



100 Fulfilled Prophecies in 100 Years

A Convergence of Signs Pointing to the
Soon Return of Jesus Christ

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For nearly 2000 years, Christians have waited in anticipation for the return of our Lord Jesus in the clouds. Every generation has hoped and prayed that they may be the ones to witness this special event. Yet no generation has ever had more reason to believe that Christ's return is drawing near than our own. Why is that? Because of a multitude of concrete, specific prophecies that have been fulfilled over the last century.

In 1909, Dr. C.I. Scofield published his landmark study Bible, *The Scofield Reference Bible*. Dr. Scofield stated in his notes on Revelation, "Doubtless, much which is designedly obscure to us will be clear to those for whom it was written *as the time approaches*." Most prophecy scholars believe that time is at hand!

1909 also marks the birth of the city of Tel Aviv in Israel. Sixty Jews laid a cornerstone in the midst of sand dunes two miles north of the biblical port city of Jaffa. From these humble beginnings, the present city of Tel Aviv, with over a million residents, seems to personify the miracle that is the modern state of Israel prophesied so long ago.

Based on my own personal study of the prophetic Scriptures, together with the writings of Dr. David Reagan, Dr. Tim LaHaye, Dr. Ed Hindson, Dr. David Larsen, Dave Hunt, Joel Rosenberg, Dr. David Jeremiah, John P. McTiernan, Dr. Adrian Rogers, Dr. Warren Wiersbe, and many others, I present to you *One Hundred Prophecies in One Hundred Years*, a compilation of 100 prophetic signs that point to the soon return of Christ.

Some of these signs are unique to our times, such as the return of the Jews to the land of Palestine. Other signs are an intensification of activity that has always been there such as crime or warfare or persecution of Christians. These phenomena have always been among us, but what we have seen in the last century is an increase in frequency and intensity that is unique. This is exactly what Jesus foretold, who likened such signs to "*birth pains*" (*Matthew 24:8*).

This brief review is dedicated to my seminary advisor at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Dr. David Larsen, who instilled in me and all of his students a love and longing for the Lord's appearing (II Timothy 4:8). My prayer is that a study of these one hundred prophecies will inspire you to walk ever closer to our Master, so that when He comes, you will be prepared to meet Him! Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

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Summary of “100 Prophecies in 100 Years” pointing to Christ’s soon return

The Historical Signs:

1. Horror of modern warfare since WW1
2. WW 1 followed by famines, pestilences, & earthquakes.
3. Balfour Declaration during WW 1 supporting Jewish homeland
4. Fall of Ottoman Empire during WW 1
5. Jewish immigration to Palestine begins at WW1

The Unusual Signs:

6. Jewish persecution intensifies in last century
7. Jews retain their distinct identity
8. World fixation on Jerusalem
9. Hebrew language resurrected in 1922
10. Palestine is barren until WW 1
11. US Congress passes Blackstone Memorial supporting Jewish homeland
12. Jews return to Palestine with weeping, a weary & persecuted people
13. With Jews returning, Israel blossoms
14. With Jews returning, Israel rebuilt
15. Israeli army rebuilt
16. Israeli flag proclaims Davidic heritage
17. Spiritual awakening among Jews begins
18. Arabs gain in power and surround Israel
19. Arabs defeated by Israel in battles

The Special Signs:

20. Israel declares statehood on May 14, 1948
21. Jerusalem recaptured by Israel on June 7, 1967

The International Signs:

22. Russia arises as a superpower
23. Iran arises as an enemy of Israel
24. Iran and Russia form alliance
25. Muslim nations arise as enemies of Israel
26. Iraq grows in power and wealth
27. Egypt makes peace with Israel
28. Ancient Babylon begins being rebuilt
29. Europe unifies
30. Israel enjoys peace after its wars for survival
31. Revolutions within countries are at record high

The Global Signs:

32. World moves toward unified economy
33. World moves toward unified government
34. World moves toward unified religion

The Technological Signs:

35. Travel is exploding
36. Knowledge is exploding
37. Nuclear weapons and WMDs can destroy large populations
38. An army of 200 million is now possible
39. Satellite television makes possible instant viewing of any activity on earth
40. Communication technology makes a global empire possible
41. Computer technology makes a common identification mark possible
42. Information availability contributes to prophetic interest

The National Signs:

43. America prospers as it supports Israel
44. America suffers when it pressures Israel to divide land
45. America begins its decline as a superpower

The Natural Signs:

46. Earthquakes increase
47. Famines increase
48. Threat of major pestilence increases

The Societal Signs:

49. Major disasters increase
50. Unusual atmospheric activities increase
51. Accelerated progress in our age similar to Noah's age
52. Sexual immorality in our age similar to Noah's age and Lot's age
53. Homosexual immorality in our age similar to Lot's age
54. Aggravated violence in our age similar to Noah's and Lot's age
55. Granite indifference in our age similar to Noah's and Lot's age
56. Mental disorders in our age similar to Noah's and Lot's age

The Ecclesiastical Signs:

57. Churches depart from historic doctrines
58. Churches endorse abortion
59. Churches endorse homosexual practice
60. Churches deny exclusive salvation through Christ
61. Churches proclaim a self-esteem gospel
62. Churches deny the doctrine of the Lord's return
63. Churches deny the doctrine of judgment and eternal hell
64. Churches experience division caused by false teaching

The Cosmological Signs:

65. Churches & professing Christians endorse evolution
66. Churches & professing Christians endorse long ages for the beginning of life
67. Churches & professing Christians deny doctrine of biblical creation
68. Churches & professing Christians deny Noah's flood

The Diabolical Signs:

69. Cults increase
70. Occultic activity increases
71. Pornography increases
72. Lack of biblical knowledge increases
73. Church attendance in Europe & North America declines
74. Hostility to the biblical viewpoint increases
75. Persecution and martyrdom of Christians increases

The Philosophical Signs:

76. Narcissism increases
77. Materialism increases
78. Hedonism increases
79. Nihilism increases
80. Rebellion increases
81. Coarse language increases
82. Coarse conduct increases
83. Dead religiosity increases

The Revival Signs:

84. Spiritual leaders falling into immorality increase
85. Great outpouring of the Holy Spirit in last century
86. Thousands come to Christ through visions and dreams
87. Healings, miracles, signs and wonders are increasing

The Evangelical Signs:

88. Gospel message goes forward to the ends of the earth
89. Gospel preached in nearly every language
90. The most unreached countries a century ago are now among the most evangelized
91. More people accepting Christ than ever before

The Worshipful Signs:

92. Revival of Davidic worship throughout the church
93. Revival of demonstrative worship with use of nearly every instrument

The Exponential Signs:

94. Signs pointing to Christ's return accelerate rapidly
95. Rapid population growth points to Christ's return
96. Rapid increase in power points to Christ's return
97. Rapid political changes point to Christ's return
98. Rapid communication advances allow one man to rise to power quickly
99. Rapid changes create a situation where massive destruction can happen at the Rapture
100. Awareness of fulfilled signs and prophecies help Christians prepare for Rapture

100 Fulfilled Prophecies in 100 Years!

THE HISTORICAL SIGNS

World War 1, often called “The War to End All Wars”, inaugurated a new era in the history of the world. This unique war set off a chain reaction of fulfilled prophecies given by Jesus in Matthew 24, and by the prophet Ezekiel in chapter 37. The “dry bones” began to rattle, and the dream of a Zionist state began to take shape.

1. The horror of modern warfare.

- a. *“You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom.” Matthew 24:6-7*
- b. World War 1 (1914-1918) was a war unlike any other, with 53 million men enlisted, and 13 million killed.

2. World War 1 was followed by unprecedented famines, pestilences, and earthquakes.

- a. *“There will be famines, earthquakes, and pestilences in various places.” Matthew 24:7 (KJV)*
- b. World War 1 was followed by a worldwide famine leading to 27 million deaths. The flu epidemic of 1918 claimed 28 million deaths. Earthquakes have increased in number and intensity.

3. The Balfour Declaration was signed, declaring Palestine as a homeland for the Jews.

- a. *“Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.’ Ezekiel 37:4-5*
- b. In 1917, the British government issued this Declaration, the first step in statehood for the Jewish people.

4. The Ottoman Empire fell in 1918.

- a. *“I will bring you back to the land of Israel.” Ezekiel 37:12.*
- b. The Muslim-based Ottoman Empire had to be removed from Palestine for Israel to be established. For the first time since 1188, Christians controlled the land of Palestine.

5. Large-scale Jewish immigration to Palestine begins.

- a. *“I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land, on the mountains of Israel.” Ezekiel 37:21-22.*
- b. Jewish population in Palestine increased from 25,000 in 1917 to 640,000 by 1948, and about 5.5 million in 2009.

THE UNUSUAL SIGNS:

The Jewish people stand in a class by themselves in terms of their tragic, yet colorful history. Uniquely described as the “apple of God’s eye” (Zechariah 2:8), over the last century a plethora of prophecies made about the Jews throughout the Old Testament have come to fruition and fulfillment.

6. Jewish persecution intensifies in the twentieth century.

- a. *“You will become a thing of horror and an object of scorn and ridicule to all the nations where the Lord will drive you.” Deuteronomy 28:37.*
- b. Six million Jews die at the hands of the Nazis, the climax of 4000 years of persecution. Since statehood in 1948, Israel has been repeatedly isolated and oppressed by UN resolutions.

7. Jews have retained their distinct identity throughout heavy persecution in the twentieth century.

- a. *“This is what the Lord says, ‘He who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar – the Lord Almighty is his name; only if these decrees vanish from my sight’, declares the Lord, ‘will the descendants of Israel ever cease to be a nation before me.’” Jeremiah 31:35-36*
- b. Despite heavy persecution and intense pressure to assimilate, Jewish people have retained their distinct identity.

8. The world is fixated on Jerusalem.

- a. *“I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling...on that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable stone for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves.” Zechariah 12:2-3.*
- b. Since the UN tried to internationalize Jerusalem in 1947, the world has been fascinated with this eternal city.

9. The Hebrew language has been resurrected.

- a. *“For then I will turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent.” Zephaniah 3:9 KJV*
- b. The Hebrew language was resurrected 1900 years after it died out as a spoken language. In 1922, it was declared to be the official language of Palestine, and in 1948 of Israel.

10. The land of Palestine was a barren land at the beginning of the 20th century.

- a. *“The whole land will be a burning waste of salt and sulfur – nothing planted, nothing sprouting, no vegetation growing on it.” Deuteronomy 29:23*
- b. Mark Twain called Palestine a barren wasteland when he visited in the mid-nineteenth century (“Innocents Abroad”). By 1917, only 15,000 trees were left in the land.

11. On June 30, 1922, the U.S. Congress, in a joint resolution, passed the Blackstone Memorial supporting the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine.

- a. *“See, I will beckon to the Gentiles, I will lift up my banner to the peoples; they will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their shoulders.” Isaiah 49:22*

- b. This resolution, signed by more than 400 leading Americans, including John D. Rockefeller, J.P Morgan, Cyrus McCormick, William McKinley, etc., stated, “There seem to be many evidences that we have reached the period in the great roll of the centuries, when the ever living God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, is lifting His hand to the Gentiles to bring His sons and daughters from far, that He may plant them in their own land. Not for twenty-four centuries, since the days of Cyrus, King of Persia, has there been offered to any mortal such a privileged opportunity.”

12. The Jews return to Israel with weeping, a weary, persecuted, and ravaged people.

- a. *“See I will bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the ends of the earth. Among them will be the blind and the lame, expectant mothers and women in labor; a great throng will return. They will come with weeping.” Jeremiah 31:8-10*
- b. On the heels of the slaughter of six million of their own people in the Holocaust, unwanted in nearly every land, especially Arab lands, the Jews returned to their Promised land over the last century.

13. With the return of the Jews, the land of Israel has blossomed.

- a. *“I will resettle your towns and ruins will be rebuilt. The desolate land will be cultivated instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass through it. They will say, ‘This land that was laid waste has become like the garden of Eden.’” Ezekiel 36:33-35*
- b. Israel has become an agricultural wonder, exporting an abundance of fruits and vegetables.

14. With the return of the Jews, the ruins of Israel have been rebuilt.

- a. *“I will resettle your towns and ruins will be rebuilt.” Ezekiel 36:33*
- b. Israel has become a vibrant, modern country, a treasure of archaeology, with millions from around the world coming to Israel to view its ancient sites and enjoy top-notch hospitality.

15. The Israeli army has been rebuilt and has become the fourth most powerful in the world.

- a. *“They came to life and stood on their feet – a vast army” Ezekiel 37:10; “On that day I will make the leaders of Judah like a firepot in a woodpile, like a flaming torch among sheaves. They will consume right and left all the surrounding peoples.” Zechariah 12:6*
- b. Israel has become one of nine nations that possess nuclear weapons, and, by many accounts, has the fourth most powerful military, after the US, Russia, and China.

16. The Israeli flag proclaims the Davidic heritage of the people.

- a. *“In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples.” Isaiah 11:10*
- b. The Star of David stands at the center of the Israeli flag.

17. A spiritual awakening is beginning among the Jewish people.

- a. *“I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land.” Ezekiel 37:14*
- b. In 1967, there were only 2000 Jewish believers in the world, while today there are between 100,000-300,000, including 10,000 Messianic Jews in Israel meeting in 120 congregations. (source: *Epicenter*, by Joel Rosenberg)

18. The Arab nations are a powerful and numerous people surrounding Israel.

- a. *“As for Ishmael, I have heard you; I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his numbers. He will be the father of twelve rulers and I will make him into a great nation.” Genesis 17:20*
- b. Possessing over 5.3 million square miles of land, the Arabs number over 200,000,000 people.

19. The Arab nations were crushed as they made war on the nation of Israel.

- a. *“Your enemies are astir...with cunning they conspire against your people... ‘Come,’ they say, ‘let us destroy them as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more.’ With one mind they plot together; they form an alliance against you – the tens of Edom and the Ishmaelites, of Moab and the Hagrites, Gebal, Ammon and Malek, Philistia, with the people of Tyre. Even Assyria has joined them.” Psalm 83:2-8; “Do to them as you did to Midian...pursue them with your tempest and terrify them with your storm.” Psalm 83:9,15*
- b. In four major wars (1948, 1956, 1967, and 1973) the Arab nations were defeated by the nation of Israel.

THE SPECIAL SIGNS:

Often called “God’s super-sign”, the miraculous establishment of the state of Israel, after two thousand years of dispersion, is widely regarded as proof-positive that we are living in the end-times. A second, indisputable “super-sign” is the reacquisition of the city of Jerusalem, which was quickly annexed and declared to be the eternal capital of the Jewish state.

20. Israel declared its independence and statehood on May 14, 1948.

- a. *“I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land. I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel.” Ezekiel 37:21-22.*
- b. Made of mostly immigrants, the state of Israel was declared in 1948. After a victorious war of independence, ceasefires and more permanent boundaries were established in 1949.

21. Jerusalem was recaptured by the Israeli Army on June 7, 1967.

- a. *“Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.” Luke 21:24*
- b. Israel tripled its size by acquiring Jerusalem, the West Bank, Gaza, the Golan Heights, and the Sinai Peninsula in the Six Day War (June 5-10, 1967). Many of these lands were later returned to the Arabs, while Jerusalem was annexed and declared the eternal, indivisible capital of Israel.

THE INTERNATIONAL SIGNS:

A new alignment of nations will occur during the “last days”, as foretold in Daniel 7, Ezekiel 38, and Revelation 18. Triggered by two world wars, the rise and fall of Communism, and the rise of radical Islam, we are now seeing a new world order closely matching the ancient prophecies given in the Scriptures.

22. Russia has arisen as a superpower.

- a. *“Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Rosh, Meshach, and Tubal.” Ezekiel 38:2*
- b. Magog refers to southern Russia; Rosh stands for Russia, Meshach for Moscow, and Tubal for Tobolsk, the modern Siberian oil city. Ezekiel 38 portrays Russia as a superpower in the end times.

23. Iran arises as an enemy of Israel.

- a. *“Persia, Cush, and Put will be with them, all with shields and helmets...you will be like a cloud covering the land.” Ezekiel 38:5,9.*
- b. Persia was the name of Iran until 1935. Iran will be an enemy of Israel in the end times, according to Ezekiel 38.

24. Iran allies itself with Russia.

- a. *“Persia...will be with them.” Ezekiel 38:5*
- b. Ezekiel 38 portrays a Russian-Iranian alliance. Since 2005, for the first time in history, Russia and Iran have signed pacts, with the Russian leader visiting Iran.

25. Muslim nations arise as enemies of Israel.

- a. *“...Cush, Put...Gomer...and Beth-togarmah...-the many nations with you.” Ezekiel 38:5-6*
- b. Cush (Ethiopia), Put (Libya), Gomer (Turkey), and Beth-togarmah (Islamic countries formerly part of Russia) will join the Russian-Iranian alliance against Israel.

26. Iraq grows in power and wealth.

- a. *“The merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries.” Revelation 18:3*
- b. Iraq, with the second highest oil reserves in the world, is recovering from its war of liberation from Saddam, and will become very prosperous.

27. Egypt makes peace with Israel.

- a. Egypt is not mentioned in Ezekiel 38-39, suggesting that this great power does not play an active role in the military coalition against Israel.
- b. Egypt signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1979 – a cold peace, but peace nonetheless.

28. Ancient Babylon is being rebuilt.

- a. *“Was there ever a city like this great city?” Revelation 18:18*
- b. Ancient Babylon began to be rebuilt under Saddam, and will continue its rise from ruins until it is a wealthy international city.

29. Europe unifies.

- a. *“It had large iron teeth...it was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns.” Daniel 7:7*
- b. The prophet Daniel predicted that the Roman empire would revive in the end times, which we have seen with the unification of Europe. The democracies united after World War 2, followed by the Warsaw Pact countries (formerly dominated by Russia) beginning in 1989.

30. Israel enjoys a season of peace after its early wars for survival.

- a. *“They had been brought out from the nations and now all of them live in safety...I will invade a land of unwalled villages; I will attack a peaceful and unsuspecting people.” Ezekiel 38:8,11*
- b. Peace treaties with Egypt and Jordan, along with a strong army, have given Israel a season of relative peace and prosperity.

31. Revolutions are at an all-time high, as many countries struggle with forming stable governments.

- a. *“When you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.” Luke 21:9*
- b. As colonialism faded following World War 2, independence was declared by countries throughout South America, Asia, and Africa. These countries have struggled to form stable governments with an increasing number of military coups, shakeups, and transitions.

THE GLOBAL SIGNS:

Revelation 13 portrays a global empire with a unified economy, government, and religion, all under the rule of a world dictator known in Scripture as the Antichrist. Throughout the last century, the world has seemed to gravitate in that direction, especially so in the last twenty years.

32. The world continues moving toward a unified economy.

- a. *“He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark.” Revelation 13:16-17*
- b. The fall of the Iron Curtain, the unification of Europe, the establishment of free trade agreements, and the recent economic crisis have all moved us toward a world economy, which will be fully in place when the Antichrist is in authority.

33. The world continues moving toward a unified government.

- a. *“And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had ten horns and seven heads...the whole world was astonished and followed the beast.” Revelation 13:1,3*
- b. The threat from weapons of mass destruction, along with a need for guarantees of peace may further propel a unification of governments, which will be fully in place when the Antichrist is in authority.

34. The world continues moving toward a unified religion.

- a. *“All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast.” Revelation 13:7*
- b. Religious extremist forces, especially from Islam, may cause a show of unity among other religions, along with the doctrine of inclusivism and tolerance which erodes differences. A unified religion will be fully in place when the Antichrist is in authority.

THE TECHNOLOGICAL SIGNS:

Daniel 12 and Revelation 6-18 portray a technologically advanced society in the end times which will bring both amazing blessings and terrifying fears. Ultimately, this advanced technology will enable the Antichrist to dominate and control the world in a fashion never before seen.

35. Travel is exploding.

- a. *“Seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro...” Daniel 12:4 KJV*
- b. In 1860, it took six months to get from New York to California; in 1920, three days; today, about five hours.

36. Knowledge is exploding.

- a. *“Seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.” Daniel 12:4 KJV*
- b. Any person can access more information from the Internet in minutes than a Middle Ages scholar could access in a lifetime. Computing knowledge doubles every two years.

37. Nuclear weapons, and other WMDs now have the capacity to destroy large portions of the population in a matter of minutes.

- a. *“They were given power over the earth to kill by sword, famine, and plague.” Revelation 6:8; “Four angels...were released to kill a third of mankind.” Revelation 8:15*
- b. The book of Revelation pictures at least three billion deaths during the Tribulation period, which is now possible to inflict from WMDs.

38. An army of 200 million is now possible.

- a. *“The number of mounted troops was 200 million.” Revelation 9:16.*
- b. This was not possible to field until the last few decades. China, alone, can now field this size of army.

39. Satellite television now makes possible instant viewing of any scene on earth.

- a. *“For three and a half days men from every people, tribe, language, and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial.” Revelation 11:9.*
- b. The death of the two witnesses in Revelation 11 will be seen by the whole world, an impossibility until the invention of satellite TV.

40. Communication technology, together with modern military hardware, makes a global empire possible.

- a. *“All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast.” Revelation 13:7*
- b. A truly global empire was virtually impossible until the technological breakthroughs in the last few decades.

41. Computer technology has made possible a common mark of identification.

- a. *“He forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark.” Revelation 13:16-17.*

- b. Computer technology has made possible an implanted chip which could be used for identification as well as economic transactions.

42. Information availability has contributed to an explosion of interest in prophetic fulfillment.

- a. *“But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end.” Daniel 12:4*
- b. As the end times progress, more and more prophecies regarding the coming of Christ and the end times will be understood and communicated.

THE NATIONAL SIGNS:

The United States of America has increasingly dominated the world, militarily and culturally, over the last century. The zenith of its power seemed to occur following the fall of the Soviet Union and its satellites around 1990. Mobilizing an international coalition to defeat Saddam Hussein in 1991, the U.S. had a twenty-fold edge over its nearest military rival. The recent financial crisis seems to be highlighting a slow, but steady decline in prominence due to America’s national sins and inconsistent support for Israel.

43. America has prospered in direct correlation with her support for Israel and the Jewish people.

- a. *“I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” Genesis 12:3.*
- b. Since its earliest days, America has been a refuge for the Jewish people where they have been able to prosper and flourish. Throughout the 1900s, America has been a constant friend and supporter of the Jews and the state of Israel. In direct correlation, America became an economic and military superpower.

44. America has been punished with various judgments in direct correlation with its leaders putting pressure on Israel to divide their land.

- a. *“I will enter into judgment against them concerning my inheritance, my people Israel, for they scattered my people among the nations and divided up my land.” Joel 3:2*
- b. John P. McTernan, *As America Has Done to Israel*, and William Koenig, *Eye to Eye*, have shown that on virtually every occasion where America has pressured Israel to give up its land, various judgments, especially natural disasters, have fallen on America.

45. America is beginning its decline as a global superpower.

- a. America is not mentioned in the prophetic Scriptures, suggesting that it does not play a prevalent role in the end times. America could be part of the 10-nation coalition assembled by the Antichrist, but will apparently be unable to assert its power unilaterally.
- b. Several factors are converging to threaten America’s superpower status, including staggering debt, mixed support for Israel, moral decay, and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction which threaten our safety and security.

THE NATURAL SIGNS:

Jesus prophesied in the Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21) that there would be a number of natural phenomena that occur in conjunction with the season of His return.

46. Earthquakes are increasing globally.

- a. *“There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.” Matthew 24:8*
- b. Although the United States Geological Survey (USGS) argues that earthquakes aren't really increasing (we just have better monitoring tools), the USGS's own data shows a substantial increase in Richter 6 quakes since 1973. Tom Chalko, one of Australia's top geologists has stated, “Global seismic activity on earth is now five times more energetic than it was 20 years ago (*Earth Times*, 6-18-08).

47. Famines are increasing globally.

- a. *“There will be famines and earthquakes in various places...” Matthew 24:8*
- b. More people go to bed hungry than ever before (900 million), with the 21st century already being called “the century of famine” (Peter Goodchild, *CrossCurrents*, 1-5-09).

48. The threat of a major pestilence is increasing globally.

- a. *“There will be earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places...” Luke 21:11.*
- b. When AIDS became a threat, then the bird flu, and more recently the swine flu, health officials were widely predicting the possibility of a global human pandemic such as the world has never seen. Health officials assure us that such a scenario is inevitable and unavoidable.

49. Major disasters, often resulting from unusual weather, are increasing globally.

- a. *There will be earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events...” Luke 21:11; “On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. Men will faint with terror...” Luke 21:25-26.*
- b. Holly Deyo of *Millennium Ark* has shown that global disasters, often resulting from unusual weather, have increased tenfold from 1970 to 2007.

50. Reports of unusual activities in the sky are increasing.

- a. *“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars...men will faint with terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.” Luke 21:25-26*
- b. Reports of UFOs (unidentified flying objects) have skyrocketed in the last century, and show no signs of dropping off. Space aliens and cataclysmic scenarios involving asteroids, meteors, and various other fearful events in space are favorite themes in the movies and entertainment world.

THE SOCIETAL SIGNS:

Jesus directly prophesied that the society at the time of his return would bear a strong resemblance to that of two other eras in history – the age of Noah (Genesis 6), and the age of Lot (Genesis 19).

51. The accelerated progress of our age is similar to the age of Noah.

- a. *“Just as it was in the days of Noah so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man.....” Luke 17:26; “Men began to increase in number on the earth.” Genesis 6:1; “The size of the ark is to be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high.” Genesis 6:15.*
- b. Both population and technology are increasing today, just as it did in the age of Noah.

52. The sexual immorality of our age is similar to the age of Noah and Lot.

- a. *“People were marrying and being given in marriage...up to the day Noah entered the ark.” Luke 17:27; “It was the same in the days of Lot...” Luke 17:28. See Genesis 19 for the rampant immorality occurring in the age of Lot.*
- b. Our era is plagued by sexual immorality rivaling that of the age of Noah and Lot.

53. The homosexual immorality of our age is similar to the age of Lot.

- a. *“All the men from every part of Sodom – both young and old – surrounded the house. They called to Lot, ‘Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them.’” Genesis 19:4-5. “God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another.” Romans 1:26-27.*
- b. Homosexuality was removed from its list of disorders by the American Psychiatric Association in 1973. More and more accepted as an “alternative lifestyle” (rather than “sin” as described in Scripture), homosexual marriage has been sanctioned by several European countries, and is close to acceptance in the United States.

54. The aggravated violence of our day is similar to the age of Noah and Lot.

- a. *“The earth was corrupt in God’s sight and full of violence.” Genesis 6:11; “Lot...living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard.” II Peter 2:7-8*
- b. Violence is increasing globally, with crime in America skyrocketing since 1960, evidenced by our incarceration rate. Prison population was 200,000 in 1960; it is about 2.4 million in 2009.

55. The granite indifference of our day is similar to the age of Noah and Lot.

- a. *“Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold.” Matthew 24:11.*
- b. Just as it was during the age of Noah and of Lot, our society today is becoming a society devoid of conscience. As more and more bizarre crimes are committed, many show no sign of remorse whatsoever. In like manner, increasing numbers are hardened and hostile to the message of the gospel.

56. A record rise in mental diseases and disorders is similar to the age of Noah and Lot.

- a. *“The Nephilim (‘fallen ones’) were on the earth in those days.” Genesis 6:4; “God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.” Romans 1:28.*
- b. Unbridled wickedness will eventually lead to insanity, which we see happening both in the age of Noah and Lot, and also today.

THE ECCLESIASTICAL SIGNS:

The apostle Paul prophesied in II Timothy 3-4 that the “last days” would be a time characterized by a tragic departure from the truth of God’s word. II Peter 2 and the book of Jude enlarge on this heresy and apostasy, with frequent comparisons to the age of Noah and Lot.

57. Many churches and professing Christians are departing from the historic doctrines of orthodox Christianity.

- a. *“The time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine.” II Timothy 4:3.*
- b. Protestantism has been rocked by the school of higher criticism originating in Germany in the late 1800s. This viewpoint came to dominate American seminaries in the early 1900s, undermining the authority and integrity of the Scriptures, leading to an erosion in support for many fundamental doctrines.

58. Many churches and professing Christians are endorsing the practice of abortion, in direct opposition to the teaching of Scripture.

- a. *“They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality... woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain.” Jude 4,11*
- b. The way of Cain was murder. Today many churches and Christians are endorsing the practice of abortion, which is murder, the premeditated taking of innocent life.

59. Many churches and professing Christians are endorsing the practice of homosexuality, in direct opposition to the teaching of Scripture.

- a. *“For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality...in a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion.” Jude 4,7*
- b. The way of Sodom and Gomorrah was sexual sin, especially homosexual sin. Today many churches and Christians are endorsing the practice of homosexuality, even ordaining clergy who are practicing homosexuals.

60. Many churches and professing Christians are proclaiming inclusivism and denying that Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven.

- a. *“For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men who...deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.” Jude 4*
- b. Inclusivism is a major tenet of our postmodern era. There is a denial of absolute truth. Anyone claiming to have found truth is perceived as arrogant and condescending. This is in direct opposition to the claims of Jesus when he said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6

61. Many churches and professing Christians are proclaiming a false gospel based on deliverance from low self-esteem, not sin.

- a. *“They gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.” II Timothy 4:3; Implicitly denied is I Timothy 1:15-16, “Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst.”*
- b. Norman Vincent Peale inspired a host of false teachers who proclaim that low self-esteem is man’s principle problem, not sin. Even if some of these teachers are not clearly apostate, the gospel message is confused and de-emphasized.

62. Many churches and professing Christians deny the doctrine of the Lord’s return as taught in the Scriptures.

- a. *“They will say, ‘Where is this ‘coming’ he promised?’ II Peter 3:4*
- b. It has been estimated that 65% of Christendom has adhered to the “amillennial” view of prophecy (no literal, 1000 year reign of Christ as prophesied in Revelation 20). Most Christian churches have believed in “replacement theology” – that the church has replaced Israel in God’s plan. This has resulted in a majority within the professing church who do not believe that the prophetic Scriptures should be interpreted literally.

63. Many churches and professing Christians deny the doctrine of the Lord’s judgment and the concept of an eternal hell.

- a. *“Enoch... prophesied about these men, ‘See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly...” Jude 14*
- b. Any teaching on God’s judgment, God’s wrath, or the doctrine of hell is not acceptable in many churches and among many Christians today.

64. Many evangelical, Bible-believing churches have experienced division caused by false teachers and ungodly leaders.

- a. *“In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires. These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.” Jude 18-19*
- b. Even among many evangelical, Bible-believing churches, division has resulted from false teachers and ungodly leaders who are operating not in the power of the Spirit, but the power of the flesh.

THE COSMOLOGICAL SIGNS:

II Peter 3 delineates a surprisingly accurate prophecy of the rise of the theory of evolution, with an accompanying revulsion toward the biblical teaching on the origins of the universe, as well as Noah’s flood.

65. Many churches and professing Christians are endorsing the teaching of evolution, in direct opposition to the Scripture.

- a. *“In the last days scoffers will come...they will say, ‘Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.’ But they deliberately forget that long ago by God’s word, the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.” II Peter 3:3-6*

- b. Espoused by Charles Darwin in the late 1800s, the theory of evolution ascended to prominence in American education in the early 1900s, with many churches and believers also endorsing its principles. Evolution maintains that life developed by chance processes, in direct contradiction to the teaching of Scripture.

66. Many churches and professing Christians are endorsing long ages for the beginning of the universe, the earth, plant and animal life, and man.

- a. *“Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.” II Peter 3:6*
- b. The theory of evolution is based on the theory of uniformitarianism, the idea that existing physical processes are sufficient to account for all past changes (exactly what was prophesied in II Peter 3:6). This theory is the foundation of most modern dating methods, whereby ages of millions and billions of years are given for the earth and the development of life. This theory, developed in the 1800s, came to ascendancy in the 1900s and now dominates the sciences of biology and geology.

67. Many churches and professing Christians deny the creation of the universe, the earth, and life as taught in Genesis 1.

- a. *“They deliberately forget that long ago by God’s word the heavens existed and the earth was formed.” II Peter 3:5*
- b. The Scriptures teach that the plants and animals were created “according to their kinds” (phrase used ten times in Genesis 1). Adam and Eve were the first humans, with the genealogies of Genesis 5 and 11 implying that they were created about 4000-8000 BC. Many churches and Christians deny these straightforward teachings of Scripture.

68. Many churches and professing Christians deny the flood of Noah as historical fact.

- a. *“They deliberately forget that...by these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.” II Peter 3:5,6*
- b. An actual, historical, universal flood is often denied. This flood means the Scriptures endorse catastrophism, not uniformitarianism. Such a flood would explain the fossil record, a universal tropical climate, dinosaurs, etc., while invalidating most modern dating methods. Such flood geology was a staple of good education until the mid-1800s.

THE DIABOLICAL SIGNS:

Revelation 12:12 warns us that in the end times, the devil “is filled with fury, because he knows his time is short.” This fury of the Evil One is manifested in a variety of tragic ways, all of which were prophesied by Jesus and the apostles.

69. Cults, one sign of an increasingly demonized culture, have exploded in the last century, especially in America.

- a. *“For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Christ’, and will deceive many.” Matthew 24:5; “Many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.” Matthew 24:11; “For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive the elect – if that were possible.” Matthew 24:24*

- b. In the early 1800's, the Mormons, presently the largest cult with eleven million members worldwide, were founded by Joseph Smith. In the late 1800s the Jehovah's Witnesses and Christian Science was founded. But in the last century, cults have exploded to the point where some cult-watch organizations list 500 cultic groups operating in America alone.

70. Occultic activity, another sign of an increasingly demonized culture, has also exploded in the last century.

- a. *"Bold and arrogant, these men are not afraid to slander celestial beings." II Peter 2:10; "The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft..." Galatians 5:19.*
- b. Occultic music, computer games, Internet sites, books, videos, and movies are at an all-time high. Some occult experts saw a dramatic rise in activity during the 1960s and 1970s which has continued to our present day.

71. Pornography, another sign of an increasingly demonized culture, has also exploded, especially with respect to the Internet.

- a. *"Their idea of pleasure is to carouse in broad daylight...with eyes full of adultery, they never stop sinning; they seduce the unstable." II Peter 2:13-14.*
- b. Focus on the Family reports that the production of pornographic films increased tenfold from 1000 a year in 1990 to 10,000 a year in 2000. Today, 90% of children between 8 and 16 have viewed Internet pornography.

72. A lack of biblical knowledge and awareness is another sign of an increasingly demonized culture.

- a. *"They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths." II Timothy 4:4.*
- b. Many, if not most Americans used the Scriptures for much of their educational training both in public schools and in the church until the mid-1900s. Since the Supreme Court decision in 1962 outlawing prayer in the public schools, there has been a strong trend toward secularization throughout our society, with biblical knowledge and awareness at increasingly lower levels.

73. Church attendance has plummeted throughout Europe and especially in America, another sign of an increasingly demonized culture.

- a. *"The love of most will grow cold, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved." Matthew 24:12-13.*
- b. Church attendance in the United States has fallen to about 17% on any given Sunday (according to researcher David T. Olson), with a significant drop since 1990. Many European nations, especially Great Britain, are seeing similar trends.

74. Hostility toward a biblical viewpoint has exploded.

- a. *"You will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other." Matthew 24:9-10.*
- b. Christian businessmen, actors, entertainers, politicians, journalists, etc. are increasingly reporting hostility toward their viewpoint and person.

75. Persecution and martyrdom of Christians has exploded over the last century.

- a. *“Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death.” Matthew 24:9.*
- b. Groups working with the persecuted church are reporting more martyrdoms in the last century than in all previous centuries combined since the time of Christ.

PHILOSOPHICAL SIGNS:

According to II Timothy 3, the “last days” will be marked by a variety of philosophies enwrapped in a worldview diametrically opposed to a biblical worldview.

76. Narcissism, a love of self, is prevalent.

- a. *“But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves...” II Timothy 3:1-2.*
- b. The focus on rights versus responsibilities reveals this stronghold.

77. Materialism, love of money, is prevalent.

- a. *“People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money...” II Timothy 3:2.*
- b. The recent financial crisis has revealed this stronghold in our society.

78. Hedonism, love of pleasure, is prevalent.

- a. *“People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money...lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.” II Timothy 3:1-4.*
- b. Materialism always leads to hedonism.

79. Nihilism, a culture of despair, is prevalent.

- a. *“For there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now – and never to be equaled again.” Matthew 24:21.*
- b. Despair arises out of a sense of hopelessness, which has permeated our society, evidenced by the rise in depression, anxiety, and use of prescription drugs for various emotional disorders, many resulting from stress.

80. Rebellion, a disrespect for authority, is prevalent.

- a. *“People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful...” II Timothy 3:1-2*
- b. Virtually everyone in a position of authority, whether law enforcement, teachers, employers, or parents are experiencing increasing disrespect.

81. Coarse language is prevalent.

- a. *“People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous...” II Timothy 3:2-3.*
- b. The use of coarse language has exploded on the public airwaves as compared to even ten or twenty years ago.

82. Coarse conduct is prevalent.

- a. *“People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited...” II Timothy 3:2-4*
- b. Basic courtesies and manners that many were raised with fifty years ago are now gone. Coarse conduct has followed the increase in coarse language.

83. Dead religiosity is prevalent.

- a. *“Having a form of godliness but denying its power.” II Timothy 2:5.*
- b. While belief in spiritual things, as well as the existence of God, remains quite high, these false ideologies have no power to transform lives, leading to a prevalence of ungodly conduct.

84. Spiritual leaders falling into immorality is prevalent.

- a. *“They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires.” II Timothy 2:6*
- b. Cult leaders are notorious for their immoral lifestyles, but sadly priests and pastors and spiritual leaders at all levels are falling into immorality in increasing numbers.

THE REVIVAL SIGNS:

Paradoxically, at the same time that apostasy within the church is rampant, a heaven-sent movement of the Holy Spirit is also prophesied for the end times in Joel 2. The early or spring rains happened at Pentecost in Acts 2, with the latter or autumn rains occurring in a mighty revival before the Lord returns.

85. A great outpouring of the Holy Spirit has occurred over the last century.

- a. *“Be glad, O people of Zion...for he has given you the autumn rains in righteousness.” Joel 2:23; “And it will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind...Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.” Joel 2:28,29.*
- b. In 1906, the Spirit fell with great power on a home meeting in Los Angeles (the Azusa St. revival). This latter rain became a downpour with the anointing of Billy Graham’s ministry (1949), followed by the charismatic movement of the 50s & 60s, & the Third Wave in the 70s & 80s.

86. Thousands have come to Christ through visions and dreams, especially in the Muslim world.

- a. *“Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.” Joel 2:28*
- b. See Joel Rosenberg, *Inside the Revolution* (pg. 363-449), for an abundance of testimonies from Muslims who became followers of Christ when he appeared to them in visions and dreams.

87. Healings, miracles, and various other manifestations of signs and wonders in the name of Christ are being widely reported around the world.

- a. *“I will pour out my Spirit... I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth.” Joel 2:30*
- b. Not since the first century has there been such widespread reports of healings, miracles and wonders being done in the name of Christ. Though Satan counterfeits many of these signs, many others have proven to be verifiably true.

THE EVANGELICAL SIGNS:

Jesus prophesied in Matthew 24 that there would be a mighty proclamation of the gospel before he returned. The prophet Joel also predicted that the end-times fall of the Spirit would be accompanied by a harvest of souls. Revelation 5 clearly portrays that every ethnic group will be represented in heaven.

88. The gospel message has gone forward to every corner of the earth.

- a. *“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” Matthew 24:14.*
- b. Dr. David Reagan reports that 70% of all evangelism in the history of Christianity has been done since 1900, and 70% of that has been accomplished since the end of World War 2, and 70% of that has been done since 1985!

89. The gospel has been preached in nearly every language, with a response from nearly every people group.

- a. *“You were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.” Revelation 5:9-10.*
- b. The *Jesus* film alone (one of many evangelism tools) has been shown in 228 countries, in 839 languages, with a total audience of more than five billion (counting multiple viewings).

90. The most unreached countries a century ago are now among the most evangelized.

- a. *“And everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.” Joel 2:32*
- b. Africa has gone from 3% Christian in 1900 to 45% Christian today. In China, 25,000 are coming to Christ daily. In Latin America, Christianity has grown from 18.5 million evangelical Christians in the 1980s to 60 million today. More Muslims have come to Christ in the last 20 years than in the previous 1000 years! (David Reagan, *God’s Plan for the Ages*, p. 299).

91. More people are accepting Christ today than ever before in history.

- a. *“And everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.” Joel 2:32.*
- b. Worldwide, over one million people per week are accepting Christ as Lord and Savior. Evangelical Christianity is multiplying at 3 ½ times the growth of the world’s population. (Reagan, p. 299). One website alone, globalmediaoutreach.com, is reporting over a million people coming to Christ every month via Internet evangelism.

THE WORSHIPFUL SIGNS:

The prophet Amos predicts a wondrous restoration of the tabernacle of David in the last days which correlates with a renewal of worship and praise within the Christian church over the last few decades.

92. There has been a revival of Davidic worship throughout the Christian church.

- a. *“In that day I will raise up the fallen tabernacle of David, and wall up its breaches; I will also raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old.” Amos 9:11*
- b. The tabernacle of David was a tabernacle where music, praise, and worship filled the room. Special priests were even appointed to minister music before the ark continually (I Chronicles 16:3,37). Today we see this revival of Davidic music throughout the Christian church.

93. This revival of worship has included clapping, shouting, singing, dancing, hand waving, and the display of banners. Every form of musical instrument from the gentle lyre to the loud cymbals are being used.

- a. *“Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. How awesome is the Lord Most High the great King over all the earth!...Sing praises to God, sing praises.” Psalm 47:1,2,6*
- b. This revival of Davidic worship we are seeing has included more demonstrative worship, including dancing (Psalm 149:3), hand waving (Psalm 134:2), display of banners (Psalm 20:5), and use of a wide variety of instruments (Psalm 150).

THE EXPONENTIAL SIGNS:

Dr. Richard Swenson argues in his book “Hurtling Toward Oblivion” that all of history seems to be heading toward a climax. Indeed, this is the imagery that Christ evoked when he likened the end times to “birth pains”. This magical age, both wondrous and terrifying, bears a striking resemblance to the very era we find ourselves in.

94. Most of the signs pointing to Christ’s soon return are accelerating rapidly.

- a. *“All of these are the beginning of birth pains.” Matthew 24:8*
- b. As birth pains grow in intensity and frequency as the arrival of the child grows nearer, so do the signs pointing to the return of Jesus grow in intensity. We are witnessing a rapid acceleration of most of the signs.

95. Rapid population growth points to Christ’s soon return.

- a. *“The number of the mounted troops was 200 million.” Revelation 9:16*
- b. It took from the time of Christ to about 1650 AD for population to double. It took until 1850 to double again. It only took until 1950 to double again. Since 1950 (2.5 billion), the population has nearly tripled again (currently 6.9 billion) in less than sixty years.

96. Rapid increases in power point to Christ's soon return.

- a. *"Men will faint with terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world." Luke 21:26*
- b. From the primitive nature of warfare in WW 1 (which turned into a war of attrition since neither side had the power to break out of the trenches), ninety years later we have air power, armored power, nuclear weapons, and sophisticated bacteriological and chemical weapons. ICBM's can deliver a nuclear payload halfway around the world. One nuclear sub today has more firepower than all the bombs dropped during all of WW 2.

97. Rapid political changes point to Christ's soon return.

- a. *"Look at the nations and watch – and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told." Habakkuk 1:5*
- b. In just one seven year period – from 1987 to 1994, the Berlin wall was torn down, Eastern Europe was liberated, the Soviet Union collapsed, Germany was reunified, Islam emerged as a threat to world peace, a half million American troops were sent to Saudi Arabia to liberate Kuwait, and Israel agreed to turn over land to the Palestinians in exchange for peace. Political events are changing faster than ever.

98. Rapid communication advances has enabled one man to rise to power quickly.

- a. *"And I saw a beast coming out of the sea...the beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months." Revelation 13:1,5.*
- b. The rapid rise of Barack Obama to the presidency - from obscurity only four years earlier - demonstrates the power of the media to raise the profile of a single individual.

99. Rapid change on all fronts has created a situation where massive destruction can and will happen at the rapture.

- a. *"The Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'Peace and safety', destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape." I Thessalonians 5:2-3*
- b. Modern technology has created the likelihood of massive disasters occurring in congruence with the Rapture of the church. Planes, cars, and trains will crash as drivers disappear. Emergency response teams and hospitals will be depleted from missing Christians.

100. Rapid access to Bible knowledge and modern technology, together with growing awareness that the Rapture is near, is helping Christians prepare for our Lord's return.

- a. *"But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all sons of the light and sons of the day." I Thessalonians 5:4-5*
- b. Based on the phenomenal sales of just one book series (*Left Behind – 60 million copies sold*), millions of Christians around the world are seeing the signs intensifying and preparing to meet their Savior in the clouds.



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