

Generational Transitions: 2008
Are You Looking Up or Looking Down?



Generational Responsibility

Psalm 145: 4-7

“One looked down and saw the mud.
One looked up and saw the sun.
What you see is determined by where you look.”

A. **The Mud** (*The earth view of 2008*)

- Technology (*see sidebar*) *Daniel 12:4*
- Moral Pollution *Rom 1:25*
- Hatred for Israel *Zech 14:2 (see back)*
- Declining Truth in the Church
2 Tim 3:1-5

B. **The Sun** (*The heavenly ‘Son’ view of 2008*) *Psalm 145:4-7*

This passage lists seven things that are the ‘responsibility’ of one generation to pass on to the next generation. *145:4a*

1. Mighty Acts *145:4b*

- Creating all things out of nothing *Gen 1*
- Upholding all things by the word of His power
Col 1:15-18
- His mighty acts of grace in salvation *Eph 2:4-10*
- Victory over Satan, the world and death *Rev 20-21*

2. Glory and Majesty *145:5a*

- The majesty of the Messiah *Psa 93:1*
- The glory of the Son *John 2:11*
- His glory as Mediator *1 Tim 2:5*
- The Lord and King of glory *Psalm 24:8*

3. Wondrous Works *145:5b*

- Working of miracles *John 2:11*
- Rising from the dead *1 Cor 15:20*
- Outpouring of the Holy Spirit *Acts 2:4*

4. Awesome (Terrible) Acts *145:6a*

- Destruction of the disobedient by a flood *Gen 7-8*
- The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah *Gen 19:24*
- Deliverance from Egypt *Exodus 5-12*

5. Greatness of God *145:6b*

- Greatness above all other things *Psalm 95:3*
- Greatness of His person *Psalm 48:1*

6. Goodness *145:7a*

- Leads us to repentance *Rom 2:4*
- Everlasting goodness *Psalm 27:3*

7. Righteousness *145:7b*

- His essential righteousness as God *2 Peter 1:1*
- His righteousness as Mediator *Heb 12:24*

All growth that is not toward God is growing to decay.

George Macdonald (1824–1905)

The 23rd Megabyte

Technology is my
shepherd.

My spiritual needs, I no
longer want.

It maketh me rest in the
security of being in control.

It leadeth me into the still
waters of information.

It restoreth my
knowledge in the things of
the world, and keepeth me
from the study
of God’s Word.

It leadeth me in the paths of
materialism for my
want’s sake.

Yea, as I surf through the
valley of the Internet, I will
see much evil; for choice is
with me; its entertainment
and excitement, they
comfort me.

It prepares a virtual
table of reality that helps
me escape in the presence
of mine emptiness.

It fills my head with
desires which differ from
those set forth in the Word
of God; my credit
card runneth over.

Surely independence and
freedom from faith in God
will empower me all the
days of my life; and I will
dwell in the house of
spiritual weakness forever.

Randal Amos

Hatred for Israel Will Increase in 2008 and Beyond: Why?

Hatred for Israel will increase among the nations (*Zech 14:2*). This hatred will not be as much about the land, politics, or Zionism but because of what Israel represents by her national existence.

In the Bible Israel is the one political nation on earth that points to God in at least 7 ways by her very existence.

1. Israel identifies the one true God by name: Jehovah. The God of creation is revealed personally through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel).

2. Israel is linked with the character of God; righteous and moral. The 10 commandments of which God personally wrote were in His ark in Jerusalem. It is not culture, conservatism or liberalism that wrote the moral rules but God. (*Rom 9:4*).

3. Israel's claim to the land represents God's sovereign authority (His right to choose). For God claims the land is *His* (*Lev 25:23, Joel 3:2*). Therefore, doesn't *He* have the right to decide who occupies it?

4. Israel represents the veracity of the Scriptures as the Holy Book from God. For He used mainly Jewish people to write both Testaments with its prophecies and promises in which her latter day existence and discipline are proclaimed (*Deut 28, Rom 3:1,2*).

5. Israel is connected with God's glory in His temple which revealed the true formula of access to His Holiness: a perfect blood sacrifice and a holy High Priest to present it (*Rom 9:4*).

6. Israel's biological line is the identifying factor of the one Messiah-Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord (*Rom 9:5*).

7. Israel will be the capital seat of power of God's Messiah-Son on earth in the kingdom age that replaces Satan's control. (*Isa 2*).

Thus to annihilate Israel and depose them from the land permanently is to:

- Defeat God
- Prove His Word false
- Refute morality
- Discredit His Son and abort His kingdom rule

It is a long war against God! The Mid-East solution is far higher than governments or Palestinian land deals.

It is nothing less than the coming of the Son of God in power to make war (*Zech 14, Rev 19*).