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GENERATION

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FOREWORD

Jack Kinsella and I have worked together as friends and colleagues for more than 15 years. We have reported the contemporary news and related it to the prophecies of the Bible that apply to the events that lead to the imminent return of Jesus Christ to Planet Earth.

I have witnessed first hand the great spiritual gifts with which God has endowed Kinsella. He has a comprehensive knowledge of Bible prophecy. He also has a keen grasp of history. Wedded to this is an ability to write in an investigative reporter style that makes him both interesting and easy to understand.

I just finished reading his book, *The Last Generation*. I believe it is a milestone in the field of Bible prophecy. It is a terrific, exciting account of how today's news is fitting precisely into the scenario of predicted events that immediately precede the Return of Jesus Christ. He gives many convincing evidences that Bible prophecies made thousands of years ago are indeed being fulfilled before our eyes.

It is a must read. Whether you are religious or non-religious – believer or skeptic – I believe you will find Kinsella's book fascinating. For many, it will be life changing.

Dr. Hal Lindsey

INTRODUCTION

And as He sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto Him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?

(Matthew 24:3)

For two thousand years, scholars, theologians, skeptics and critics have dissected both that question and its answer. To the faithful, it is Divine prophecy intended to offer comfort and wisdom to the generation that would see its fulfillment.

To the critics and skeptics, it is offered as evidence that the Bible is a book of myths. They argue that every generation thought they were the ones that would see the “end of the world” (the return of Christ) but, look! We’re still here! Hardly an original argument, but one that has endured through the ages.

Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 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.

(II Peter 3:3,4)

The Apostle Peter reminds his readers that they laughed when Noah built his ark ... until it started to rain. Peter defines the logic of accepting the absence of evidence as itself being evidence as “willing ignorance” (II Peter 3:5).

From that perspective, it is not coincidental that the first

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warning Jesus gave His disciples in answer to their question was, “Take heed that no man deceive you” (Matthew 24:4).

Evidence of a Plan

Jesus next warned His disciples, “...ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars,” adding, “...see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet” (Matthew 24:6).

The twentieth century is divided by its wars; pre-World War I, post-World War I, pre-World War II, post World War II, the Cold War, and the post Cold-War. The First World War was so ferocious and bloody that it earned the appellation, “The War to End All Wars.” The carnage claimed the lives of more than thirty-eight million people worldwide. Entire nations were reduced to rubble. The cream of a generation perished on the battlefields of Europe. “Never again!” shouted the survivors.

Despite the best efforts of the *League of Nations* created to fulfill that promise, the madness once again overspread the globe less than a generation later. This time, the carnage claimed almost twice as many lives worldwide as the last one had. It concluded with the introduction of the world’s first use of nuclear weapons, and established America as the greatest military power the world had ever known.

In 1948, as the surviving Jews of Hitler’s madness declared the existence of the State of Israel, Russia declared a blockade of West Berlin, which was at the time under control of the post-war Victorious Powers. The United States launched a massive airlift of supplies into Berlin, eventually breaking the blockade and officially kicking off the ultimate “rumor of war,” the Cold War.

Jesus intimated that the wars and rumors of wars were a

necessary part of an unfolding plan; hence His admonition, “see that yet not be troubled.” He explained, “...for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.” Jesus was asked of the signs of the end. In His response, He said these were signs, but the end is not yet. Is there a relevant cause and effect at work here?

It is logical to infer that these wars were both necessary to a plan, and that they signaled, not the end, but the beginning of the end. Among the consequences of the *War to End All Wars* were the collapse of the Ottoman Empire and the occupation of the Holy Land by the British. In 1917, the British Parliament adopted the Balfour Declaration that declared the newly acquired territory of Palestine as the “homeland of the Jews.”

The carnage of the Holocaust turned the surviving Jews of Europe into refugees; their property confiscated, the wealth plundered. They had nowhere to go but Palestine. The hardships they endured under their Nazi tormentors steeled them for the hardships ahead.

The generation of Jews that settled Israel withstood five separate efforts by the combined Arab world to annihilate them, each time, emerging from battle in possession of a larger piece of the Promised Land. And the ultimate “rumor of war” forced Israel’s alliance with the Western world when the Soviets began setting up client states in the Middle East.

The entire focus of Bible prophecy in the last days demands the existence of a Jewish State called “Israel.” Israel plays a central role in the unfolding of all Bible prophecy in the last days. The unintended consequences of two wars and what turned out to be a “rumor of war” was the Western acquisition of the Land of Promise, the forced relocation of European Jewry to that land, and Israel’s

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necessary alliance to the United States.

Coincidence? Or cause and effect?

Beginning of Sorrows

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.

(Matthew 24:7-8)

Jesus warned that these signs were the “beginnings of sorrows.” *Sorrows* is a reference to birth pangs (Genesis 3:16 “...in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children;”). Jesus used an analogy that would remain constant throughout human history. We still time labor pains. As the time approaches, the labor pains increase in both frequency and intensity.

Wars, famines and “pestilences” (plagues) have always been part of the human condition. Until mankind declared them obsolete in the mid-twentieth century. We declared war on wars, setting up the United Nations as the preferred forum for settling national differences. And for a time, it worked as advertised.

We declared war on poverty and set up programs to bring food to deprived nations and set up international agencies to help develop underprivileged nations. We declared war on disease, and all but eradicated deadly epidemics of bubonic plague, tuberculosis, polio, malaria, leprosy and smallpox. We developed antibiotics to prevent their recurrence.

We made real progress, and it looked for a while as if we might actually stamp out mankind’s ancient scourges.

But that was before the appearance of antibiotic resistant “superbugs”. And new, unknown diseases like HIV, AIDS and SARS ... and a host of other formerly unheard of epidemics.

Bird flu made its appearance in Asia in the twenty-first century and with it, the specter of a global pandemic that the experts estimate could kill tens (maybe hundreds) of millions of people. Of those infected so far, more than half have died, giving it a mortality rate of almost 60 percent.

Rocking the House

There remains a huge debate raging over global warming. Actually, it isn't even accurate to call it a debate over global warming. Few are arguing that global warming doesn't exist. Some are arguing that it is merely a normal part of global weather pattern cycles, but those arguments are rapidly losing credibility in the face of empirical evidence to the contrary.

What is at the heart of the debate is the cause. Most blame the United States and insist that it accept responsibility for its cleanup, as demanded by the Kyoto Treaty.

An equally strong argument exists for laying the blame at the Soviet Union's doorstep. It used Eastern Europe as a toxic waste dump. It polluted with impunity for sixty years, and then left the mess untouched after its collapse.

China is among the world's worst polluters, along with having one of the world's largest populations to clean up after.

But global warming and pollution don't account for the rest of the planetary upheaval; the earthquakes, solar flares, changes to the earth's magnetic fields, and so on and so forth.

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The earthquake that ushered in 2005 was so powerful that it reshaped the earth's surface, disrupted the space-time continuum; the entire planet was still vibrating like a tuning fork as the ball came down at Times Square.

There were 23,617 earthquakes world-wide in 2005 that claimed more than 83,000 lives. That is up from 16,612 in 1990; part of an upward trend that is still continuing.

Geopolitically, the 21st century so far has been marked by belligerency and war. There is the Iraq War. The Afghanistan War. The war on terror. The culture wars. The Red State/Blue State political war. The Iran nuclear crisis is the new century's offering for the "rumor of war" category.

And where open war hasn't erupted, ethnic unrest threatens to spark it at almost any moment.

Jesus was asked by His disciples what "signs" would be given in advance of His return.

He spoke of wars and rumors of wars, famines, earthquakes, saying, "And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven" (Luke 21:11).

He warned:

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; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

(Luke 21:25-26)

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He said to the generation that would witness these signs, “when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh” (Luke 21:28).

I am struck with renewed awe with how perfectly it all conforms to Jesus’ outline for a single generation, somewhere in time. While these events have always been part of the human condition, new records shatter like old glass with each passing year. And, as you will see, this is only the tip of the iceberg.

So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

(Matthew 24:33-34)