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Three of the major things I've noticed from the scriptures regarding the last days are; 1) deception increases, 2) division increases, 3) pressure increases. Specifically the #1 I've seen in the last 15 months is "division increases". Back in the 1990's with Bill Clinton the nation started it's current division...mostly Democrat vs Republican. It was brought to the forefront in January 1998 with this, "I want you to listen to me. I'm going to say this again: I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky...". He lied...obviously so...Dems supported him...Repubs hated him.



September 11, 2001 brought Bush #2...a disaster of historical proportions in regards to the Constitution, rights, freedoms, and liberties. Snowden, Manning, and Kiriakou revealed just how dirty, immoral, and criminal the US federal government really was...and still is, just worse now. Those four people broke the US into two major camps...US loyalists (the US can do no wrong)...and the realists (the US is a degenerate screwed-up government).



There was still the Republican/Democrat split, the Conservative/Liberal split...politically speaking. Next came the Obama Worship League vs just about everybody else. Then came the Trump Worshipers vs Trump haters. By then the country was fractured almost beyond recognition. Don't let us forget there was always the "independents" along the way...about 40 – 60% of the total US population depending on the year and the President. By about 2015 it was obvious that there was the additional split between two major groups when it came to the judicial system in the US...the elites & powerful vs the common person.

During the Biden years the country was in disbelief that he was even able to find the White House let alone run the country. Which later was proven he wasn't running the country at all...he was just trying to find his shoes.

Frequency of "issues" -

As I remember it...during Clinton there was an occasional scandal/issue...and the major one... Lewinsky. But we dealt with it and moved on. When Bush #2 came along, after 9/11 there was problem/issue/incident about monthly. When Obama took over it turned into a scandal/argument/issue/problem every week. Trump45 was chaos and confusion and conflict almost daily...or at least several times a week. And of course he made history by being impeached twice...and about 24 major Congressional hearings with Trump as the subject dominating the



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various news cycles. It was also the beginning of “Trump Derangement Syndrome”. It was obvious that the country was then clearly split into two opposing hateful camps.

Biden’s Presidency was little more than a joke. Daily reports of him getting lost, mumbling, and all sorts of dementia related issues were rampant. Again...the country in two camps...Biden is feeble and should be removed vs Biden is one of the best Presidents ever. Well, and there were those of us that just saw him as an idiot and fool.



Now comes the real issue...Trump47. For the 2024 presidential campaign the country either loved or hated Harris...and either loved or hated Trump. Well, maybe more like those of us who supported Trump along with those that loved/worshiped Trump. But basically...it was two opposing camps – Harris vs Trump – of pure hatred...including splitting many families. Trump’s inauguration came along and those of us that supported him were full of hope and joy. I saw the first fracture lines in the Trump camp when he was issuing all the Executive Orders...mandates without rule of law (i.e. Congressional legislative process).

Next came Trump’s tariff wars starting in March and escalating by July. This seriously started to split his support base into the have’s and have nots. The tariffs were hurting low and middle income families big time and he started losing support. Then inflation wasn’t coming down and “affordability” was still hurting low and middle income families a lot. In that same time period came the bombing of Iran based on Israel’s request/demand. That caused yet another split...including the furthering loss of my support.



In February 2026 Trump went to war with Iran without provocation or threat to the US...again, he went to war with Iran at the direction/influence/demand of Israel and AIPAC...IMHO.

In 2026 Trump also went to war with conservatives (not to be confused with MAGA). Then came Trump turning on some libertarian and conservative pod-casters and media personalities. Next came the start of Trump’s war on Christians...first attacking the Pope. Then depicting himself as Jesus...insulting to most Christians.



Along with that came personal attacks against Carlson, Owens, Kelly, and others. Not content with his own attacks on the Pope...Trump directed JD Vance to personally threaten the Pope...Vance being a practicing Catholic.

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Not to be outdone Sean Hannity directly attacked the Pope in defense of Trump. Not surprising to those of us who have followed Hannity for years. Hannity is well-known to be a hard-core Republican and far right-winger. He is not a Constitutionalist, and he is truly a Trump worshiper. And FYI...Hannity left the Catholic Church decades ago due to a significant difference of beliefs.



Why is all of this important? For the first year of Trump's second term he had the support, mostly, of Conservatives, some Independents, and his personal political machine, MAGA. However, in the last month+ he has lost most of the Independents, many conservatives, and even some MAGA folks. Additionally, Trump generally speaking enjoyed the support of most Christians...with the evangelicals being the most ardent and loyal supporters. However, "evangelical" now often describes a political voting bloc because many white evangelicals became highly influential in elections, especially since the 2000's.

In today's day and age, generally speaking, evangelical has a religious meaning, a cultural meaning, and a political meaning. Mostly involving Baptists, Pentecostal, and profit preaching churches. These folks felt marginalized since the end of the Moral Majority days. With Trump they feel they have recognition, a voice, and a personal champion of their version of Christian doctrine.

Meaning?

In the last 15 months we've seen the last major bastion of a US group fracture...Christians. You have the most ardent Trump loyalists who are also Christians in the MAGA movement. MAGA is almost entirely Christian in nature. At the start of Trump's second term MAGA was mostly made up of evangelical Protestants, conservative Catholics, Hispanic Catholics, non-denominational Christians, some Jewish, and a small group of other Christians. Now, since Trump started his war with the Pope he has lost most Catholics from his MAGA organization. Since Trump started the war with Iran and killed thousands of civilians, most Independents, many conservatives, and main-stream Christians have also left MAGA. With his ICE war against non-criminal illegal immigrants, MAGA Hispanic Catholics are now a small minority...and shrinking.



Trump has managed to fracture Christians in the USA...big time! And Christians were, for the most part, a untied group of Americans who also believed in God. That is no longer the case...Christians are very fractured in the US at this point...along with most everyone else. Granted, it could be said there are basically three groups when it comes to Trump; 1) the "duh" crowd who don't know much of anything, 2) those who don't support Trump, 3) those who support Trump regardless of what he does or says. As of this week...about twice as many people disapprove of Trump as approve of him.

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Where am I going with this? The last days?

In the Gospel of Mathew it touches on the last days and conflict...this is usually understood to mean that during intense persecution or moral division, even the closest family bonds can fracture because of fear, loyalty conflicts, or opposing beliefs. “A man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.” Mathew points out political instability, and fear spreading faster than facts (Internet?). He also adds that these are “the beginning of sorrows.” Then there is this, “Because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.” Remember all the MAGA and other war mongers celebrating at bombing Iran and killing thousands...mostly civilians...including over 100 8-year old girls in their school?

In Mark it gets more specific...“Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents...” (i.e. betrayal under pressure, divided loyalties, conflict even inside homes & families, etc.).

Timothy jumps in there saying there will be selfishness, pride, cruelty, lack of natural affection, and betrayal.

Overall, you can kinda summarize it with deception increases, division increases, pressure increases, hate increases, families splinter; and selfishness, pride, and cruelty rule the day. What do we have today? Even Christian denominations have turned against each other. Then there is the whole “Prosperity Gospel” being preached as Christian doctrine...yeah, Trump’s personal spiritual advisor is one of those.

So what now? Look, I am not someone who is saying we are for sure in the last days...but it truly feels that way when you look at our current events and leaders. There are even folks calling Trump the/an anti-Christ. “Anti-Christ” is anyone who opposes or denies Christ, and another definition is a future powerful deceiver associated with the end times. Do I personally believe Trump is the anti-Christ? No. Do I personally believe Trump is an anti-Christ? No. But, the very hint that he is “an/the” anti-Christ by a growing number of Christians is the point...the split and fever has gotten that bad.

What do you do?

First, figure out exactly what your ethics, principles, and beliefs are. **Next**, set your “red lines” and what you will do if they are crossed. **Then**, I would suggest you think about and decide on what hill(s) you are willing to die on (of course a *metaphor*).

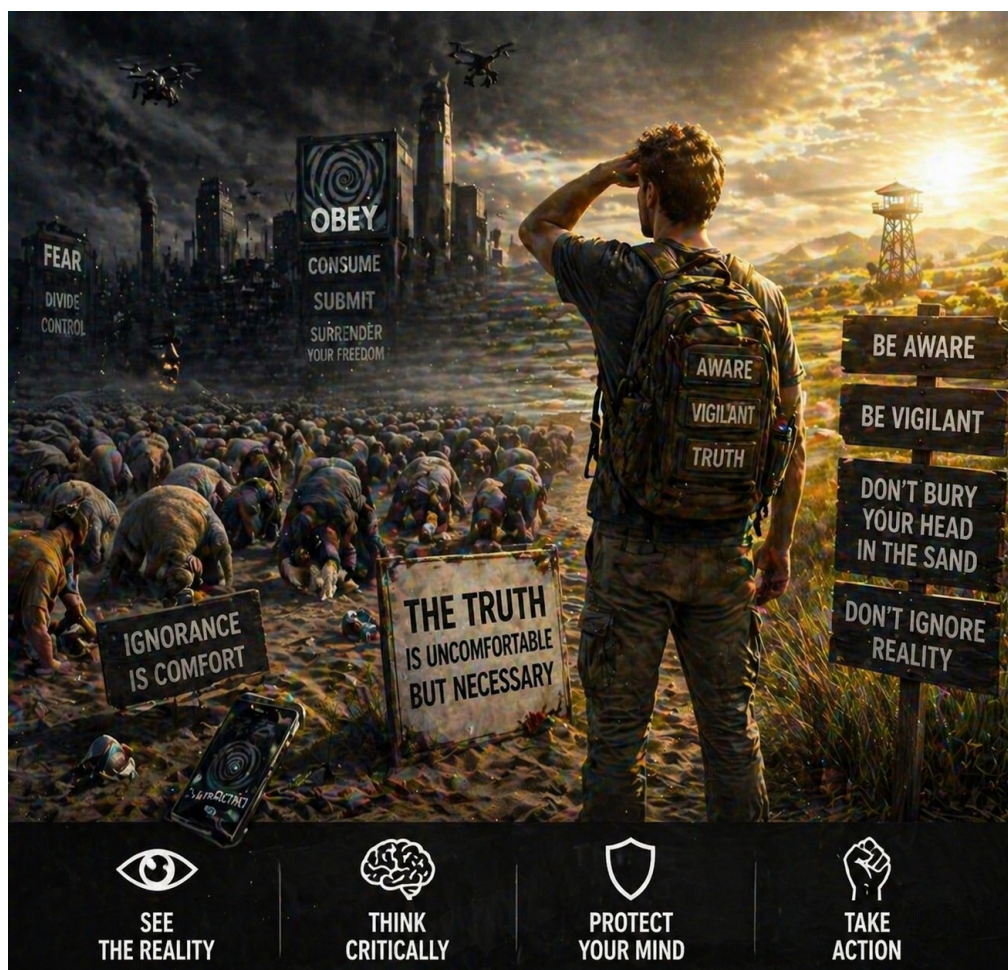
Depending on the outcome of the mid-terms (i.e. Dems are almost certain to win both houses of Congress) and then how far the Dems are willing to take it...that is immensely important. Then there is the concerns of Trump’s mental health and what happens with that. Let us not forget the Iran War...and how far it could escalate. There are lots of folks in the know that are saying it has a high chance of ending in WW3 depending on the [erratic] actions of Trump.

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Whatever happens to the US, it doesn't have to happen to you and your family, it doesn't have to happen to your community...but it probably will to some extent. Be aware, be vigilant, don't bury your head in the sand, and don't ignore the reality of what is happening.

FWIW...the Doomsday Clock moved closer to midnight in January due to; rising nuclear tensions, weakening arms-control treaties, wars involving nuclear powers, AI, and disinformation. Imagine if they reevaluated it now since we are at war with Iran and Trump has deepened his war with Christians around the world.

Be watchful, plan, & take action to prepare for what may come.



Added last minute: We saw over the weekend a crazy turning violent. This is exactly what we don't want! But, some people are being driven to, or manipulated to, violence...don't get caught up in that. Pray for no one to pursue violence as a solution. Pray for peace.