

## Events to Be Fulfilled

### Commentary for January 1, 2025 — ... Before Christ Returns<sup>1</sup>

Read the "[January 2025 Newsletter](#)" introducing Dr. Martin's article, "The Expansion and Portability of Zion." Many prophecies in the Bible must occur before Christ returns. Each has its own time sequence of events moving to fulfillment. For example, rebuilding the Jerusalem Temple. A Sanhedrin must operate to oversee many tasks, such as laying the foundation, erecting the walls, decorating the interior/exterior, supplying a source of "living water."

There will be several Kings of the North and Kings of the South. Their actions will be public, and we should be able to identify the leaders. The final leader, the Antichrist, will have world-wide influence and control before he enters the Temple and declares himself God.

God can change, slow, speed up, or eliminate any event within a prophetic scenario, without consulting anyone. God our Father is **"... the One Who is operating ALL in accord with the counsel of HIS will"** (Ephesians 1:11 CLV). Christ always follows His Father's will, even after He will be given all power and authority (Ephesians 1:10). God CAN change His mind when we ask Him to do so. See Dr. Martin's article, "[The Repentance of God and Influencing God.](#)"

God determines certain events shall occur before Christ returns, and they are sure to happen. Some people think they know when prophecies will occur. The same people ignore other prophecies that do not fit their prophetic scenarios that requires Christ to return a few years from now. Christ will return when God decides, and on time. The angel told Christ's apostles:

**"... This Jesus Who is being taken up from you into heaven shall come thus, in the manner in which you gaze at Him going into heaven."**

**• Acts 1:11 CLV**

The return of Christ will occur as described. Other events are prophesied to occur before Christ returns. Below I ask questions about prophetic events that require MANY precursor events before they are fulfilled. God may shorten evil events: **"And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: BUT FOR THE ELECT'S SAKE those days shall be shortened"** (Matthew 24:32, KJV). If Christ will return soon, we should be able to notice MANY prophetic milestones.

1. Who is the future Cyrus to come from Persia (Iran today) who will aid Israel? Surely we should know by now.
2. Who is the first King of the North? We should be able to identify him by now.
3. Who is the first King of the South? Again, we should know if they are in the world.
4. When will Egypt and countries around it (combined into the Kingdom of the South)

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- become rich, so rich that the King of the North will desire its riches?
5. Who is the false prophet? When will he begin to teach and prophesy?
  6. Who is the antichrist? He is the last King of the North.
  7. When will the 10 nations of Psalm 83 form up, will we recognize that event?
  8. The 10 kings in Daniel and Revelation? Who are they? They support, then oppose, Israel, and probably kill the antichrist before Satan reanimates him.
  9. What parts of Zechariah chapters 9–14 have been fulfilled? Where are we in that long sequence of events (which must also be factored in with Daniel and Revelation)?
  10. When will Damascus be a temporary place of peace, and a dwelling place for YHWH?
  11. Where are we in the prophecies of Daniel? Some milestones should be identifiable.
  12. Has the Gospel been **“preached in all the world”** (Matthew 24:14)?
  13. Has there been a conversion to Christianity in Israel yet? Will that begin soon?
  14. Have the “Times of Refreshing” and the restitution of all things (knowledge of God going around the world, Acts 3:19–21) happened yet? How is that progressing?
  15. Is anyone saying **“peace and safety”** exists at the present time (1 Thessalonians 5:3)? Will that begin soon?
  16. Has the falling away occurred yet (2 Thessalonians 2:3)? Falling away from what? First comes the truth, then there is a falling away.
  17. How is the Temple reconstruction coming? Where will that Temple be built?
  18. Has Babylon begun to rebuild? No, just talk. Babylon’s rebuilding may take decades. Prophecies of Babylon’s destruction are unfulfilled and in the future.
  19. Has the world undergone a **“strong delusion”** sent by God that allows the antichrist to deceive the world (2 Thessalonians 2:11). When will that occur?
  20. The prophecies of Matthew chapter 24 (and Mark 13, & Luke 21) are **“the beginning of sorrows”** (24:8).

My list is not comprehensive.<sup>2</sup> The evil Babylonian system is setting the stage for the antichrist. The mystery of iniquity will take time to be fulfilled (2 Thessalonians 2:7–12). The consolidated power to be given to the antichrist is a long way off. We will be given the ability to discern the times and the seasons (1 Thessalonians 5:1–11). The prophetic fulfillments will be obvious to all believers.

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<sup>2</sup> Some think prophetic events happen “behind the scenes.” If true, then what good are major prophecies if God’s people cannot identify prophetic events as they occur? God says His people will know beforehand! Consider Amos 3:7, Psalm 25:14, and Mark 4:22. Christ’s ministry, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension were fulfilled publicly. God’s Holy Spirit will aid us to avoid deception.