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Greetings from Phoenix,

We had a meaningful Passover and wonderful Days of Unleavened Bread with inspirational messages, and plenty of fellowship with an enjoyable Spring Dinner Dance between the holy days. As Solomon wrote there is "a time to weep, and a time to laugh; A time to mourn, and a time **to dance**." (Eccl. 3:4)

The news of week seemingly presents a world preparing for war in the near future. A well known author, Herman Wouk, in 1971 wrote a book called "**The Winds of War**", and it about World War II. The title describes the feel the times we are living in right now. It is not hard to see the nations connected with the hot-spots around the world are hastily preparing for what they see and know is coming.

Most nations are beefing up their military arsenals and some like Russian, China, and probably the United States are testing the limits of their enemies as they probe into their territories. New weapons of destruction are being developed and tested, and there is no doubt that those nations with the financial capacity have been preparing for the use of the high ground of space. Drones and killer robotics will be a major factor in the battles of warfare to come.

What will be the success of the United States and Britain in the next major war? The winner of the next war will not be determined merely by armaments. There is a major factor which the nations of the world are completely unaware of, and that is the power of God and His master plan for humankind in the future. Unless God supports the U.S. and Britain as He certainly did in World War II, America and the United Kingdom cannot succeed.

In the book of Daniel there is an indication that Michael is the angel assigned to watch over Israel. The prophet Daniel foretold a time of trouble in the world unlike any other in history.

Dan 12:1 *"At that time **Michael** shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. and at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book."*

The scripture reveals those written in the book (of life) will be saved out of this terrible time in the world. God will protect and deliver His people in this time of tribulation. Without God's protection upon His people we would not have a chance either.

Proverbs instructs this wisdom in God's people, "*A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, but the simple pass on and are punished.*" (**Prov. 22:3**)

In the last years we have had many to depart from living God's way of life, and it remains to be seen whether they will continue on the path they have for this time chosen. We pray for those who have

drifted away from the laws of God and a close relationship with the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Daniel does give some encouraging words to those who exercise and utilize godly wisdom in **Daniel 12:3**, "*And they that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.*"

Since the times we are living in dictate real trouble is coming it is a high time for God's people to more brightly shine as lights of the way of righteousness? The scriptures indicates that many will be turned to righteousness. It would be wonderful to see the many return to the worship of God!

Attached is the Prophetic Times in Word and PDF. Have a wonderful Sabbath!

Kind regards,

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