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Greetings from Phoenix,

During the 1960s my father bought a color television for our home. It was a typical console type with a bigger screen than we had with the tiny screen of that old black and white TV we had.

On that television we watched all the programming which began to come over the three networks, ABC, NBC, and CBS. Things were simpler then!

However, one thing stands out in my mind more than anything else of that period is that the Vietnam War was covered extensively on the news, and it seemed that it was a war that would never end.

Americans for the first time were witnessing the blood and guts of war on the evening news each night. As a teen that generated in me an utter hatred of war. When I went off to college in 1968 students then were marching around the campus and protesting the United States involvement in the war, though I did not.

Though I was almost drafted in 1969 thankfully I did not serve in the military. Many of my friends did, and some did not return home. I'm grateful for those who fought and those who gave their lives and served our nation in that way. Many returned maimed in body and mind, and many were never the same. That Vietnam War lingered on until 1975, and when it ended it was a great relief to the entire nation when it did.

The news this week amidst the constant bantering in American politics shows that the world is prepping up for war. One interesting item pertains to Sweden where they have instituted the draft for the military due to trouble brewing in the Baltics and elsewhere, as well as, within Sweden.

Other nations are beefing up their military because they see tensions and troubles which will impact them. U.S. President Trump has been very open about his intent to build up the military across the board. Both Russia and China are expending billions of dollars to build their military up, and many other nations.

All of this should put a pit in our stomachs of what is coming ahead of us. Jeremiah the prophet wrote these words in Jer. 4:19, *"O my soul, my soul! I am pained in my very heart! My heart makes a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, Because you have heard, O my soul, **The sound of the trumpet, The alarm of war.**"*

We know this time must come before we can have the good things we preach about with the gospel of the coming kingdom of God. Jesus Christ told His disciples, *"And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. **See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.** ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places."* (Matt. 24:6-7) "

Though things might get tough for the nations and even God's people-- we must keep our minds focused on the fact that God's kingdom will come!

Have a wonderful Sabbath which celebrates each week that wonderful time beyond it all!

Kind regards,
Jim Tuck

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