



Watching & Ready Column (Matthew 24:42-44)

“Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near; at the doors.” Mark 13:28-29

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No Wind

“After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.” Revelation 7:1

There have been these ‘heat waves’ that have been hitting parts of the country. Well for us in South Dakota, really no different than the prior two summers. We get a few days in the low 100’s, with the lows only in the upper 70’s. Without air conditioning, we certainly have to cool down our home that can get up to just over 90°.

In the past week or so, we had a couple of nights where the temperature was in the mid-80’s at night when we got home. One of those nights, there was hardly any breeze whatsoever and the fans labored all night long, only hitting 80° by early morning, a somewhat uncomfortable temperature to sleep in, though I have experienced much hotter temperatures than that.

Then, during the same week, when we were nearly complete with work and there was, unknown to us, a derecho hitting most of the western part of the state, around 50-100 miles north of us, instead of getting those storms (which did pack some winds in excess of 100 mph) we got some wind.

When we got back, we didn’t even need the fans, the breeze was quickly cooling down the home with the windows opened. Unfortunately the wind eventually tapered off and the fans had to finish the job. Now consider the ‘time of Jacob’s trouble’ (Jer. 30:7), the Tribulation, when one of the judgments against the ‘inhabitants of the earth’ (Rev. 8:13) happens, during that time forward, there will be no wind.

Add that to a heat wave (Rev. 16:8) unlike the world has ever seen and you got yourself a real miserable problem. Could the air conditioners even keep up? Probably not!

Q/A Trump Assassination Attempt - Mortal ‘Head’ Wound

Q: Just a theory of mine but what if “It was a mortal head wound (sic) and Trump and his team is playing off he only got scratched by the bullet, leading to mass confusion”? Not saying it is that but was just curious. Because now his security by my understanding has doubled if not tripled. The Bible says the Anitchrist receives a womb (sic) and it is healed maybe the bullet did make contact and Trump fell and the

womb (sic) was healed with only some blood showing. Just a theory, can not prove but I was just thinking “maybe”?

AWS Answer: Now I would imagine that our society is so polarized at this point that anything that might even be portrayed as being anti-Trump (from those on the ‘right’ side of things ;)) might well get you in shouting matches or beat into a pulp nowadays, nonetheless there is the free book *Repent!* available on All Will Stand’s website that goes over characteristics of the Antichrist and unfortunately for former President Donald Trump, he really does make himself out to be a good example to help explain those characteristics. In fact that is only more of those same characteristics proven then before. However, as the book is –very- careful and makes well-known, AWS NEVER is stating that DJT is the Antichrist, for no one could even know that (2 Thes. 2:3) for the Rapture (1 Thes. 4:16-17) has not occurred as of this writing. However, as has always been my defense (Php. 1:7), if a man, any man, happens to be noted to have many characteristics of the Antichrist that the Bible prophesies, then should it not be noted (2 Tim. 3:16)?

This is the problem with saying anything ‘negative’ against Trump to his followers. It was already on my mind to address this very issue of the mortal wound even before this question got asked, but does a godly man, as most now see Trump, (more in a bit), own casinos, sell alcohol, womanize, etc.? (Lk. 6:44) If you are looking for a true Believer to run for the Whitehouse, you might be looking for awhile. Back to the issue of the question, as I know, from this same person, that at least one other Believer has wondered the same thing, which is odd, as most people would never consider Trump as a suspect of the Antichrist, nor do they even think of such things at all! (This is brief, for more generic information about this ‘mortal’ wound, please see the book *Repent!*.)

Well the first thing is the Rapture hasn’t happened, the world is not in the Tribulation and it is impossible for anyone in the world to proclaim that so-n-so is the Antichrist because he hasn’t yet been unveiled, so anyone saying so, does not have the authority to do so, even if they prove to be correct afterwards. So far in every case, people have been proven wrong time and time again by naming names, going back to Nero, of which it turned out that such leaders were a ‘type’ of antichrist (1 John 2:18). My assumption, as no one knows the ‘day nor the hour’ (Matt. 24:36) is that satan always has a ‘man’ who could ‘step into’ that position. Continuing...what is being questioned is whether this ‘characteristic’ of the Antichrist has been fulfilled or not? Well firmly ‘no’, these things have to happen during the Tribulation, not before. Let’s look at *Revelation 13* for the remainder of the answer.

“And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled at the beast.” Rev. 13:3

I’m not sure where it came from, nowadays you would just hear nothing of these sorts of things, but when I was young, well into the 2000’s there was still talk about how the Antichrist would receive a deadly wound ‘to the head’. Well the word ‘heads’ is certainly in that verse, perhaps the reason for the confusion, but the Bible actually doesn’t specify what the deadly wound that the Antichrist receives that he also becomes apparently miraculously healed from, not the power of God, but the power apparently granted to satan for that moment (*Job 1:12; 2:6*). So for starters, it doesn’t have to be a head wound or an assassins bullet.

Next the whole world marveled. While many quickly, including Trump himself, proclaimed that it was God that saved him (I’m not agreeing or disagreeing here.), this was more of a ‘close call’ situation, but one where much of the world could also assume that Trump ‘got lucky’, without seeing any miracle here at all. The world at large did not marvel, but they were certainly surprised.

marvel, n.

1. A wonder; that which arrests the attention and causes wonder; an astonishing thing.
2. Wonder; admiration.

Webster’s Universities Dictionary Unabridged, 1942

Finally, look who else has to be on the scene when this happens (and by the way, he is not on the scene right now, though he –might- be alive now)...

“Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

Vs. 12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to do homage to the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

Vs. 13 And he performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven onto the earth in the sight of men.

Vs. 14 And he leads astray those who dwell on the earth by means of those signs which he was granted to do in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.” Revelation 13:11-14

Ok...in a nutshell here is the False Prophet rising to power, not the purpose of this writing to discuss, though not much can actually be said about him, once again, see the book *Repent!* for more information.

Verse 12 clearly states the reason to do homage to the Antichrist (the first beast)... ‘whose deadly wound was healed’. Now we can see that this does appear to be some sort of attack from an assassin or otherwise belligerent forces, as verse 14 makes it clearly known that the False Prophet tells

‘those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast’ why? ‘who was wounded by the sword and lived’.

Whatever happens during that time, the world will be so astonished and will have marveled so much so, that the False Prophet (the second beast) will be able to make an argument to have an idol setup where worship is demanded (however it may be) with the reasoning given that essentially ‘this leader was dead, but he came back to life’. What happened to Trump was clearly not the fulfillment of this yet future Tribulation event.

Trump – Talk Show False Prophets

Here we go again, Trump being compared to Jesus, the prophets, etc., now he is going to defeat ‘the new world order’. Well a better term for the NWO would be “*MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH*” (*Rev. 17:5*), so right off the back, the only Person that actually is going to defeat this system (*Eph. 6:12*) is going to be Christ Himself (*Rev. 19:2*), so what these talking heads are saying is nothing new, but more of what was being said 4 years ago, but unfortunately on steroids in comparison since the assassination attempt, where it is now proclaimed that God is on the side of Trump. Well, be careful here, for God may very well have protected Trump, if not only for preventing the chaos that would have ensued in this country if he had been killed, but for His future purposes of judgment. For let us not forget that pagan nations and kings for that matter were used by God for judgment against His people Israel, the Old Testament is full of such history.

“Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.” Mark 10:16

Trump Again!

What must be addressed, must be addressed. So there is this man who supposedly predicted that this –exact- thing would happen to Trump a few months back (April, I think) and now he has the attention of many people. Well he also predicted that Trump’s eardrum would be blown out during the ordeal. What does the Bible say in regards to the test of a prophet:

“As for the prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then the prophet shall be known, that Jehovah has truly sent him.” Jer. 28:9

It would have to come to pass 100% to be from God, not 99%. So right there, Jehovah has –not- sent him.

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