

P R O P H E C Y U P D A T E

Enough Already!

Okay, it's time for me to admit that I have a pet peeve. I have lived with it for 83 years, and as I have gotten older, it has gotten worse. Much worse! I have no tolerance for those who quote scriptures and apply them to situations God never intended.

The most egregious example of this is connected to something Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3 KJV

1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

2 For yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord so cometh** as a thief in the night.

3 **For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.**

This seems simple enough, and yet people have a difficult time applying it correctly. Point out that the war in Iran or the Abraham Accords may result in peace in the Middle East, and I guarantee someone will quote this to you. Not only will they quote it, they will do so in a condescending manner intended to let you know that they have an understanding of scripture that is far superior to yours.

Enough already!



Because I am a man of great patience, I will take the time to explain this so even our prophetically challenged friends can understand. The thing we need to determine is whether Paul is making a blanket statement to be applied every time the word "peace" is spoken, or if this verse refers to only one specific event. To help us see the answer, I submit the front-page headline of the San Francisco Chronicle on August 16, 1945.



Should this verse have been applied here?

Paul very clearly states that he is specifically talking about **"the day of the Lord."** That phrase appears 29 times in the Bible, and each time it describes the day when Jesus returns to execute judgment upon the wicked. A good example is found in Isaiah.

Isaiah 13:9 KJV

9 Behold, **the day of the LORD cometh**, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

Anyone well-versed in Bible prophecy knows that prior to Jesus' return, the antichrist will have confirmed a 7-year covenant promising peace. This will be the time to apply what Paul wrote, because when that day comes, none shall escape!

For now, please continue to pray for peace, and when it comes, let us rejoice together and glorify God because our prayers have been answered.

Blessed are the peacemakers!

AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH!