



No End in Sight

When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come (Mark 13:7).

They thought it would be the war to end all wars. They told the Soldiers in August of 1914 that they would be home before the leaves fell.

Neither turned out to be true.

By the time that war ended, 20 million were killed and 21 million were wounded.

Then, the children of those Soldiers marched off to the next war—with even more casualties.

Another war followed. Then another one. And the end of wars has not yet come.

There is no end in sight.

That can be a frightening thought. But it should come as no surprise. It merely affirms what Jesus said thousands of years and uncounted wars ago.

War will end when time ends.

We may find ourselves asking, “Why?” Is this God’s way of punishing us? Should we not work to end wars? Should we not pray for that?

We regularly do pray, “Where there are wars, let there be peace.”

Is Jesus telling us there will never be peace? Is our prayer useless?

Never! Jesus is the Prince of Peace!

So, why does he tell us that such things as wars must happen?

Because it is true. So that we do not despair. He still rules.

The Bible points to the cause of wars. It asks, “*What causes fights and quarrels among you?*” Then it answers, “*Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you?*” (James 4:1)

Wars fought on blood-soaked battlefields are extensions of the wars fought inside of us.

There is such a thing as evil in this world. Evil always threatens peace, always seeks to harm, always seeks to kill.

Evil must always be resisted, or it will overwhelm and rule.

We need to expect wars to take place until the end of time because evil will be with us until then.

The thought can be depressing—and scary. Until we remember that the Lord of the Nations is in control.

Yet that does not mean that we cannot have times of peace. Our nation has had long years of peace between wars. That has been a special blessing from the Lord of Nations. We must thank him for that and implore him to grant that blessing in days to come.

Wars will continue. But peace is something we can have now. Peace inside of us. Peace of mind. Peace with God.

Our veterans need to know that. They need to have that peace.

We pray that they might have it.

We strive to share that peace with them.

It is the very best way to thank a Vet.

“And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:7).

