

THE FINAL GENERATION

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INTRODUCTION

WHEN SIGNS ALIGN

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—MAHMOUD AHMADINEJAD

In December of 2010 an unemployed college graduate was told he could not sell fruit on the streets of Tunis without a license. Desperate for work, the young man had become a street merchant to survive, and when even that was denied by the repressive Tunisian regime, he set fire to himself in protest. A few hours later he died as a result of the burns.

This extreme act of despair sent a ripple through the Tunisian population that was already wearied by massive unemployment and the draconian policies of their government. Social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter helped groups communicate their complaints and organize protests. Demonstrations across the country multiplied despite the ramifications: Roughly sixty people were killed as government troops tried to suppress the gatherings.

On January 14, 2011, thousands descended on the town center of Tunis, calling for President Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali to step down. A state of emergency was declared and a curfew leveled. Police attacked the mob with tear gas and batons and fired shots into the crowd, but protesters continued to pour into the streets, choking traffic to a standstill. Fearful of what would happen next, France and Germany urged tourists to leave the country as soon as possible and advised others to cancel any trips scheduled to Tunisia in the immediate future.

Unable to find a way to placate the populace and the mobs, early the next morning al-Abidine Ben Ali fled the country and announced he was stepping down from power. A new parliamentary election would take place as soon as possible.

The “Arab Awakening” had begun.

In the coming weeks you couldn’t listen to the radio, turn on TV news, or pick up a newspaper and not see or hear about something happening in the Middle East. In subsequent weeks, President Mubarak stepped down in Egypt, civil war broke out in Libya, and untold hundreds were killed as the governments of Jordan, Bahrain, Syria, Yemen, and Iran violently suppressed all protests.

As the Egyptians cleaned the streets after Mubarak’s downfall, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad addressed a gathering in Tehran’s *Azadi* (Freedom) Square. They were celebrating the thirty-second anniversary of the Islamic Revolution of 1979. He welcomed the Egyptian uprising as a continuation of that revolution, declaring, “[The] Iranian nation is your friend, and it is your right to freely choose your path.”¹ He also used the opportunity to declare his apocalyptic visions, pledging to help replace capitalism and democracy with a new Islamic world order:

*The final move has begun. We are in the middle of a world revolution managed by this dear [Twelfth Imam]. A great awakening is unfolding. One can witness the hand of Imam [Mahdi] in managing it.*²

In recent months Ahmadinejad has been priming the pump for this new world order, appearing before the U.N. General Assembly in September of 2010—just days after the anniversary of the September 11 attacks. He opened his speech by calling for the coming of the Shia messiah to appear: “Oh God, hasten the arrival of Imam Al-Mahdi and grant him good health and victory and make us his followers and those who attest to his rightfulness.” He followed this with accusations that the United States had planned and orchestrated the attacks of 9/11 in an attempt to reverse U.S. economic decline and as an excuse to invade countries in the Middle and Near East. He outlined his hopes to see the Islamic-dominated United Nations General Assembly wrest control of the body from the veto power of the Security Council nations. He also stated, “I would like to here propose that the year 2011 be proclaimed the year of nuclear disarmament and ‘Nuclear Energy for All, Nuclear Weapons for None,’” in further attempts to cloak Iran’s nuclear ambitions.

On June 15, 2011, he addressed the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)—a security group regarded as a NATO rival that is led by China and Russia. Iran is an observer nation in the SCO and has requested permission to join the group as a member state. Ahmadinejad told the body, “I believe together we can reform the way the world is managed. We can restore the tranquility of the world.”³ Only a few days later he stated, “If we want to make a bomb, we are not afraid of anyone, and we are not afraid to announce it. No one can do a damn thing.”⁴

Since becoming the Iranian president in August 2005, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has seldom minced words about the world he hopes to create—a world without the Great Satan of the United States at its head, and one in which the Little Satan of Israel is “wiped off the face of the Earth.” He longs for a world in which the Twelfth Imam, a Shia Islamist messiah figure also known as the Mahdi, establishes a supreme Caliphate in Iraq, from which he will rule the world.⁵ This might all be saber rattling and Islamist propaganda if it weren’t that Ahmadinejad’s vision of the end of

the age is almost a mirror opposite of what Jesus said would happen just as the events of the book of Revelation were heating up.

ARE THE PROPHETIC PIECES NEARLY IN PLACE?

A diabolical counterfeit of God's ultimate plan of salvation seems to be spreading across the Middle East—and is playing out just as foretold in the Bible. While Western Christians seem to be growing more complacent and concerned with their personal comfort and success, a prophetic storm is gathering in the Middle East. Radical Islamists are preparing for the final battle, believing it will usher in a new age of Islamist supremacy. Do you find these events as chilling as I do?

I have been a Middle East correspondent for more than three decades and an advisor on the Middle East for just as long. In that time I have written almost two-dozen books on the Middle East and radical Islam, many of them discussing their relationship to the events of the book of Revelation. I have studied the prophecies about the end of the age given by Jesus, the Old Testament prophets, and the New Testament apostles. I have read and reread books on Bible eschatology written by experts, teachers, and scholars. And in all my research and years of experience, there has been no other time when the signs of Jesus' imminent return were happening with the intensity we are seeing today. Bible prophecy after Bible prophecy points to the likelihood that the last generation before Jesus' return is now on the Earth, and the last lap for the Church has begun.

I know many wise men and women will take this declaration with at least a grain of salt. In fact, someone declared that Jesus would return on May 21, 2011, only to be proven spectacularly wrong. He was ridiculed by both believers and non-believers. At the same time,

popular Christian leaders are suggesting that the book of Revelation actually has more to do with the Romans of John's time than as a prognosis for what will happen at the end of the age, throwing many into confusion. Others have touted that no one is going to be "left behind" in the Rapture. All will be saved in the end, despite what Scripture says. It is eerily reminiscent of the days before the flood, as Noah called on humanity to repent. They ridiculed and scoffed, only to realize too late that Noah had had their best interests at heart.

Personally, I have neither the desire to be a prophet of doom nor someone crying "wolf" about something that is still in the future. However, when I see the handwriting on the wall, I feel the obligation to speak up. Neither am I here to tell you to ready your bomb shelter, but I am here to say you may need to change your thinking.

The early church called the message of Jesus' soon return "The Blessed Hope." They saw it as a message of liberation that gave them the resolve to live righteously before their God. That is the message I want you to get from reading this book. When you put it down, I don't want you to be filled with dread; I want you to be excited about what God is doing to seek and save the lost. I also want you to be more determined that as few as possible will be left on Earth the day Jesus calls us home.

In order to understand that message, we must first understand the gravity of where we are on God's timeline. Time is of the essence. There is no more room for the "business as usual, let me work out my own personal salvation" complacency that grips our culture, our marketplaces, our political arenas, and—unfortunately—far too many of our churches today. Our own personal pursuits of life, liberty, and happiness will not get us through the twenty-first century as they did in the last half of the twentieth.

The American dream is turning into a nightmare right before our eyes, blinding many to the converging prophetic storms gathering

before us. People, including many Christians, have grown dull of hearing. As Solomon warned us in Proverbs, now more than ever, “*the complacency of fools shall destroy them*” (Proverbs 1:32).

Jesus said that the final days before His return would be like those of Noah before the flood. Humanity would be obsessed with the issues of prosperity, entertainment, and self-fulfillment: “*eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage*” (Matthew 24:38). In Luke, Jesus expanded further on this saying:

“It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building; but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.

Remember Lot’s wife. Whoever seeks to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.”

—Luke 17:28-30, 32-33

We must wake up to the realization that the Bible prophecies of Daniel, Ezekiel, and Revelation are quickly moving into position for God’s final checkmate of Satan. Israel is likely within a decade or less of facing the greatest threat to its existence: the development of an Iranian nuclear bomb. Not only that, but the framework for a one-world government and common world currency is already in the minds of many—just as Ahmadinejad outlined before the United Nations last fall, to the accolades of most of the delegates in the General Assembly. A perfect storm of religious extremism and those who would profit from it is gathering to oppose Judaism, Christianity, and Western Secularism alike, while the U.S. and the E.U. take the course of appeasement.

The more I study these things, the more I see we are in a critical

place for action on God's prophetic timeline. While some may choose to ignore where we are, none of us should be caught by surprise. Certainly others over the centuries since Jesus ascended have looked at these signs and said that Jesus' return was near, only to be proven wrong. However, in those days they highlighted, at most, a handful of prophecies at once. Today we are seeing *all* of the signs happening—moving into alignment, if you will—and *all* of them happening with increasing intensity. Even if we don't know the exact moment or day Jesus will return, we need to realize we are in the midst of the *season* of His return. Moreover, we must heed His instructions that it is not a season for hiding but for action.

Certainly wise men and women have been looking for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ since the ink was still wet on the parchment of the book of Acts, but until now, few of the necessary prerequisites have been in place. As the voices of those pointing to the signs of the end of the age rise to a crescendo, we must remember the promise:

*Surely the Lord GOD does nothing
Unless He reveals His secret counsel
To His servants the prophets. —Amos 3:7*

We must understand our time in the context of biblical prophecy.

Other generations have read the Scriptures and realized they lived in a prophetic time. We need to do the same. God has incredible things for us to do before we are taken away. While some look at these future events as the greatest time of catastrophe the world has ever experienced, it will also be the greatest time of God's intervention on behalf of those who call on His name. But there is much to do before He comes!

And it is time to begin.

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