

Countdown to Armageddon
“America’s Role in Prophecy”
Sunday, April 19, 2020 – Online Sermon

Text: Matthew 24:42-44

INTRODUCTION

- No nation in the history of civilization has exercised greater influence in the world than the USA.
 - Politically
 - Militarily
 - Economically
 - Culturally

I. THE REALITY OF AMERICA’S SUCCESSFUL PROSPERITY IN THE WORLD

- Throughout our nation’s history we see our nation’s leaders **turning** to God for guidance.

“No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand which conduct the affairs of man **more** than those of the **United States.**” **George Washington**

Why has God **blessed** America above all other lands?

REASONS FOR GOD’S FAVOR ON AMERICA

A. Founded on God’s principles

- **Psalm 33:12** – “Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD...”

B. Funding of God's plan

- "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel unto every creature."
= Missions

God blesses those who make His priorities their priorities.

C. Friend to God's people

Genesis 12:3 – "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

God has favored **America** because America has **avored God's people**.

II. THE REASONING OF AMERICA'S SILENCE IN PROPHECY IN THE WORD

Several **possible reasons** why America is never mentioned in Bible prophecy.

A. CONSOLIDATING IN A SUPPORTIVE ROLE

Some of the greatest Bible scholars of the past, as well as of the present, agree America in the End Times will be **united** in a **supportive role** with the **revived Roman Empire**.

During the 7 year tribulation – Scripture presents the world **divided** into **4 main power blocs**.

1. **The King of the North** – (Daniel 11:40)
2. **The King of the South**
3. **The Kings of the East** – (Daniel 11:44; Revelation 16:12)
4. **The King of the West** – (Daniel 2:40-43)

B. CRIPPLING OF OUR STRENGTH

3 QUICK REASONS THAT OUR STRENGTH COULD BE CRIPPLED

- 1. Economically**
- 2. The Oil Crisis**
- 3. Weapons of Mass Destruction or Nuclear Attack**

C. CORRUPTION OF OUR SOCIETY

D. COMING OF OUR SAVIOR

Matthew 24:42-44 – “Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.”

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Use this opening question to provoke thought on the imminent return of Jesus Christ. Although we do not know when He is coming back, we do know that He is! What would our lives look like if we really lived in light of His return?

If you knew Jesus was coming back in one week, how would you live that last week of your life?

I. THE REALITY OF AMERICA’S SUCCESSFUL PROSPERITY IN THE WORLD

We have the privilege of living in the greatest nation ever to exist. America is a blessed nation. Throughout our nation’s history, we see our nation’s leaders turning to God for guidance.

Read Psalm 33:12, Genesis 12:3

Why has God **blessed** America above all other lands?

“God blesses those who make His priorities their priorities.”

What are some reasons why you love living in America?

Why is it easy to take living in America for granted?

What do you love about your home, and why is it easy to take your home for granted?

How should you live differently in your home knowing Jesus is coming back at any minute?

II. THE REASONING OF AMERICA'S SILENCE IN PROPHECY IN THE WORD

There are several possible reasons why America is never mentioned in Bible prophecy. Pastor Snook gave four possible reasons: the US will be united with the revived Roman Empire, the US might be crippled, the US is becoming more and more corrupt in society, or Jesus comes back, leaving the US paralyzed because of so many departing at the Rapture. Regardless, even though the US is not directly mentioned in prophecy, prophecy is still significant.

Why is it important to study Bible prophecy, and why should you be careful in doing so?

Look again at **Matthew 24:42-44** – “Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.”

What does the word “watch” entail?

What happens at your house when you are expecting company for dinner?

Why do you spend so much time getting your house ready for company?

Someday soon, Jesus is coming expectantly, except it will be when you least expect it. Will you be ready?

Why should you spend time preparing your heart/life for Jesus' return?

What should you be doing each day to be ready for His return?

