The United States in Bible Prophecy

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Why is the United States not specifically mentioned in end-time Bible prophecy?

This is one of the major mysteries of end-time Bible prophecy. I've interviewed Bible prophecy experts like Terry James and others to gain some keen insights into this mystery.

Q) What is the title of your newest book?
A) It is The American Apocalypse: Is the United States in Bible Prophecy?

Q) I would say that in conducting Bible prophecy conferences for 30 years now probably one of the number one questions always asked is, "Where is the United States in Bible prophecy?" And that has become even more acute question in these times because all the signs point to the fact that we are right on the threshold of the Tribulation and the end-time events, and we are the number one world power. So, why is it we're not mentioned in end-time Bible prophecy?

A) That is a strange thing because certainly the United States is the most powerful nation that's every existed on the face of the earth. It is the most blessed materially and certainly one of the most blessed spiritually that's ever existed. But, just the fact that it's the most powerful nation that has ever existed and brought forth the most technology and the fact that its not mentioned is just quite a thing to query, and I think its not mentioned for specific reasons.

The reason I believe the United States is not in Bible prophecy is because it has deserted its mission, which was basically two fold in my view. The first was to get the technology that would eventually get the Bible to the whole world. And that we have done and we continue
to do it, and maybe that's one of our saving graces up to this point considering how far we've fallen in so many areas. But that was number one.

The second thing I think is to be the protector in the human sense. Now, God doesn't need anybody to protect Israel. But in the human sense, I think that the United States has been used as a mighty weapon to keep other nations from completely overrunning Israel. We acted as midwife with that with President Harry Truman having almost a supernatural insight in some instances into Bible prophecy and what it all meant. He was there at the right time at the right place. Not that we always would agree with his politics or anything like that maybe, but as far as using him as an instrument to protect Israel that has happened.

So America has had those two primary missions and I think we're still in the process of doing the first one and that is to bring the Gospel message to the whole world through the technology we develop. But the second, we are beginning to stray from and I think that is in dealing with Israel. We know that Genesis 12:3 says that, "God says I will bless those who bless thee, curse those who curse thee." Of course, America has been the materially blessed nation on earth — no question about it.

Q) A good portion of your book is devoted to America straying from what God called us to do. What is the evidence that we have really strayed from that and that God's judgment may be upon us at this time?

A) We talked about the way America has been blessed because it's treated Israel well and blessed it. The second part is the sadder part and that is that America has begun to stray in a major way with dealing with Israel as we have put pressure on Israel to give up land for peace. What is particularly troubling is they've been pressured to give up part of east Jerusalem to a new Palestinian state; a "Two State Solution" they call it. And this I can tell you from God's Word flies in the face of the Lord. Anybody who touches Jerusalem touches the apple of His eye according to God and that's exactly what has happened. Joel 3:2 says that "I'll bring all the nations of the world into the valley of Jehoshaphat for dealing unjustly with my people Israel"... and that's exactly what's happened!

But, there are so many other things, too. Paul's perilous time of Second Timothy chapter 3 just runs rampant throughout America, from the proud boasts we see in all the political
process and in every strata of American life, all the way through to people who become fierce, who become lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God — all these things. Particularly, I find a problem is the verse about "without natural affection." Paul says this and it's particularly applicable to abortion. More than fifty million babies murdered in their wombs since Roe v. Wade in 1973.

Secondly, the homosexual issue and the gay rights issue that is just pandemic. Every major empire that's ever crashed has had at the very end of its lifespan homosexuality, from Lot's time onward.

Q) I have found that many people including Christians believe that God's sitting on his throne wrapped in an American flag and that He would never ever touch the United States of America. Is that true?

A) Well, of course we both know that's just foolishness. Israel, who God calls "His chosen people," He has certainly taken them to the woodshed on many occasions. If it wasn't for His promises and His grace they would not be back in the land today. And America certainly is not mentioned, and the very fact that the United States is not mentioned in Bible prophecy despite it being far greater than Israel ever was materially, not spiritually, but materially... and to have such a great nation as the United States has been hailed to be and it's not mentioned anywhere in Bible prophecy by name? That in itself tells you how that America or no other entity is above God and His ways.

Q) Why isn't the United States mentioned in end-time Bible prophecy? People have speculated it's because we're going to be attacked by Russia or China. Others have speculated it's going to be interior terrorist attacks that will bring this nation into chaos. Others have suggested it will be moral rot that will cause the collapse of the nation. Others have said it's going to be economic collapse. What do you think it's going to be?

A) It could be all of the above! But, I really believe that this nation is going to come down hard when the Rapture occurs. There will be chaos beyond belief and I believe personally that every single child below the age of accountability (that age when they know to accept Christ or refuse), will be gone in an instant. Just that alone is going to cause chaos beyond
imagination. God's going to make a definite statement, in my opinion, at that very moment about when life begins, because every woman left behind I believe who is pregnant will at that moment lose that child and they will be without that baby.

And so, many things we see right now that would completely tear down the sovereignty and autonomy of America has been going on for some time. It's happening now on a fast track in my opinion, and I think when the Rapture occurs it's going to be a complete collapse, not only of America but the whole economic situation. The scenario as I see it is that America will cease to be a super power because it will have lost its national and its economic and every other part of its equilibrium.

**Q) People have never really thought of the incredible chaos that would occur with the Rapture. What do you think will be the result of that chaos?**

A) I think the European Union is the answer now. Europe has turned out the gospel light long ago and the Islamic way is now taking over even the old churches. They're becoming mosques. And so they are still going to have a particularly strong structure called the EU at the time of the complete collapse. I believe at that time America and its leadership which will have been devastated is going to look for a strong way to restore equilibrium. The United States with its great power and technology is going to be accepted into the European Union and become a part of it.

**Q) Where do you see the United States in end-time Bible prophecy?**

*Answer by Phillip Goodman* The United States in end-time Bible prophecy generically has to be classified with all nations. There's no specific reference to the United States. But generically, if the United States still exists and is still here as a nation, it's going to be like all the other nations. It's going to turn against Israel and it's going to come down upon Jerusalem in the last days. It's going to bow its knee to the Antichrist and it's going to come under the crux of the Antichrist. It's going to come under the same destiny of all the nations in the last days because of one of the nations.

But, there's a specific reference to or at least an illusion to the United States in Daniel 11. Daniel 11 begins in verse 36 talking about the Antichrist. You come down to verse 39 and it says the Antichrist will take action against the strongest of fortresses. The King James
Version says "the most strongholds." The Hebrew word maoz means "the strongest of fortresses," or as the New International Version would put it, "the strongest against the mightiest of fortresses." You've got all of these different, but it all comes down to this term "the strongest of fortresses." In modern terms that is super powers. That's simply what it is. So this is a prediction that the Antichrist will take action against and will prevail over whoever the super power is in the last day, or the super powers. And, of course, right now the United States is seen as the super power in the world with Russia and China a close second. So this is a very, very strong illusion to the United States that it will fall. This answers the question of how the Antichrist is going to reign and rule over every nation, tribe, tongue and people including the United States in the last days.

Answer by Al Gist) I don't think the United States really plays a major role. For many years I've always preached that since World War II we've been the leading nation of the world — economically, politically, militarily. But, the Bibles is really clear that the kingdom of the Antichrist will be a coalition of European nations. Europe will be the leading power of the last days. It's through that power base that the Antichrist comes to reign and from that he will spread his evil tentacles eventually around the planet to control the entire world. Europe will be the leading nation of the last days and the Antichrist will come to power through that.

The United States I think is only mentioned indirectly, such as in Zechariah 14, where it speaks of the nations of the world coming against Jerusalem. I'm assuming that even though we may not be the leader of the world, the United States may still be in existence and may be part of the nations that come against Israel. So only in an indirect way do I see the United States mentioned in last days Bible prophecy.

Answer by Ed Hindson) Technically, no place. Specifically, now in one sense is the United States included in the whole world in the end-times? Certainly. The United States will probably still exist at the time of the end. Especially if we're near the time of the end the United States would be a player. The Antichrist the Scripture says will ultimately control the whole known world and impose the Mark of the Beast at the time of the end. That would include the United States. But, the Bible does not say anything about a nation like the United States having an active role in the end-times.

That may mean that the United States, number one, is part of the European coalition which is controlled by the Antichrist in the end-times. Assuming that many Americans are
transplanted Europeans... although one could say that of Canadians and Australians and New Zealanders as well.

Or, it may mean number two, that the United States has fallen into some kind of economic disaster and is now a second rate nation in the world.

Or, number three, that the United States has been wiped out by a war, which is not prophesied clearly at all in the Bible.

Or, number four, that the Rapture has had such a devastating impact on America in the end-times that America is no longer a major player. I think of all those options, that is the most likely. If there really are millions of Christians, and I realize not everybody that professes Christ is a genuine believer, but assuming that there are millions of genuinely born again people in America, the Rapture would have as great an impact or greater on America than any other nation on the planet. America would be economically devastated — the police, the fire, the protection agencies, the hospitals, the doctors, the nurses, even the military would be thrown into disarray immediately. One moment after the Rapture changes everything. The United States would become a second rate power allowing Europe to move into that power vacuum and ultimately try to lead the world in promising to bring peace and stability to a world that has been left behind.

*Answer by Dr. Reagan* I will wrap this up by sharing my viewpoint that I have developed in great detail in the latest edition of my book, *America the Beautiful? The United States in Bible Prophecy*.

I believe the United States will be greatly weakened in the end-times through remedial judgments of God, like the current financial crisis we are suffering. But, I believe our final demise as a world power will be the result of the Rapture. We have more born again Christians than all of Europe and England combined, and when the Rapture occurs our nation will be devastated and thrown into absolute chaos. Quite likely our only hope for survival will be membership in the European Union.

Although we are not specifically mentioned in end-time prophecy, we are there in prophetic type and that type is the ancient nation of Judah. We have been blessed like Judah with wealth, freedom, great godly leaders and with the spiritual opportunity to share the Gospel with all the world. But, we have sinned like Judah, giving our hearts to pride, materialism and hedonism. We are now being warned like Judah through prophetic voices and remedial
judgments. And, we are responding like Judah by ignoring the warnings. The conclusion seems inescapable. We are heading for the same fate as Judah.

We need to pray for our nation's spiritual health as never before. Our hope is not a new political party or a new President or a new world order. Our only hope is Jesus Christ. And, since He is returning very soon, we need to proclaim the gospel to as many people as we can as quickly as we can.