

Twelve Signs of the End Times

Radio Interview of Nathan Jones by Brian Thomas of [Blessings to Israel Ministries](#)



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Narrator: Welcome to Blessings to Israel Ministries where we are committed to proclaiming the soon return of our great and wonderful Messiah Jesus Christ. In honor of the one and only true God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob let's join Brian C. Thomas for today's message.

Brian Thomas: Well greetings to all in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and welcome to Blessings to Israel Ministries. My name is Brian Thomas and I am delighted to have Nathan Jones as guest today on the topic; the signs of the times. Things are definitely accelerating today in the world as far as Bible prophecy goes and we see so many fulfillments but one thing I do ask the question are we getting ahead of ourselves. Sometimes as those of us, like myself who are very excited about the return of Jesus Christ, sometimes we may have a tendency to read a bit into things. But I have Nathan here who is a Bible prophecy expert. He is going to speak today on are we truly seeing fulfillment of these things? And what may be things still to come. So Nathan welcome and thank you for speaking with us today.

Nathan Jones: Oh, thank you for having me on Brian, it is a blessing.

Brian Thomas: Thank you, thank you. And we are just delighted to have you. And just a bit about Nathan he is the Evangelist and Web Minister for Lamb and Lion Ministries which reaches out to 2 billion plus people accessible over the internet with the message of the soon return of Jesus Christ. Nathan is also the guest co-host of the television program, *Christ in Prophecy*, a life-long student of the Bible and an ordained minister. And I also want to say that the website [lamblion.com](#) is that correct Nathan?

Nathan Jones: Yes, you can remember our name *Lamb and Lion Ministries*, because Jesus came first as a suffering lamb and He will come back as a roaring conquering lion in the Second Coming.

Brian Thomas: Great.

Nathan Jones: Some people get it confused with Lion and Lamb, or Lemon and Lime, or sorts of weird names, but it is *Lamb and Lion Ministries*.

Brian Thomas: Alright, thank you for that. And I just want to say it is definitely a great resource for Bible prophecy. I recall growing up but even prior to my teenage years I was very interested in Bible prophecy and I struggled to find resources for that. And then during that time I did not have internet, did not have satellite, cable television so it was a struggle to find great resources especially on the Book of Revelation. But the website [lamblion](#) just has tons of great information and audio, video, text; I think

every format you can think of is there. And Nathan Jones is the brains behind the whole outfit, so it is definitely a delight to have him and I encourage you all to definitely go out and visit the website.

Nathan Jones: I am behind the website, the brains behind the outfit is Dr. David Reagan he is our Founder and Director. My chunk of the ministry is reaching out over the internet.

Brian Thomas: Right, thank you Nathan. So we'll get started here, we are going to look first again as I stated earlier we are speaking today on the signs of the times and there are many things that the Bible told us to look for as signs that we were living in the last days and a lot of things we are going to look at here were actually prophecies that came out of the mouth of Jesus Christ during His time on earth. And so one of the things I want to begin with is the increase in immorality the Bible tells us in 2 Timothy 3:1-4 that this would be a mark of the last days, and I will just read that briefly it states, "But mark this, there will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God." So Nathan have we arrived to the point that these things are being fulfilled currently today?

Nathan Jones: I believe so Brian. We talk about the signs of the times we talk about in the Bible things that Jesus and the apostles and others and the prophets told us would happen in more frequency and intensity the closer that Jesus came back the second time. And as we just looked over the last 100 years of so they are certainly increasing both in frequency and intensity, as Jesus said as birth pains, you know how a woman goes through labor and the pain come on more intense and more frequent until the baby finally comes, and that is what the world is going through right now. And there are so many types of signs and so many different categories of signs and like you said one of them is the increase in immorality. If you go to Matthew 24 which is one of the best chapters of knowing the end times where Jesus explains in pretty good detail what it will be like up to His second coming. And verses 37-39 Jesus talks and says, "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man." Now in the days of Noah as you know it was a very lawless, very hedonistic society. The Bible says that only Noah was the only righteous man at the time. And until Jesus comes back society will continue to more like that, more like you read in 2 Timothy 3:1-4, they will be lovers of themselves; so much so that the love of many will grow cold and then immorality will just flourish. And we are seeing that all over the world, I mean with crime, with violence, there is no love between parents and children you know with the abuse and the abortion. We are seeing lawlessness and corruption; we see countries that are ruled with iron fists. And sadly even the western nations that have been such bastions of freedom are quickly falling apart due to morality and it will, obviously after Jesus comes and the Rapture and brings the Church up to Him, there will be seven years of Tribulation. And during those seven years of Tribulation that is when the world will really see lawlessness and immorality increase so badly until the day Jesus comes. So we are definitely in that steep decline into total immorality on this planet.

Brian Thomas: That is excellent information and I am glad you touched on the Rapture; I was going to ask about that. So it sounds to me as what you are saying that some of these signs that we are seeing these things are actually building even though we haven't yet come to the Rapture of the Church you

are a Pre-Tribulation Rapture believer as myself and so we believe the Rapture of the Church occurs before the Tribulation. And once the Rapture has occurred we will see these things even escalate more until the Second Coming of Christ which will happen at the end of the Tribulation.

Nathan Jones: Correct, yeah fortunately being part of the Church and being saved, and if there is anyone out there who isn't saved, please ask Jesus to be their Savior today. But after Jesus Raptures, you can read that in 1 Thessalonians 4, and 1 Corinthians 15 and John 14, when Jesus comes and takes those believers in Christ up to Heaven to be with Him during those seven years, we can honestly say that we probably will not see what is going on the earth. We will be with the Lord in a Marriage Supper of the Lamb, a great party that He throws. We will be going through the Judgment of the Just; where the Lord rewards us for our work on earth. And we will be preparing to come back with Him at the end of the Tribulation as when Jesus comes back to concur the Antichrist, the world system and set up his 1,000 year Millennial Kingdom on earth. But during that time on earth God's judgments will be on earth for its great immorality like we were talking about its great sins. You can read in Revelation 22:15 where it is outside Heaven is the immoral, the drunkards, the sexual perverts, everybody that Bible lists is the great immorality that goes on outside. And that will greatly increase in frequency throughout the Tribulation mainly because the Bible talks about the removal of the restrainer, a restraining influence that God has on this planet that keeps it from getting as bad as it is. And I believe that is the Holy Spirit's work through the Church, because once He removes the Church then He is also removing the Restrainer obviously the Holy Spirit's work in the Tribulation is there is because people are getting saved, you know you need the Holy Spirit to get saved. But with the removal of the restrainer the world will see unprecedented amount of immorality and all the work that believers in Christ and people even who are moral in nature are trying to hold back that won't be there anymore and the world will just get, it will just be a cesspool. It is just awful to think about.

Brian Thomas: It is, and Nathan I am really looking forward to the Rapture of the Church because as you stated as bad as bad as things are today, we look around and it can get a bit depressing when we see so much immorality with crime and just sin nature. And to think that things are going to become so much worse during that seven year period of the Tribulation, there is just no way that I want to be here to experience that. And I know sometimes we who believe in the Pre-Tribulation Rapture we get accused of being cowards, or escapists. But we simply going along with what the Bible stats that we are not appointed to the wrath of God. And again this message here is not a Rapture message but I do think it is important that we get that in there.

Nathan Jones: Of course Paul said, "It is our blessed hope," I mean as we see these signs increase and as we see the world just coming to ruins around us believers in Christ can be encouraged as Paul told the Thessalonians, they could be encouraged that Jesus is coming back. And that is an amazing hope to have Brian, it is an amazing hope to have because we know that as terrible as that is and then of course Jesus will open the seal judgments that will start 21 judgments that will happen during the Tribulation. That will just devastate the planet just ecologically, politically, you name it the world will be in ruins and believers in Christ don't have to worry about that. We can look at the signs of the times around us instead of dreading having to be destroyed by them, we can be encouraged and have hope that we will be rescued through them through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Brian Thomas: Absolutely, absolutely. You made a great point that you know I stated that you look around and see the immorality it can be depressing but I do quickly remind myself and I hope others do the same that even though we are not happy that these things are happening well we do find joy in knowing that well it is pointing to the return of our Messiah. We will know that we will be with Him very soon. So there is just so much great hope and joy there.

Nathan Jones: Oh, that is great Brian, and that is a huge thing to bring up because some people believe that well if you are looking for the Rapture then you are just getting your kick out of watching the world get trashed by crime and violence and all these natural disasters going on and stuff like that. And that is so far from the truth, the joy is knowing that the Lord is coming soon, that the Lord, even though the world will go through seven years of intense suffering that the Bible says that millions of people will come to know Jesus as Savior during that time. It takes that much devastation to get people to start thinking about the Lord. And then it ushers in a 1,000 years of Jesus reigning right here on earth, and peace and righteousness and justice, and so for the believer in Christ we can look at all this and say, “Wow, this is great, you know the Lord is coming, and it is awful what is going on and we have to endure that, but when He comes we will be rescued from it.” And that is the hope that the believers in Christ have and only believers in Christ can have.

Brian Thomas: We have so much to look forward to. And that is why Bible prophecy, so many say it is gloom and doom, but this is not a gloom and doom message this is a message of great hope and joy because we have so much to look forward to.

Nathan Jones: Yeah so many people that with Bible prophecy they will focus on the negative stuff; the Antichrist, the mark of the beast. You know they will obsess over those points and over the horrors that will happen during the Tribulation. But we are only talking about our time leading up to the Tribulation, then the seven years of Tribulation. After that we are talking about a 1,000 years of the Lord ruling, it will get bad in the end when Satan is released but that is a brief time. And then we talk about eternity, I mean eternity being with the Lord who loves us, who created us, and was willing to die for us. You know we have to get through the little bit of bad points and we can focus too much on that, because that is where we are in, we are in that stage right now where the bad stuff is happening. But that’s just like a small blip on the radar of eternity of wonder ahead of us, if we know Jesus as our Savior.

Brian Thomas: And if anyone out there is a little skeptical as far as the increase in immorality goes I just want to read a little bit that I found through some research that states that there was a record 41% of babies born to unmarried woman in 2008 in the United States of America, that is up from 28% in 1990, and up from 18% in 1980. It stats the trend continues worldwide with the European Union out of wedlock births at 35.1% in 2008 which was up from 25.1% in 1998 and up from 17.4% in 1990. Now there are a lot of numbers there but basically what this is showing us is that there has been a trend over just here in my lifetime, a significant increase in which children being born to unmarried woman and obviously means there is fornication going on which the Bible speaks against. And this is just one example of so many things in which immorality is increasing in the world. So we definitely see that we are living in that time period.

Nathan Jones: Oh boy I used to live in Philadelphia for a number of years and it is a very violent town. But my mother grew up in Philadelphia and she would tell stories that when she was seven years old she would get on the bus by herself and go downtown and she would do a little shopping with some friends maybe and then she would come back. You know never had to worry about crime or violence, or being molested or anything like that. Now I have children that are that age, and I worry about them just going down the street to the park because it has just gotten so bad with the crime and everything, and worried about the child molestation and the abuse going on. So even in our own society which we call a Christian society it is awful. And boy when you read about some of these other countries that have no Christian foundation whatsoever it is, I mean you are living, you are watching your back constantly. I mean you can just look at the trends going on even in our lives now that we have lived long enough that we can claim that, not saying that we are old Brian. It is you know you can see it; it is just getting worse and worse to the point where you fear for your family and sometimes your life all the time. And it is definitely supported by statistics.

Brian Thomas: 100% correct on that. Now I want to speak now on earthquakes, and wow have we seen so many going on just over the last two years since 2010 we have seen significant earthquakes hit Japan recently, even just yesterday I think they are officially calling it an aftershock to me as far whether you call it an aftershock or a separate earthquake either way the earth is shaking, so there is an earthquake. But they had the big 9.0 earthquake just last month. We have seen Haiti, Chile, I mean there have been so many, and these earthquakes are literally reshaping the earth in terms of the physical land masses are actually moving several inches, even I think there have been some cases where maybe even a couple feet. And so Matthew 24:7 Jesus Christ spoke of that when He stated, "Nation will rise against nation, kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places." So have we arrived Nathan to the point that Jesus Christ was speaking of these earthquakes happening in various places?

Nathan Jones: Certainly one of the biggest signs and the most noticeable signs is natural disasters. It is interesting the Mayor of Tokyo being a Buddhist said, "You know I think God is trying to get our attention." And then he quickly recanted later on but even people who don't believe that there is a God as the God of the Bible are noticing that God is trying to get our attention. And will look at these natural disasters and will say, "Oh, you know this is just nature," or they will pass it off to Global Warming or some manmade thing. But God all throughout the Bible says that He uses natural disasters to wake up people from their apathy and so they will ask for forgiveness, they will turn to Jesus it is for repentance, and the judgment to bring to repentance. You are using statistics if I have a moment if I can give you one, a British charity called Oxfam went through Red Crosses data and found that the earth is currently experiencing approximately 500 natural disasters per year that was only a 120 per year in 1980. The number of weather related disasters in 2006 was 240, only 60 back in 1980. Between '85 and '94 they found there were 174 million people affected by these disasters each year. This figure increased to 70% to 254 million per year. And these statistics are about 3 years old, the latest statistics came out and said that we are having so many major earthquakes and these are ones that are devastating major earthquakes that we can expect one every 45 days now. Can you imagine one like in Japan happening every 45 days? They are increasing in frequency and intensity to the point where the Bible talks about in Revelation 6:12; 11:13 and 16-18, that there was a series of major, major, major earthquakes that will

happen during the Tribulation. Matter of fact there will be one so bad that the Bible says it will level the mountains across the planet. So all these disasters that we are feeling now are working our way up to the particular judgments that God has on the earth where earthquakes will just totally ravage the face of the earth. And we read during the Millennial Kingdom when Jesus is back that other than Jerusalem which will be raised up, all the earth will be a plain it will be flat. I live in Texas here and it is flat as a board and I am going to miss the mountains but the Millennial Kingdom is flat and those earthquakes during the Tribulation flatten the mountains throughout the planet. Now you can imagine people living in mountainous like Switzerland, and you know the Rocky Mountains here and stuff like that there will be a lot of death unfortunately it will come to that. But all these natural disasters are continuing in frequency and intensity working its way up to the major, major, earthquake that will happen during the Tribulation.

Brian Thomas: That is just amazing. And from what you are telling me and what the Bible says it is hard to fathom but what we are seeing now can be thought as just little tremors in comparison to what is going to come in the Tribulation. That is really amazing. And you really already answered my next question; I was going to lead up to that is the nay-sayers out there say that well there have been earthquakes going on for thousands of years what is different now? But you have already addressed that, you said that it is happening with more frequency, more intensity and that goes into what you earlier spoke on the labor pains that Christ spoke of is that we would see these things happen closer together and with more intensity and we definitely see that happening today.

Nathan Jones: Oh, definitely, definitely. I mean the resulting tsunamis Luke 21:25 talks about the tossing of the seas, also talks about signs in the sun and the moon, and the stars. And astronomers have been very perplexed lately but the sun seems very inactive, and then all of a sudden it has gotten very active. The moon, the Bible particularly talks about the moon becoming like sackcloth, like blood, blood moons as we call it today where the moon because of our atmosphere looks red. And there are a series of those coming. The Bible talks about the stars just disappearing out of the sky. And a lot of those types of signs I think especially when we talk about the signs in the skies, you know celestial signs, we are not seeing the fulfillment quit of that yet, during the Tribulation especially in the last which are called the vial judgments, the sun will scorch the earth, the stars will appear to have fallen out of the sky so for the full fulfillment of those types of signs will happen during the Tribulation. But we are starting to see just the beginnings of the signs, like say the tossing of the seas, these great tsunamis that are wiping out all countries is already beginning in this day and age.

Brian Thomas: Great information and you touched on there with the tsunamis we seen recently in Japan with the earthquake and just amazing footage you sit there and watch it on television, the videos seeing this wave of the ocean literally coming in and picking there are probably over 50 or maybe 100 cars at one point. I mean just totally obliterating everything in its path. And when I saw that that Scripture Luke 21:25 was the first thing that came into my mind, the seas and the waves roaring and we saw in 2004 the Indian Ocean there was another one that killed thousands of people. So we see these happening and it sounds like we should expect it occur even more as we approach the Tribulation and then in the Tribulation period these things will be of more frequency and intensity.

Nathan Jones: Oh, definitely, definitely I mean you look in the last between '91 and 2004 just 13 years of American History, 9 out of the 10 largest insurance natural disasters happened. Nine of the ten greatest FEMA relief costs were incurred, 5 of the costliest hurricanes in history and 3 of its 4 largest tornado swarmed history, and that is all in the last two decades. Again like we said with the increase of immorality the statistics just show that we are in an incredible exponential curve of disaster that is pointing to the Lords soon return.

Brian Thomas: And Jesus Christ is letting us know the signs are all around us. He is letting us know I am coming soon, get ready.

Nathan Jones: Amen isn't that great about God, about His personality. Especially when you read, this is totally different topic but if you are reading Ezekiel 38 and 39 it is the Gog Magog Battle, it is a group of Islamic nations and Russia that come against Israel in the end times and try to conquer it, but it says a few times that God lets the world know ahead of time that this is going to happen. And isn't it great that God didn't just leave us in the dark? If we get into the Bible and read, we can understand that the Lord is telling us, "Hey I am coming back soon." He wants us to know, He wants us to be prepared. He's using the story of the virgins waiting for a wedding. They are just sitting waiting keeping their lamps light for when Jesus comes, it is that close Jesus is coming so soon that we need to keep our lamps lit so to speak, our lives in tune to serving the Lord with the time we have remaining in anticipation of His return.

Brian Thomas: Great, absolutely you are so right on that. Yeah, He didn't have to tell us. He didn't have to warn us at all. He could have just said, "Be ready." But yet He did warn us to get ready but also let us know what would be the signs, to let us know this is about to happen so you are absolutely right on that.

Nathan Jones: Oh, just think of it, it is just so sad that it takes this kind of effect onto the world, these kinds of intense natural disasters and other signs that we will cover I am sure to get our attention. I mean we are that stiff-necked, closed minded and focused on our lives that God has to go to this kind of length to bring us into saying, "Hey wait there is a God, I better get to know Him better. I better get my life right with Him."

Brian Thomas: You are totally correct, totally correct. Now let's talk about the apostasy in the Church. We find from the Apostle Paul and this is unfortunately again something that we do not find delight in this happening itself but in 2 Thessalonians 2:3, "Let no one deceive you by any means for that day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed the son of perdition." So he was talking here about the falling away of the church, apostasy in the church. And so what do you think Nathan have we arrived to that point?

Brian Thomas: Well if what we consider our leading theologian of our time period Rob Bell of Morrishill Church can get up and write a book that there is no Hell, and that God will allow everybody into Heaven and there is no punishment for our rebellion against God, then and we consider him our leading evangelical then the church is in serious, serious trouble. We have been so seeker sensitive and that is a good thing we want unbelievers to come to know Jesus as their Savior, but we have removed the believers out of the church. We have put unbelievers in the church and we have put unbelievers into the pulpits of the church. And they are not saved, they have no fruits of the Spirit, they have no signs in their

lives that show that they are saved and they keep writing these apostate books they keep leading these apostate churches saying every kind of doctrine that has nothing to do with the Bible whatsoever a kind of universalism; a belief that everybody will get to Heaven, that all paths lead to God. Which is clearly not true because Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life no one comes to the Father except through me." And that is the leading teaching of apostates; they believe that Jesus isn't the only way to Heaven, and that Jesus isn't the Son of God. And it is a terrible heresy to say that Jesus' death on the cross, God's death on the cross is not enough to get us to Heaven we can get ourselves to Heaven. Which is a lie; it is the lie from the Garden of Eden. And we are seeing that in the apostasies in the church today. Second Timothy 4:3 says, "For a time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine, instead to suit their own desires they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear." And that is what we are seeing today. A great number of people who say they are Christians but they are surrounding themselves with teachers that only tell them what they want to hear and not what the Bible wants to hear. And you can go into Revelation chapter 2 and 3 and read about the seven churches, there are seven literally churches that Jesus addressed that were in Asia Minor at the time, but they also represent seven eras within church history from you know the Apostles going out and starting the churches, to today in the final phase of church history is the church of Laodicea; it is an apathetic church, it is a church that thinks that it is wealthy and that we've got it all, and we've got it all together, but Jesus says, "We are naked, poor and blind, and we need to return to Christ." And if we don't as He says in that, "He will spit us out," there is just no reason to keep us around because we are lukewarm we just don't have it together. Now that is a big sign particularly of the Western Church. I've got to say a lot of people get down on the church today because of that apathy and that apostasy that has taken over. But on the positive side there are some spiritual signs, there are so many people getting saved around the world. I have a co-worker who travels down to Asia and to Africa a lot and he says that there are so many people getting saved, especially in Africa that are turning against Islam that the Islamic Clerics are scared. They are saying, "Hey we've got a big problem here. People are converting like crazy to Christianity." So the Gospel is still marching on and there is still a great need for people to turn to Jesus. But we are seeing in the Western world, we are seeing the decline of the church here over because of apostasy and our false teaching.

Brian Thomas: And I am so glad you mentioned Rob Bell, which really just it really breaks my heart seeing the type of message that he is putting out there. I think so many of us, we need to be voices to counter what he is teaching because you are right he is putting out the message that well, everybody gets saved, and so and we know that simply not true. The Bible makes it very clear that is not true. You would say what is the purpose of our entire lives if all we are doing here if in the end everyone is saved anyway, so that is just a great heresy and I am so glad that you did mention that.

Nathan Jones: Oh, well sometimes some programs don't want you to name names, but boy if we are going to talk apostasy we have to point to hey, these are the apostate teachings and these are the people who are teaching these things, look out for them, be aware. And I think the Lord wants us to make sure that we point out, Paul did it all the time he said, "Don't listen to this guy, he is teaching you something wrong." And guys like Rob Bell and some of Rick Warren's stuff, and things like that they are just totally false teachings.

Brian Thomas: Right. And I want to share with our listeners a case of something that happened last year, another case of apostasy in the church and the article that I was reading stated that on January 3, 2010 a gay couple walked out of the Greater Mount Calvary Holy Church service in Washington, D.C., the reason they walked out was to protest the pastors statement of, "Sex is only pleasing to God in the marriage bed, and the marriage bed is a man and a woman." And of course we know as Christians that this pastor was exactly right in what he was stating, but as a result this couple decided to, this gay couple decided to walk out in protest and sadly they found a church in which this type of thing is accepted. They found a church called Covenant Baptist Church which bills itself as a LGBT affirming congregation which means the pastor supports same sex marriage. And if anyone is not familiar with LGBT it stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender and that is a group that really promotes and pushes the whole homosexual agenda. And so this is just another example where we see apostasy and I asked myself the question, "How can any pastor of a church know their Scripture right in the Bible that speaks against homosexuality, but yet bills itself as a church that accepts same sex marriages?" I mean we see that popping up all over the country.

Nathan Jones: Oh, goodness, if you go to whosoever.org it is a website that promotes homosexual teaching that Christians can be homosexuals and also be Christians, and this goes back to the great immorality that is coming on the earth. But you know you go to Jesus and He is talking about outside Heaven, this is the end of time, these are where the people who are in Hell are why are they in Hell, because they haven't accepted Jesus. But He says, "Outside are the dogs who practice magic arts, the sexual immoral," which homosexuality again in the Bible is said to be sexually immoral, "the murders, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood, the liars." Basically this is not something that God can say, "Hey, you can continue to live in immorality and rebellion against me and you can be saved and forgiven by me." It doesn't work that way. When we turn to Jesus, when we ask for forgiveness of our sins it is all our sins, it is not what sins we think are sins and are not sins, the Bible says that any sex outside of marriage. And not picking on the people who are homosexuals, we are talking about the people who are sleeping around, we are talking about the adulterers and if there is any sin in the Bible that the Bible talks about the most it is adultery. And these are the sins the Lord says, "Hey this is what is ruining you, they are hurting your life, they are killing your relationships, they are leaving you empty, and they are keeping you separated from me." And that is what the Lord is saying this is keeping you separated from me, you can not hold onto your sexual immorality and still be a child of God. And so this is a huge apostasy that is spreading through the church now and is affecting every denomination. Oh it used to be it's the Episcopalians, you know they are the ones that are obsessed with this. But it is taking over the Lutheran Churches, the Baptist like you just said. I mean every denomination because the people, the pastors are not into the Word enough to understand the Word. Or they do not take the Bible as the inerrant Word of god and they pick and choose what they want to. So yes, apostasy in the Church is just, it is amazing right now, it is a made up religion, you don't call these people Christians anymore, because they are making up their religions as they go.

Brian Thomas: This is excellent information and I just want to state for anyone that does want to argue these things 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 states that, "Homosexuality is a sin and those people will not enter the Kingdom of God." Living that lifestyle and having that unrepented sin, and with churches accepting this it goes right along with 1 Timothy 4:1 in which it says, "This is nothing but a doctrine of the Devil to

accept homosexuality.” And I am so glad Nathan that you mentioned that these things are there because God knows what is good for us, He knows what is bad for us, He knows that destroys us, and it is not about again like you were saying it’s not to pick on anyone, any of the sexual immoral, the homosexual, adulterers, but God knows this destroys us and so He is looking out for our own good, for what is in our best interest and it is so important for people to understand that.

Nathan Jones: Perfect, that’s exceptionally right. I think sometimes as Christians we get so offended by that kind of sin that we react to these people in a just an.... I was getting a haircut a few years back and the lady asked me what I was, and I told her I was a pastor, reverend, evangelist they don’t have a church to pastor you know you kind of just pastor everybody you come across. And then she said, “I don’t like God because I am a homosexual.” She’s a lesbian. And you know what instead of just jumping out of my chair, you know and saying forget you and running out like is usually the reaction with most Christians I had the great opportunity to share the Gospel with her. And she had some really interested views of God and all, and I got down to the brass tacks of it is that without repentance we are still under God’s wrath, John 3:36. So no matter if she is a homosexual, or a liar, or an adultery, or anybody or anything if we don’t ask Jesus forgiveness of our sins and flee those sins and turn to Christ then we are not obeying Jesus so how can we believe then that we will be Heaven with Him forever if we won’t obey Him in the smallest things that He asks us to do.

Brian Thomas: That is great information. Now I am going to shift gears a little here to another sign or at least what possibly is a sign and you can clear this up for us here, Nathan. In Revelation 6:14 it reads, “Then the...” this is referring to what happens during the Tribulation. And it says, “Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.” Now is this here referring to nuclear warfare?

Nathan Jones: Well, one of the categories of signs is increase in technology. And you know people were living in horse carts and mud homes for hundreds and hundreds of years and then the late 1700, early 1800’s we started to see technology taking off, and increase. Being a web guy of course I have to know the technology behind the web and I tell you the technology changes so rapidly and so much, keeping up with it is a headache. But the Lord said that there had to be an increase in technology as a sign of the time. And we have seen amazing breakthroughs in technology. You look at the Bible talking about two witnesses during the Tribulation that God will have that will witnesses to the world that will share the Gospel during the Tribulation. And in the middle of the Tribulation the Antichrist will come and kill them, and then 3 ½ days later the Lord will resurrect them, and the Bible says that the whole world will see the two witnesses. Now back before there was television, and satellites and stuff like that there was no way the two witnesses could have been viewed by the whole world. So you need that kind of technology. Like you said about nuclear weapons and this is awful because if you watch any of those movies, being a sci-fi guy I like the Terminator series, or the *Day After*, if you remember that movie. You know as horrible as nuclear warfare is, the Bible definitely talks about the use of nuclear weapons. You take a First Century man like John and say the sky is receding like a scroll that is exactly what nuclear weapons do. The sky looks like it is scrolling up when the bombs, just after the bomb blast goes. We can read in Isaiah 17 and Jeremiah 49 it is the oracle against the Damascus which is the capital city of Syria, which is also the oldest city in the world. But the Bible says in one day Damascus will be destroyed it will

be burned up by Israel. And the only way technologically we could do that today is if Israel is forced to have to drop a nuclear bomb on Damascus. You read in Revelation 8:7 that a 1/3 of the world will be terribly burned up by the sun and scorching terrible burns and that people in chapter 16:2-11 will have these malignant sores all over them these loathsome and malignant sores. Now the effects of course and we are seeing this happening in Japan right now with those nuclear reactors having gone, and pouring radiation all over these people, they are getting sores all over them as they are dying of radiation poisoning. And so the Bible talks about in Revelation 8 and 9 a nuclear war of the Tribulation. The Antichrist as he goes to conquer the world will use nuclear weapons about 1/3 of mankind, that would be about 1.5 billion of those remaining from the previous wars of the Tribulation will be killed from a nuclear war. And this will devastate the planet, all the judgments that we see, that we read about after that are all effect of nuclear radiation, nuclear disasters, destructions of the seas, people having sores all over them. So as horrible as our worst nightmare realized is that nuclear weapons will be used and there will be nuclear war and a nuclear holocaust on this planet during the Tribulation.

Brian Thomas: Right. So let's talk now about the New World Order. We've heard the terms New World Order for so long now, and we hear it can be talked about in so many different ways; the New World Order, the One World Government, the Government Globalizations, Socialism. All of these things are the foundation for what is found in Revelation 13 where it speaks of there will be a time and this refers to when the Antichrist comes to power that no one will be able to buy or sell unless he has the mark of the beast or the symbol the number of the mark of the beast. Is what we are seeing today, this whole push towards globalization of government control and socialism; is that laying down the foundation for what is to come in the Tribulation?

Nathan Jones: It definitely is. It is one of the signs of the time that we get most caught up in. There is a lot of people out there scared about the mark of the beast. I even wrote an article, "Stop Panicking Over the Mark of the Beast," and you can find that on our blog at lambliion.us. People are terrified that they are going to have to take this government, the Bible talks about how the Antichrist this one world leader will unite the world, mostly likely because after the Rapture and all the natural disasters the people will be looking for some kind of leadership and the United Nations or whatever it morphs into will have to band the world together to try to deal with all these disasters. And the Bible talks about that he will not only rule the world but so he can find out who is loyal to him will have them take a mark. It has something to do with the number 666; we have no idea what it is, although lots of people have some very interesting theories on what that is. But it is a system that only, it begins 3 ½ years into the Tribulation, so again to my brothers and sisters in Christ we do not have to worry about accidentally taking the mark of the beast and being condemned to Hell forever. But that mark system is so only people who follow the Antichrist can buy or sell. This leaves all those people who believe in Christ having to find some other way to buy and sell. So we know that the end time system of the Antichrist, this beast system as John describes, and as Daniel describes is going to be a one world government, a one world order. And there is a huge push to globalism today. Doesn't matter which administration you are on the planet they are all pushing towards some kind of leadership, some kind of authority. The UN is real weak right now, and it will be replaced by the Antichrist system at some point which has true global governorship, and it will have to be based on crisis. You can't change a whole system of government without there being a huge crisis that the world is facing. One the Rapture of the church,

two they are facing economic disaster, the third seal judgment is about poverty and people starving. And then of course you have the natural disasters that will be happening, the judgments of God upon the earth during the Tribulation. So yes that will force the New World Order. As awful it is to see it in our country, as it gets into that decline as we are leaving our values behind and our government looks towards leadership from a global entity its just the beginning steps of eventually all these nations turning their leadership and authority over to a one world ruler who this Messiah that the world will be looking for to rescue them from the natural, and the disasters, and the judgments that God will put on planet earth.

Brian Thomas: You are so correct there. And that leads into the sign of apathy. I once heard a pastor state that most Christians today do not feel Bible prophecy is relevant to their present state of their lives and he went onto state that most are concerned about marital issues, employment, health issues, etc. And of course immediately I thought to myself about the Scripture when Jesus Christ stated in the last days before His return it would be as in the days of Noah where people would not be concerned about what is about to happen. And I ask myself the question what could be more relevant then our Messiah returning to earth? He is the one who can bring all of these problems to an end; marital issues, health issues whatever it is; He can bring all that stuff to an end. So how can that not be relevant? But apathy was also stated in the Bible as one of the signs before the return of Christ.

Nathan Jones: Yeah that Church of Laodicea mentality that, “Hey we’ve got it all together, we don’t really need you God. Hey we are just going to keep on practicing Christianity without Christ.” And that is definitely a sign. The scoffers that you mentioned earlier in 2 Peter 3, they scoff at the idea that things are changing. It is sad. I mean all this craziness over Mayan calendars and 2012 and stuff like that. There is more people who don’t know Jesus as their Savior who know if something big is coming, then the church who sits there under this false impression that we are going to conquer the world for Christ in some Post-Millennial viewpoint and then hand the world that is all saved to Jesus, and that is not what the Bible teaches. That is so not what the Bible teaches. So it is a sad thing, that we kind of think like Laodicea that we’ve got it all together, “Hey Lord we are just going to save the world for you and hand it to you on a silver platter and you are good to go.” And that is just so wrong, and it gives churches this weird sense that they need to just ignore the 31% of the Bible that is Bible prophecy. I think too, and I run into a lot of people especially at Lamb and Lion Ministries we spend a lot of our time helping churches teach that part, the prophetic part of the Bible because a lot of pastors that just don’t know that part of the Bible. You know they haven’t been taught a lot about it, the seminaries don’t teach it as much. And they just don’t know where to begin with it. Or they will see that there are a lot of strange viewpoints out there that people get from taking a verse or two and ignoring the rest and so it kind of confuses them. So I think a lot of pastors whether they like Bible prophecy or they don’t like Bible prophecy, some are kind of just throwing up their hands and say, “I just can’t deal with it because I just don’t understand it. I am going to focus on what I do understand.” So give some pastors some credit there I will. But over all there is just this great apathy among the church right now, even though the signs are everywhere and that should be a great understanding. And I have Brian, I have seen pastors that I know are strictly Amillennial teachers, they believe that there is no literal 1,000 year reign, that everything will just pan out in the end, everything will turn right. But lately especially with the increase of disasters and stuff, they are starting to say, “You know I think maybe there is more to this Jesus

coming back, sooner than I thought." So even God is starting to wake the Church up a little bit there and that is encouraging.

Brian Thomas: That is, that is. Now the controversy over Jerusalem, you sort of touched on this a little while again as far as what is going on with the hatred toward the Jews. And of course Jerusalem is the center of the controversy and Zechariah 12:2-3, and Zechariah 14:1-3 speaks of the last days Jerusalem would be the center of controversy. And I think we have definitely arrived to that stage.

Nathan Jones: Oh goodness, if there is any sign going on right now for you and me to see that Jesus is coming back soon is that Israel is a nation again after being exiled for 1,897 years. Back in 70 AD just as Jesus predicted the Temple was destroyed, Jerusalem was destroyed and the Jews were scattered throughout the entire planet. And you can go see the Arch of Titus in Rome and can see the fresco it shows the Jews, all the stuff from the Temple being dragged into Rome and so there is a lot of historical support. And we know that the Jews were scattered throughout the planet. And then they kept through tradition their own people group, their own identity, they didn't merge into the societies well. There is always anti-Semitism chases them out of country after country. And then finally with the Balfour Declaration in 1917 and then the UN Resolution I believe was 181 back in 1947 allowed Israel to come back and take at least part of their land, not all of the land God promised them, but just a small part of the land and become a nation once again. And Brian do we see the Hittites becoming a nation again? You know? Do we see some of the American Indian Tribes in this country forming their own nation again? It doesn't happen especially after almost 2,000 years. And it happened to Israel, the major people group of the Bible. So this is God saying, "Hey this is a major, major thing." So May, we are almost coming onto Israel's 63th birthday, or new birthday. Is that Israel has been a nation this time and I know you wanted to...if I can jump ahead a little you mentioned wanting to talk about the rebirth of Israel. And Jesus in Matthew 24:32-35 talks about this fig tree, in the Bible Israel is often referred to as a fig tree, when it re-blossoms, when it becomes a nation once again Jesus was saying, then we know that the time is short for His soon return. So Israel existing, and oh it just gets me, some Christians they will just blow it off. There are whole denominations out there trying to boycott Israel just because it exists. And yet God wants Israel to exist because the Tribulation is not about the Church. The Church is raptured, we are out of here. The Tribulation is about the world, the entire planet, every nation all 150 some coming against Israel to force them to give up their land and be destroyed, which is Satanic in background. Satan wants them destroyed because through the Jews, as the Jews have come to know Jesus as their Savior through the Tribulation they will live on into the Millennial Kingdom. They will be a priesthood of people on the earth and so God has these amazing promises that He made to the Jews, and Satan if he can destroy the Jew would thwart God's plans. Now we know that Satan can not thwart God's plans, God is powerful, Satan is nothing compared to Him so he won't. But he is going to try. So the Tribulation is about, even though many non-Jews, Gentiles will come to know Jesus as their Savior the Tribulation is about getting the Jews so persecuted that they finally turn to Jesus as their Messiah. And it says in the Bible that a 1/3 of the Jews as a nation will come to Jesus at the end of the Tribulation, and they will be the ones that along with other believers who survived the Tribulation will live on into the Millennial Kingdom in their earthly bodies and procreate and of course repopulate the planet again. So yes, I am glad you brought that up because Israel becoming a nation again. I have been there a few times too; it is amazing what they have done with Israel. It was a barren wasteland that the censuses could

actually count how many trees, there was like 18,000 trees in all of Israel. It was an utter wasteland; Mark Twain went back there in the 1800's and said oh my goodness it was like a god-forsaken land. Now dude, I was going through Israel it is a flower fest, there is more fruit then you can imagine. There is millions I think like 6 million people now living in Israel. The rain, there is actually more rain in Israel then ever before because of the amount of trees and plants they produced. Just as Bible prophecy predicted they have brought Israel back, the land as well as the people. And the Bible says that God through the Gog Magog Battle we talked about earlier will continue to bring the Jews back into Israel from all the earth. The persecution will get so bad, anti-Semitism will continue to rise around the planet and force all the Jews from around the planet back into Israel. And that is a major, major, sign that shows us we are in the season of the Lord's return. And Jesus in the parable of that fig tree said, "When that generation that sees that," that is you and me, when we see this, "we can know that Jesus is coming back soon." So dude we are living in exciting, exciting times.

Brian Thomas: We are we are. And I just wish Nathan that, these words that you are saying I wish they could be spoken in every single church in the entire world, because you are so correct. Jerusalem, Israel, Jesus Christ, you know so many in the Bible prophecy community, we call it the super sign and you know that is what the Bible told us to look for. When we see this happen know the Lord's return is coming soon. And it is so clear cut and but yet there are so many out there that say that this is just a coincidence that Israel is back in the land. And there are many who say, "Well Jesus Christ He could return anywhere, it doesn't have to be Jerusalem. It could be New York City, it could be anywhere in the world." And I say, "Where are you people getting these things from? The Bible makes it so clear Israel." I am so glad you mentioned that is a message that we really need to get out to open their eyes. And I am so encouraged that as you stated there are many who are recognizing it, I do see that people are recognizing it. But yet there is still a large majority in the church that seems to be ignoring it, or wants to look the other way for whatever reason.

Nathan Jones: Well praise the Lord for your ministry, *Blessings to Israel*, what a great name for a ministry.

Brian Thomas: Thank you.

Nathan Jones: I mean a lot of people say, "Well Israel they are apostate." And I have been to Israel and 90% of them are secular humanists, and the other 10% are Orthodox that do nothing but persecute Messianic believers in Christ. So there is not doubt that they Jews in this time and age aren't the promised people that God is talking about. The church is, but when the Church Age is done, God isn't done with the Jews and He want to convert them, He wants them to say, "Hey wait I am your Messiah, you gave up on me. Hey I am still around I am going to rescue you out of this in your darkest hour I am going to be there for you." And we as believers in Christ, you know I see the Jews don't know Jesus as their Savior right now. But there are many who do there are over 40 ministries over in Israel right now trying to bring people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. And ministries like yours that are here in the United States that encourage people to support Israel. The Lord said, "Those who bless Israel, I will bless." And I think you ministry man will be greatly blessed for anything you can do to help Israel and prepare them for their eventually time when they will accept Jesus as Savior.

Brian Thomas: Well thank you so much Nathan that is very encouraging. And I greatly appreciate that compliment, and again that is something that God just placed on my heart to get that message out, just as you were saying to bless the nation of Israel. They are in a state of spiritual blindness, but that veil will be lifted and they will accept Jesus Christ as the Messiah. And also what is so great and I try to get people to understand is that as Gentiles within the Church we are not competing with Israel. We are going to be all joined together as one big happy family. And actually by accepting Christ now we are already grafted in to God's nation of Israel, and I try to get people to understand that. We will be living eternity as one big happy family under the ruler ship of Jesus Christ.

Nathan Jones: Amen. Absolutely.

Brian Thomas: Okay, well we are going to wrap up here shortly, coming up on the hour. But I just want to speak on a couple of other signs very briefly; the spreading of the Gospel, Matthew 24:14 spoke about that would be another sign, the spreading of the Gospel throughout the world. I think that is a no brainer that we see that being fulfilled from the standpoint of technology as we stated earlier with your website, the Internet. You can be literally heard all around the entire world in a matter of seconds. And we want to see that come to its complete fulfillment during the Tribulation when the angels go out and proclaim the Gospel to the entire world as I see it. Your thoughts?

Nathan Jones: Yeah, I totally agree. The one thing people think is that they read Matthew 24:14 and think wow the Gospel has to go to every nation, tongue, and tribe before Jesus comes back at the Rapture. That isn't what it is saying at all. It is saying that the Gospel has to go to every nation, tongue, and tribe before Jesus comes at the end of the Tribulation. So the Rapture can happen first, but God has a lot of people set up that will be saved during the Tribulation. We've got the two witnesses that we talked about in Jerusalem. It says He has set apart 144,000 Jews who will come to know Jesus as their Savior. It talks about multitudes from every tribe, nation, and tongue who come to know the Lord, probably because of the Rapture or because of the judgments. God will even send an angel that will proclaim the Gospel throughout the planet. So the Tribulation will be a time where the people will know absolutely there will be no doubt that there is a God and He wants them to be saved, and they will choose either Jesus or Satan. And so the Gospel will march throughout the planet, but it doesn't have to march to every person on the planet in the Church age before Jesus returns for the Rapture.

Brian Thomas: Absolutely correct. And then the last thing we want to speak on here is the revival of the Roman Empire. The European Union, is that fulfillment of Daniel 2?

Nathan Jones: Oh, where he talks about the revival of the Roman Empire. Yeah, I totally agree. I think that having Europe that has been at war with each other for hundreds and hundreds of years finally coalesce financially, politically, and now with the attack in Libya, they are now combined militarily. That we are seeing, it is interesting that the United States is taking a back seat following the European Union which shows that the European Union is a emerging world power. And they are pretty frail right now, I mean Portugal is just about to go bankrupt again; they don't get along well politically. But out of that weak revival of the Roman Empire the Antichrist will come and will create the strength and the empire out of that, which will have the strength that the European Union lacks. So yeah the European Union is a

small weak predecessor to the great powerful empire that the Antichrist will build out of that weak development.

Brian Thomas: Great. Well Nathan unfortunately we have run out of time now coming to the close of the program. We touched every topic but we could easily go on and speak for several hours on this. And I just love speaking Bible prophecy so much. I definitely want to have you on again. We can have a part 2, 3, 4 how ever many it takes and we will just continue to get this message out. This is just such a message of hope and joy. And I just want to encourage all of our listeners out there to go away from this whole thing that the stigma that Bible prophecy is gloom and doom and there is so much to be afraid of. There is no gloom and doom to Bible prophecy it is a great message of hope and we have just so much to look forward to. I am excited and I want others to get excited about it. We just saw and just get this message out to the world that Jesus Christ is returning soon, and we will finally see and be joined with our great Messiah. Nathan I enjoyed having you. It has been a wonderful blessing to us. Any closing words you might have for our listeners.

Nathan Jones: It was a great blessing to be here Brian; I thank you for having me on the show. And like you said if you are out there and you haven't accepted Jesus as your Savior, don't wait until the Rapture to find out that the Bible is right. That we are right about what we are telling you. Accept Jesus now, say, "Dear Jesus forgive me of my sins, and be my Savior." And you too can be part of the Church; you can go up with Jesus and avoid all these disasters and judgments that are coming on the earth. And know Jesus for your Savior for eternity.

Brian Thomas: Amen, amen. Well to all of our listeners out there thank you. Again thanks to you Nathan for being with us. And I want to encourage everyone out there as the Bible states where Jesus Christ says, "When you see these things begin to happen, lift your heads and look up because your redeemer draws near." We are definitely in the last days and our Messiah is coming soon. So continue to look up and blessings to all. Thank you.

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