

Peace & Safety

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For Discussion: As Trump's Election Brings Peace Back To The Table, Is The Stage Being Set For The Ultimate 'Man With A Plan'?

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Is there peace in the air now that Trump is president?

The current momentum for peace across our globe is not only stunning, it is prophetically significant.

- Wall Street Journal: "Zelensky Signals He's Open to Negotiating a Peace Deal."
- Newsweek: "What Putin Seeks to Gain From Donald Trump in Ukraine Peace Deal."
- Hezbollah and Israel suddenly negotiated a 60-day ceasefire, which is now in place.
- Time: "Donald Trump's Return Could Bring a More Peaceful Middle East"
 1. Trump will "choke Iranian revenues and funding of regional terrorist groups through the long overdue re-enforcement of oil sanctions."
 2. Trump would "stop Iran's pursuit of a nuclear weapon, which is the gravest long-term regional security threat facing the Mideast."
 3. Trump's desired expansion of the Abraham Accords, which they say will "build a strong coalition of allies to counter the Axis of Evil and facilitate a better life for the Palestinian people."
- Newsweek: "Donald Trump Warns of 'Hell to Pay' Amid Middle East Hostage Crisis."

Do all these overtures for peace indicate that Trump may be the Antichrist?

No...

2 Thessalonians 2:7-8 – For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed

Scripture is clear that the Antichrist will not be known as long as the Restrainer is working through the church. The Antichrist will only be revealed following the rapture of the church.

- Mark Hitchcock: "If you ever do figure out who the anti-Christ is, I have bad news for you... you have been left behind!"

What does Daniel 9:26 tell us about the Antichrist that disqualifies Trump?

Daniel 9:26 – *the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.*

The Antichrist will come out of the people who destroyed the Jewish Temple in 70 AD. This means he will come from the confines of the old Roman Empire.

- The Roman legion that destroyed the temple was made up of conscripts from the region, now Muslim nations.

What does Daniel 7:8 tell us about the Antichrist that disqualifies Trump?

Daniel 7:8 – *I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them*

The Antichrist, who is referred to as the "Little Horn" in Daniel 7, rises from insignificance to power. That certainly has not been the case with Trump.

What does Daniel 11:21 tell us about the Antichrist that disqualifies Trump?

Daniel 11:21 – *He shall come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom by intrigue*

The Antichrist will come to power "by intrigue" which means by flattery, slipperiness, fine promises, and smoothness.

- the anti-Christ will be an incredibly smooth-talking individual who comes to power through flattery
- I think we can all agree that President Trump is not what one would consider to be a "flatterer."

So, what then is the significance of all this talk of peace related to Trump?

All of this movement toward peace is a preview, a foreshadowing of what the Antichrist will do...

- The anti-Christ will be totally inspired, directed, and empowered by Satan.
- He will be the ultimate strong man who will force his agenda on the world and emerge on the global scene as a great peacemaker.

How do we know peace is what the nations seek after?

That is the whole reason for the United Nations... the idea that if the nations can just come together to talk, that conflict between nations can be prevented.

- Isaiah 2:4 is etched into a granite wall at a park across from the United Nations in New York City:
"They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more"

Why is it ironic that the United Nations has memorialized Isaiah 2:4?

The United Nations believes that human effort will produce peace between the nations when there will be no peace until the Prince of Peace rules over the nations from Jerusalem.

What is the prophetic significance of a false peace?

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3 – *But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord [the Tribulation] so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.*

People worldwide will be expecting peace and safety when it is suddenly taken away. This idea is also reflected in the first two seal judgments...

Revelation 6:1-2 – *And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.*

This "white horse" showcases the Antichrist as a counterfeit Christ, as Jesus rides forth on a white horse in Revelation 19 at His return. The anti-Christ will bring temporary peace on the earth.

- He arises as a conqueror, but it appears to be a bloodless conquest by diplomacy.
- However, the next rider, who appears on a red horse, comes to take peace from the earth. You can't take peace from the earth unless there is already peace.

How does this false peace impact Israel?

Daniel 9:27 – *Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.*

The Antichrist will confirm a covenant with many for seven years. This covenant solves the Middle East crisis guaranteeing peace for Israel and probably enables them to build a third temple.

- It could be that the Antichrist will build upon what is currently being accomplished in the Middle East—he could confirm or strengthen agreements that already exist or will exist in the not-too-distant future.
- This also could be a forced covenant... the Antichrist may issue threats to bring people to the peace table. It will all be a satanically inspired power.
- what we see transpiring today is a striking foreshadow of what's coming.

What other periods of false peace has Israel had?

Empty promises of peace can be used to manipulate others.

- Deceitful men speak words of peace while secretly planning evil (Obadiah 1:7).
- False teachers proclaim peace when God is actually proclaiming judgment (Ezekiel 13:10-16).
- False prophets declared everything was well between God and Israel: *"Peace, peace," they said, when there was no real peace* (Jeremiah 6:14).

Why should alarm bells go off when people are declaring peace, peace, when there was no real peace?

When the priests and false prophets of Jeremiah's day said, *"Peace, peace,"* they were denying that judgment was on the way. They were giving the people false assurances.

How is this false declaration of peace a problem today?

There are still false prophets and religious leaders today who issue false promises of peace when there is no peace.

- The message of peace and prosperity "sells."
- Some preachers and teachers today say that the Christian life is all about peace and prosperity, but God does not promise that.
- There are others who ignore or downplay the seriousness of sin and teach that God is not concerned with their behavior.
- Others deny that eternal judgment awaits the unrepentant sinner, even though God has promised just the opposite.

Of course, all these examples pertain to spiritual peace. A false proclamation of peace between the nations is another matter and is a problem as well...

At what point does the Antichrist-brokered peace treaty happen?

The peace treaty the Antichrist brokers with Israel is going to be the event that commences the Tribulation.

- The early days of the Tribulation will be a brief season of peace.
- What we see today is a preview of how quickly this can happen with a strong leader on the scene—and the Antichrist will be the ultimate strong leader.

What could cause the world to embrace the world-governing authority of the Antichrist?

Some world-shaking crisis... a nuclear war, a global economic meltdown, contact with extraterrestrials, etc.

- After the Rapture, the world's certainly going to be in confusion and turmoil.

The earth-dwellers are going to be looking for a man to bring order out of the chaos.

- The Antichrist will appear to be the answer to all the world's problems. He will be "the man with a plan."

How should we react to the prospect of seeing peace between nations break out everywhere?

Be skeptical... a false peace is coming to be followed by sudden destruction. There will not be true peace until the Prince of Peace is ruling in Jerusalem. Whether the peace we are seeing is the one foreshadowing the Antichrist remains to be seen.

- But as we see the stage being set for the coming of the Antichrist, we know the rapture is coming soon.

What applications do we see from this discussion?

- Any hope of a world-wide peace between nations this close to the end of the Church Age is a false peace.
- The Antichrist will promise a peace that will be false.
- A false peace heralds sudden destruction... don't be duped.