**These Perilous Times**

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**“It’s Time to Practice Playing the Trumpet in Tune”**

 Most people are familiar with the cliché, “The tension in that room (that place, etc.) was so thick you could cut it with a knife.” Just take a bird’s eye view of what’s trending on your local news network, and you can see that the prophecies which Jesus stated in Matthew 24 (more than 2000 years ago) have almost reached their final fulfilment.

 It’s time for Jesus to come, and for His remnant people to prepare the way for His “Coming!”

**What does this mean for us?**

**Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season**

**A Little History**

**The Cold War: The Atomic Age**

The term “cold war” first appeared in a 1945 essay by the English writer George Orwell called, “You and the Atomic Bomb.”

 Those of us who grew up in the 1950’s/60’s remember well the “cold war” era. The threat of nuclear annihilation was of paramount concern among most U. S. households. The big question was: “Who would be the first to launch a continental ballistic missile equipped with enough explosive power to devastate an entire major city?”

 “…The “containment” strategy provided the rationale for an ***unprecedented arms buildup*** in the United States.

 In 1950, a National Security Council Report known as NSC-68 had echoed Truman’s recommendation that the country *use military force* to “**contain**” communist expansion *anywhere* it seemed to be occurring.

 To that end, the report called for *a four-fold increase in national defense spending*… President Truman announced that the *United States would build an* ***even more destructive atomic weapon***: (than was used on two Japanese cities by the USA in WW II) the *hydrogen bomb* or “Super Bomb.” Russia’s leader Stalin followed suit.

 People all round the USA began building bomb shelters in their back yards. Attack drills were practiced in our schools and at public places…” [[1]](#footnote-1) (Emphasis supplied).

 When Jesus’ “priestly ministry” is finished in the Most Holy Place, in the Heavenly Sanctuary, *“there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation*…,” [[2]](#footnote-2) (Emphasis supplied). This time of trouble my good friends is Bible Prophecy, not just a “cold war” threat. We must prepare ourselves and others for the imminent attacks of “Spiritual Wickedness!”

**“Let the Trumpet Give a Certain Sound”**

 “We are pressing on to the **final conflict**, and this is *no time to compromise*. It is no time to hide your colors. When the battle rages sore, let no one turn traitor. It is no time to lay down or conceal our weapons, and give Satan the advantage in the warfare.

 But unless you watch, and *keep your garments unspotted from the world*, you will not stand true to your Captain. *It is no time for watchmen to slumber on the walls of Zion*.

 Let them be wide-awake. Call to your fellow watchmen, crying “the morning cometh, and also the night.” *It is no time to relax our efforts*, to become tame and spiritless; *no time to hide our light under a bushel*, to *speak smooth things*, to *prophesy deceit*. **Every power is to be employed for God**…

 But while we are to speak as having authority, we should do nothing with a defiant spirit. If our hearts are fully surrendered to God, **we shall unite meekness and love with truth** and **decision**. We are “to be ready to every good work, to *speak evil of no man*, to be no brawlers, but *gentle showing all meekness*, *unto all men*.”

 … Watchmen on the walls of Zion are to be vigilant and not sleep day or night. But if they ***have not received the message from the lips of Christ***, *their trumpets will give and uncertain sound*…” [[3]](#footnote-3) (Emphasis supplied).

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1. Cold War HISTORY.com [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Daniel 12:1 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. E. G. White. Let the Trumpet Give a Certain Sound, Battle Creek Mich.,

 “The Review & Sabbath Herald,” Vol. 69, N0. 48, Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1892. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)