

How Can You Not See?

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Leanna Crawford's story behind her latest song immediately captured my attention. She related a time from her childhood when she saw fireflies light up her yard at night. Her dad responded to her amazement by asking, "How can you not see the Creator in all this?"

The song that came as a result of her father's question, "How Can You Not See God?" has become a favorite of mine. How can people not see God in the beauty and wonders of creation?

You might guess where my mind goes when I hear this question; I wonder, "How can you not see the fulfilling of biblical prophecy everywhere you look?" I am, no doubt, taking liberties with her title.

I realize that the majority of saints reading this article agree with me regarding Bible prophecy. For you, the question is a confirmation of what you believe rather than that of expressing doubt in your convictions. It's a matter of pointing out the obvious just as Crawford's father did with his question to his daughter.

For those that place their hope in the church rather than in Jesus' imminent appearing, I have much for them to consider.

HOW CAN YOU NOT SEE GOD'S HAND IN THE MIRACULOUS REAPPEARANCE OF ISRAEL AS A NATION?

Dr. William Watson wrote an article called "The Rise of Philo-Semitism and Premillennialism During the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries."^[i] In it, he lists forty-five writers who, from 1585 to 1800, expressed beliefs in Jesus' millennial reign over the nations of the earth. Although the Reformers didn't go there, it was their Bible interpretation principles of *sola scripture* and Scripture interprets Scripture that led to the revival of premillennialism (the belief in a literal thousand-year reign of Jesus as the Apostle John reveals in Revelation 20:1-10) in the centuries that followed the Reformation.

Perhaps the most well-known premillennialist of this era was Isaac Newton. His study of the books of Daniel and Revelation led him to conclude in 1706 that God would again restore Israel as a nation.

Early in the twentieth century, the continued prediction by premillennialists that Israel would become a nation again was met with considerable ridicule by the amillennialists (those that equate the words of Revelation 20:1-10 with either the church age or the eternal state).

Dr. David Reagan, founder of the Lion and the Lamb Ministries, wrote the following about this:

The Christian leaders of the mainline denominations laughed at these literal interpretations and boldly asserted that Israel would never exist again. Once the state of Israel became a reality in 1948, these same Christian leaders began to argue that it was just an "accident of history" and not a fulfillment of prophecy!

This is spiritual blindness, and it is very sad since it has resulted in the average Christian knowing nothing about the significance of the re-establishment of Israel as a miraculous fulfillment of Bible prophecy and a sure sign of the Lord's soon return.[ii]

How people not see God's hand in the fulfillment of prophecy in what happened in May of 1948? There's no other account of a people scattered and persecuted for two thousand years suddenly becoming a nation again with their same language. Isaiah 66:8 predicted that Israel would become a nation again in exactly the way it happened:

Who has heard such a thing?

Who has seen such things?

Shall a land be born in one day?

Shall a nation be brought forth in one moment?

Sadly, those who regard the emergence of Israel as an "accident of history" are the very ones that ridicule those of us who see biblical prophecies coming to life in our day.

HOW CAN YOU NOT SEE THE MULTITUDE OF SIGNS POINTING TO THE SOON ARRIVAL OF THE TRIBULATION PERIOD?

The "spiritual blindness" to which Dr. Reagan refers extends beyond an ignorance of the significance of Israel becoming a nation to the multitude of signs telling us we live in the last days.

How can believers today miss the multitude of warnings that the seven-year Tribulation is coming at this world like speeding diesel locomotive? It must either be ignorance of biblical prophecy or spiritual blindness that stems from a love of the things this world has to offer.

I listed all the reasons for lateness of the day in which live in a post from last year, *12 Signs the World is Running Out of Normal*. I also explored the lateness of the hour in *The Bubble of Normalcy*.

Below is a list of the twelve signs pointing to the nearness of Jesus' appearing:...

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