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I am so grateful for your support of World Prophetic Ministry and The King is Coming telecast. God has truly looked down and poured out His favor upon us with your friendship!

The day and hour of God's rapture and triumphant return is unknown, but we can prepare today as if it were to happen at any moment!

That is why I think it is so important to study the Word of God, particularly Biblical prophecy. When I look at prophecy, I don't see things to fear, I SEE HOPE!

God has a plan ... He is in control ... and, He has won the fight against evil!

Friends like you are helping us share this Good News! Thank you and may God richly bless you and your family in 2018.

Until He Returns,

*Ed Hindson*

## Anti-Israel Group Turning Evangelicals Against Israel



A movement known as Christ at the Checkpoint (CATC) – founded in 2010 by Palestinian Christian activists in Bethlehem – is actively trying to dissuade Evangelical Christians from supporting Israel. The group has been holding bi-annual conferences in various countries since 2010, but this year is the first time in its history that CATC hosted its bi-annual conference in the United States in Oklahoma City.

This year's conference featured speakers from around the world with the objective to condemn Christian Zionists and fight Israel's "occupation" of Palestinian land. One of this year's CATC speakers is Rev. Dr. Stephen Sizer,

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# Ancient “Jerusalem” Inscription Found



Archaeologists have recently discovered an exceptionally unique ancient inscription. The artifact was unearthed during a somewhat routine pre-construction excavation of a new roadway in the area of Jerusalem's International Convention Center, known as Binyanei Ha'Uma.

The artifact measuring approximately three feet tall was part of a larger stone pillar that was discovered in what is believed to have been “a pottery workshop that started to develop at the end of the second century before Christ...and continued to the Roman period second century after Christ,” according to Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) archaeologist Danit Levy who was in charge of the excavation.

During the excavations, workers exposed the foundations of a Roman structure supported by columns. One of them was the pillar the Romans had reused. It bore an inscription in Hebrew letters typical of the time of Herod the Great that provide what is believed to

be the oldest full spelling of “Jerusalem” on a stone inscription that dates to the time of Christ! This site is approximately 4-1/2 miles from the Old City, which would have been Jerusalem of that time.

The inscription reads: “Hananiah son of Dodalos of Jerusalem.” It is thought that Hananiah was an ancient artist-potter. Experts have dated the find to the Second Temple Period, or the First Century A.D.

“First and Second Temple period inscriptions mentioning Jerusalem are quite rare,” according to IAA archaeologist Dr. Yuval Baruch. “But even more unique is the complete spelling of the name as we know it today” Baruch added. Dudi Mevorach – senior curator of Hellenistic, Roman and Byzantine Archaeology at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem – commented on the significance of the discovery noting, “Jerusalem surprisingly for us is inscribed the same way we write

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# Prayer at Graduations Banned in Massachusetts



Thanks to the efforts of a very vocal atheist group, prayer in one Massachusetts school district is now banned from its graduation ceremonies. The Freedom From Religion Foundation launched its typical protest after Rev. John Tamilio III asked a “holy, loving, and most gracious God” to bless the graduating seniors of Canton High School at the school’s 2018 graduation ceremony. As per the usual complaint, the Freedom From Religion foundation claimed such an expression violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

Sadly, as is becoming the typical response, the local school system quickly capitulated to the atheist’s demands. Ashamedly, Canton Public Schools Superintendent Jennifer Fischer-Mueller responded – in writing – to the atheistic bullies indicating that “steps have been taken to ensure that there will be no prayers or religious rituals” at any future school-sponsored events or graduation ceremonies.

Unfortunately, this tactic has proven effective numerous times over the years. In 2016, the Freedom From Religion Foundation pressured the Hardin-Jefferson school district in

Wisconsin to disband a high school student club led by Christian students.

More recently, the Freedom From Religion Foundation bullied Lake City High School in Michigan to suspend the practice of public prayer after members of the local school community assembled on the school’s football field to pray for the 4-year-old daughter of the football coach who had been hospitalized. As many schools are discovering the ardently anti-Christian Freedom From Religion Foundation has seemingly unlimited resources and quickly files lawsuits against school that do not bend to their despicable demands.

While shocking, this disturbing news should not surprise us at all. The Bible teaches that despite the best efforts of believers there will come a time when a great departure from the truth of God’s Word will occur. The New Testament refers to this event repeatedly. Paul mentions a coming “falling away” (KJV), or “rebellion” (2 Thessalonians 2:3 NIV). Paul further elaborates on this idea in 1 Timothy 4:1 when he notes that in the last days “some shall

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a retired priest from the Church of England who once claimed on social media that Israel was behind the 9/11 terror attacks. In 2014, Sizer attended a conference in Iran dedicated to promoting holocaust denial theories, and just this year, he attended a pro-Hezbollah rally in London.

Despite the claims of the CATC website, those it invites to speak at their conferences clearly condemn the nation of Israel and discourage others from supporting Israel. The messages at the conferences are typically Palestinian-nationalistic and one-sided. Biblical motifs are employed to back-up and justify an obvious political agenda, and the high moral standard of the Bible was used to call upon the international Evangelical community to side with them in their battle against the “occupier” – Israel – giving no acknowledgment of the broader realities of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the circumstances that brought about the current status quo.

To help discourage Evangelicals from support of Israel, CATC conferences often feature lectures on replacement theology (the

unbiblical idea that God has replaced Israel as His chosen people with Christians). Similarly, as an organization CATC has accused Israel of being an “apartheid” state, participating in ethnic cleansing, and creating a “crucifixion system” against the Palestinians.

The Bible clearly teaches that God has not abandoned the Jewish nation as His chosen people. The apostle Paul taught that God has not cast away His people (Romans 11:1), but that God has grafted the Gentiles into the seed of Abraham (Romans 11:11-31; Ephesians 2:11-13). This is clearly in keeping with God’s plan for the nation of Israel; that they would serve as a light leading the Gentiles to the knowledge of salvation (Genesis 18:17-19; Isaiah 42, 49).

Jesus revealed Himself as the promised Davidic king who would restore Israel in the Millennium (Jeremiah 30; Ezekiel 37:24; Matthew 11-12; Acts 3:19-22). Knowing this, it is logical for Christians to support Israel as they hold a special place in God’s divine plan. Moreover, it is our prayer and effort to encourage as many as possible to support and pray for Israel (Psalm 122:6).— PNL

**PRAY:** Pray that the efforts of the CATC organization would not be effective in turning Evangelicals against Israel. Pray for the safety of the people of Israel and for the courage and wisdom of their nation’s leaders.

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depart from the faith” (KJV). Moreover, Paul also warned that many people will be offended by Christianity (1 Corinthians 1:23) and will demonstrate their animosity by their actions (Philippians 3:18). Sadly, these verses come

to mind when we hear of the lengths that the Freedom From Religion Foundation will go to in order to stop Christians from praying in – or even near – a school. Let us be in earnest prayer for this situation. — PNL

**PRAY:** Pray that God would embolden Christian to stand against the efforts of the Freedom of religion foundation. Pray that God would raise up more Christian lawyers to defend those who are threatened by this despicable atheist group.



# Indonesia Suffering Apocalyptic Disasters



Over 1,500 people are confirmed to have been killed in a series of disasters that have recently struck Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim nation.

The nation's disaster agency reports that the death toll from last week's earthquake – which triggered a tsunami – has exceeded 1,500. Hundreds more are still missing and officials are fearful the death toll will rise as crews continue to work through the debris. Meanwhile, Palu Island fell victim to a sudden volcanic eruption on Mount Soputan that spewed ash more than 2,000 feet in the air! In total, more than 70,000 people have been displaced as a result of these disasters.

Tim Costello, Chief Advocate of World Vision Australia, called the series of natural disasters “an unholy trinity.” Costello added, “First an earthquake, then a tsunami, now a volcano – you wonder if there's a forth apocalyptic horseman about to hit.”

While rescue workers valiantly search for the hundreds of people who are feared to

still be buried under rubble, volunteers are digging mass graves as a means of countering the health hazard posed by the vast number of decaying corpses. Sadly, many are being buried anonymously.

Communities in many of the remote areas have been cut off due to broken roads, landslides, and a devastated communications infrastructure. As a result, many people are increasingly desperate for basic supplies. Humanitarian aid has only just begun to trickle through into some of the remote areas. Meanwhile, electricity has been restored to the city of Palu where shops and banks are slowly reopening.

A number of Bible passages come to mind when we consider such natural disasters. Luke 21:11 teaches us as the end times approach “great earthquakes shall be in divers places ... and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven” (KJV). Luke 21:25 teaches

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it today and the same way we pronounce it today: Yerushalayim.” Mevorach added some significant context to the artifact by pointing out “It’s just an artisan from a potter’s village, stating his name, his father’s name and stating that he is not from the village but originally he comes from the big city, from Yerushalayim (Jerusalem)” Mevorach also added “So we now know in a very simple manner that Jerusalem, was called Shalem, Yerushalem, and Yerushalayim at the same time, which we didn’t know before.”

The name “Jerusalem” appears 806 times in the Bible. There are 660 references to Jerusalem in the Old Testament and 146 references in the New Testament. However, there are additional references to the city using synonyms such as “Zion” (2 Samuel 5:7; 1 Chronicles 11:5; 1 Kings 8:1; 2 Chronicles 5:2; Zechariah 2:7) and “Salem” (Genesis 14:18; Psalms 76:2;

Hebrews 7:1-2). Thus, specific identification of Jerusalem is important to the Lord.

In fact, the prophet Zechariah identifies the city of Jerusalem as the apple of God’s eye (Zechariah 2:7-9). The special role that Jerusalem has in God’s economy will be clearly seen as the satanic led forces converge on Jerusalem during the tribulation (Ezekiel 38-39). God Himself will intervene on behalf of His people, slaying the armies of the antichrist (Joel 3:9-12; Zechariah 14:1-3; Revelation 16,19), and ushering in the Millennium wherein Jesus will reign over the earth from the city of Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:2-4; 35:10; Psalm 102:20-22; Revelation 20).

Therefore, with the obvious special place that God holds for the city of Jerusalem, we should be excited by this ancient reference to the city that further validates the numerous biblical references to the ancient city! — PNL

**PRAY:** Pray that God will continue to allow such artifacts to be discovered to verify the biblical record of real people, in real places, living out real history!

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that “there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves.”

This is especially ominous in light of the total solar eclipse that also occurred recently. Other passages in the Bible predict that God will destroy the earth in the future using fire. Many Bible teachers identify the “fervent heat” and the earth being “burned up” in 2 Peter 3:4-14 as possibly indicating a world-wide conflagration such as could be ignited by a series of massive

volcanic eruptions.

Likewise, the dire warning of Isaiah 24:6, that the LORD will destroy the earth and all the inhabitants of the earth will be burned, could also be fulfilled by a series of large volcanic eruptions.

It is important to remember the Bible clearly teaches that no man shall know the day or the hour of the end of the world (cf. Matthew 24:36), but we must also recognize that these types of natural disasters will continue to increase as the return of Jesus draws closer. — PNL

**PRAY:** Pray for all those affected by these terrible events in Indonesia. Pray for healing and provision as families mourn their losses and entire communities must now be rebuilt.