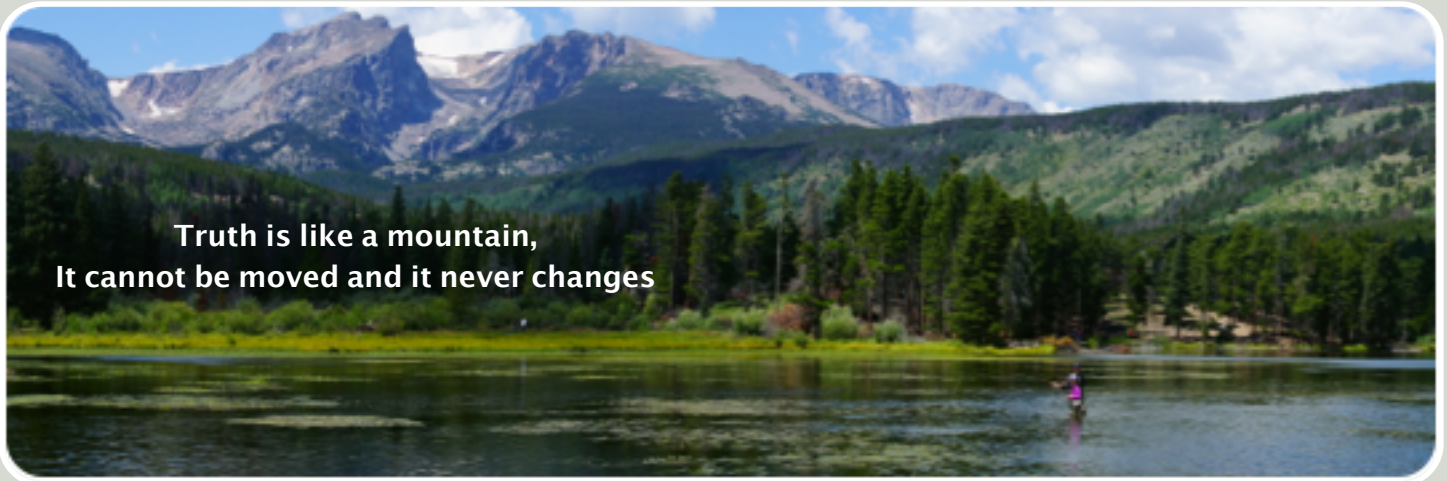


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"TRUTH"

**A SURE WORD
FOR TODAY**



Truth is like a mountain,
It cannot be moved and it never changes

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UPDATE

I hope you have enjoyed the series I have been doing since the beginning of the year. It has been current and relevant. However, I have missed providing a monthly prophecy update. The "Understanding The Times" series will be finished in April, and then I will resume providing a monthly prophecy update.

The first thing I plan to cover in May will be what has happened in Syria. The overthrow of the Assad regime has had huge implications for Israel. Some have been good, and some are bad. One thing has not changed, and that is God's faithfulness to His people.

Zechariah 2:8

8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

FEATURE ARTICLE: "Understanding The Times" Part 3

WARNING: You are entering the "TRUTH ZONE". You may not like what you read. At times it may make you feel uncomfortable. That is not my goal. My goal is to speak truth that will provide spiritual guidance for you and your family in a time of great spiritual darkness. You can be sure that what you read here will be TRUTH!

This month, we continue the series "Understanding The Times." Thus far, we have learned that Jesus said that there would be signs that would precede His return. These signs were promised so that His return would not surprise us.

Luke 21:25 (KJV)

25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

I have so much more material and had planned to move on, but I felt a check in my spirit because there is more the Lord wants His people to hear about the significance of "the sea and the waves roaring." I believe God is calling us to pause here and think about what this means. In part two, I pointed out that "the sea and the waves roaring" referred to the violent unrest that would be in the world at the time of His return.

Revelations 17:15 KJV

15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

Most people do not need me or any other Bible teacher to point out that the violent things we are seeing today fit the description given by Jesus in Luke 21. However, some would say otherwise. The Apostle Peter prophesied what their argument would be.

2 Peter 3:3-4 KJV

3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,
4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

This leaves us with a question that demands an answer: Is what we see today different, or have we always had this type of thing? I have been around longer than most, so I am qualified to answer that question. Let's start by looking at an event that happened 62 years ago. On August 28, 1963, over 200,000 people came to the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC, to protest segregation that was still happening even though laws had been passed that made it illegal to discriminate based on race. That was 62 years ago and still is one of the largest protests in history. The scoffers may have a valid point, but do they? Let's take a closer look at what happened that day.

On that historic day, there was music played and sung by famous entertainers such as Joan Baez, Bob Dylan, and Mahalia Jackson, and speeches were given by over a dozen well-known people. Then, at 3:30 in the afternoon, a black man named Martin Luther King gave the last speech of the day. His speech is considered by many to be the most significant civil rights speech ever and is still remembered as the; 'I Have a Dream' speech.

This occurred in 1963 when I was 20 years old, and I vividly remember being amazed that 200,000 people could gather to protest such a volatile issue and it be totally peaceful. These people did not come to protest by destroying public property or violently attacking those who disagreed with them.

How Things Have Changed!

How different things are today! You do not need to be 81 years old to understand that. Today, it may be a Black Lives Matter protest or an anti-Semitic protest, but they all have one thing in common: They are violent.

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Consider the protests in Portland, Oregon, which damaged federal buildings by \$2.2 million. The riots lasted about 80 days and caused a total property damage of around \$20 million.

But, the riots in Portland were only a tiny part of the bigger picture that was sparked by the death of George Floyd, who died while in police custody in Minneapolis. After his death, riots broke out in major cities all around the world. Dozens of people were killed or injured in the violent unrest, and thousands of businesses and properties were looted, torched, or otherwise vandalized. Only now are we beginning to realize the full cost of the destruction. It is estimated that the total insured property losses incurred during the George Floyd riots will come in at a staggering \$1-\$2 billion.

Such violence has not been limited to the United States. In 2018, the French government raised taxes, and as a result, riots broke out all across France. Paris police said 133 people were injured, including 23 police officers, as crowds trashed the streets of the capital. Officers fired tear gas as protesters torched cars, smashed windows, and looted stores. Some police officers described encountering "unprecedented" violence, including protesters using hammers, gardening tools, aerosol cans, as well as rocks in physical confrontations. Then, in 2023, police in France shot and killed a young Muslim boy, and a week of riots followed with damage in the tens of millions of Euros.

In the UK, violent riots have become such a problem that the government was forced to take shocking action. After riots in August of 2024, government leaders met to discuss how to handle such displays. After that meeting, the Prime Minister said: "A number of actions came out of the meeting. The first is we will have a standing army of specialist public duty officers so that we will have enough officers to deal with this where we need

them." An entire army battalion created exclusively to deal with violent riots? Never before has this happened. According to one website that tracks such things, in 2024, there were over 143,000 violent protests worldwide. No place on earth has been exempt from the cancer of violent demonstrations.

I could go on and on, but I have made my point. What we are experiencing today vastly differs from what we have seen in the past.

Today, the sea is roaring!

So, why have I gone to such lengths to point this out? I have done this because younger people have no way to compare what is happening today with what we experienced 60 years ago. They weren't even alive in 1963, so they need my elderly eyes to help them see that what we have today is unprecedented in human history.

However, the main reason I have spent so much time on the roaring of the sea is because it is the most observable, undeniable sign of the soon return of Jesus that we have. It is the elephant in the room. Yes, we have signs in the heavens, but can the average person know if what we see today differs from what we have observed in the past? I doubt it. But the social upheaval and violence we see almost every day is not like that. I will say it one more time:

It is the elephant in the room.

To ignore it is to choose to be willingly ignorant, similar to what the people of Noah's day did when they ignored everything they saw or heard. We are, without question, the generation that will see the return of our Lord.

Luke 21:28 KJV

28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

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A MINUTE WITH MISS LINDA



"Hallelujah"

In our society, "Hallelujah" has become a slang word. Even people who don't believe in God will say, "Well, hallelujah," though they have no idea what it means.

A good illustration of this would be

Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah," which has become one of the most popular songs of this generation. Even though he used the word "Hallelujah" 32 times in his song, Mr. Cohen did not see it as a praise song. Here is what he said in an interview: "This world is full of conflicts and full of things that cannot be reconciled. But there are moments when we can reconcile and embrace the whole mess, and that's what I mean by 'Hallelujah.'" In this same interview, Cohen also noted that the song was his way of confirming his faith in life, not religion.

This illustrates what I said about people using "Hallelujah" without knowing what it means. I have no problem with that, but I think God's people should at least know that in English, "Hallelujah" means "Praise the Lord!" Hallelujah in Hebrew translates to "praise Yah/weh." (Yah/weh being one of the names of God.)

How different is Mr. Cohen's "Hallelujah" from another written in 1741 by George Frideric Handel? At the time, Handel was in debt and deeply depressed. Desperate for answers, he cloistered himself in his music studio to seek God. After 24 days, his assistant, fearing for his well-being, called to him and, getting no answer, entered his studio. Upon entering the room, he saw Handel on his knees with tears flowing down his cheeks. When asked why he was weeping, Handel replied, "I have just seen the face of God." The "Hallelujah Chorus" was birthed out of that incredible experience.

But even this great musical work pales compared to the Hallelujah Chorus that will be sung in heaven!

Revelation 19:1;6 AMP

1 After these things I heard something like the great and mighty shout of a vast multitude in heaven, exclaiming "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory (splendor, majesty) and power (dominion, might) belong to our God;

6 Then I heard something like the shout of a vast multitude, and like the boom of many pounding waves, and like the roar of mighty peals of thunder, saying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, [the Omnipotent, the Ruler of all] reigns.

What an amazing praise service that will be! I am very sure that when we get to heaven, we will have no problem joining that great heavenly Hallelujah Chorus. I get chills at the thought of it.

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But that day has not yet come. Instead, we find ourselves in a dark, sinful world where God's face is hidden. What are we to do, sit, and be content to wait for that great heavenly praise service to begin? Not according to God's Word!

Hallelujah is not just a word to be spoken in the future or in mountaintop moments but also for the valleys and the darkest moments of our lives. It's a declaration of faith, hope, and trust in God's sovereignty, even when we cannot see the whole picture.

Paul and Silas in Acts 16 are a perfect example of this. They did not wait for their freedom before raising a hallelujah but sang their praises while bound and suffering in prison. They praised in the midst of their trials, and as a result, the foundations of the prison were shaken, and their shackles fell off. Their worship unlocked God's power in a way they could have never imagined.

Acts 16:25-26 KJV

25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

We live in a world filled with challenges, chaos, and uncertainty, where it's easy to feel disconnected from the praise that will one day fill the heavens. But, as the psalmist reminds us in Psalm 150:6, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" This is an invitation to actively

participate in the praise of our Creator, regardless of our circumstances. If you have breath in your lungs, you ought to praise God.

You are alive, so raise a hallelujah!

Each time we say or sing "Hallelujah," we join with the timeless anthem of heaven, participating in a chorus that acknowledges God's reign and His unshakable goodness. We may not yet see Him face to face, but still, we know He is God, all-powerful, filled with mercy and compassion. And this knowledge empowers us to raise a hallelujah in every season of life, to praise Him in our pain, in our joy, and in all the uncertain moments in between.

So, today, take a moment—whether you're facing hardship or basking in peace—to lift your voice, your heart, and your hands to praise Him because He alone is worthy of all praise. This world may be full of chaos, but God's reign is inevitable and eternal. And that's reason enough to shout, sing, and live a life filled with Hallelujahs!

