

OUR PRESENT AGE



MATTHEW 24:34

" Verily I say unto you,
This generation shall not pass,
till all these things be fulfilled."

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When Jesus spoke these words, He had just taught about the events

that would characterize the last days and lead to the age of the Antichrist and His return. It would be these events that would increase greatly and take place in the world at the same time during earth's last generation. It is our generation that is watching the fulfillment of these events. We are the "this generation" Jesus refers to.

The big question today is, "How can we know that we are indeed the last generation this world will ever know?" "How can we know we are living in the last of the last days?"

7 EVENTS LETTING US KNOW WE ARE IN THE LAST OF THE LAST DAYS

1. *Exponential Increase In Travel*

Daniel 12:4 - But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: **many shall run to and fro**, and knowledge shall be increased.

Prior to the 20th Century boats, wagons, and horseback were the common mode of transportation. Most people rarely traveled more than 30 miles from where they were born. Today, people routinely travel from one continent to another within the same day.

2. *Exponential Increase In Knowledge*

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Knowledge doubled from 100 B.C. to 1700 (1800 years)
It doubled from 1700-1900 (200 years)
It doubled from 1900-1950 (50 years)
It doubled from 1950-1970 (20 years)
It doubled from 1970-1980 (10 years)
It doubled from 1980-1988 (8 years)
It now doubles every 12 months
Soon it will double every 12 hours & more

3. *Israel Returns to Homeland*

Ezekiel 20:34 – And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.

Ezekiel 36:24 - For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

Ezekiel 38:8 – After many days you shall be visited: in the latter years thou shall come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely.

This began to take place in 1948 when on May 14, 1948 Israel regained her statehood. In 1948 there were 716,700 Jews living in Israel. Today there are over 6,484,000 Jews in Israel.

4. *Jerusalem is Israel's Capital Again*

Zechariah 12:2, 3 – Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

Zechariah 14:1-3 - Behold, the day of the Lord comes, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. ² For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. ³ Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

In order for these prophecies to be fulfilled, Jerusalem must be Israel's capital. This took place on June 7, 1967 when Jerusalem was regained by the Jews in the six day war.

5. *Temple Rebuilt - Plans For*

Matthew 24:15 - When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso reads, let him understand:)

The Antichrist cannot be in a temple that is not yet built. The plans for the temple and everything needed to begin sacrifice and worship is now in place.

6. *New World Order – Plans For*

Daniel 2:42-44 - And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. ⁴³ And whereas you saw iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. ⁴⁴ And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

Earth's final years will see this ten-toed empire rise up. The plan for realigning all nations into ten global economic/political regions is now in place. It is commonly called the New World Order. Pay attention to how world leaders use variations of this term.

7. *Cashless Economy - Plans For*

Revelation 13:14-18 - And deceives them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. ¹⁵ And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. ¹⁶ And he causes all, both mall and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: ¹⁷ And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. ¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

The world is swiftly moving toward a cashless society; cash and gold will continue to be downgraded, even penalized, while cashless transactions will be rewarded more and more. Keep on the watch for even more activity in this area as we close out 2017 and move into 2018.

**5 EVENTS LETTING US KNOW
WE HAVE ENTERED THE BEGINNING OF SORROWS
THAT LEAD TO THE GREAT TRIBULATION**

1. Nation Against Nation

Matthew 24:7 - For **nation shall rise against nation**, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

We have more people groups and nations fighting against each other than at any other time prior to the 20th Century. We also have more nations today than ever before. In the 1900's there were only 35-50 nations. Today there are approximately 206 nations.

2. Kingdom Against Kingdom

Matthew 24:7 - For nation shall rise against nation, and **kingdom against kingdom**: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

Kingdom refers to empires. WWI and WWII saw the first global wars with empires coming against empires where most nations of the world aligned with one side or the other. Never has this happened before on a true global scale until 1914.

3. Famines

Matthew 24:7 - For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be **famines**, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

Today more than 795 million people experience famine; that is almost one billion people. In 1750 there were only 700 million people in the entire world. Certainly an exponential increase in the number of people experiencing famine, totaling the world's population more than two hundred years ago.

4. Disease

Matthew 24:7 - For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and **pestilences**, and earthquakes, in divers places.

Consider this statistic: Just one in 20 people worldwide (4-3%) had no health problems in 2013, with a third of the world's population (2.3 billion individuals) experiencing more than five ailments, according to a major new analysis from the Global Burden of Disease Study (GBD) 2013, published in *The Lancet*.

5. Earthquakes

Matthew 24:7 - For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and **earthquakes**, in divers places.

The number of estimated earthquakes that take place each year are indicated in the chart below, clearly showing there are almost one million earthquakes that take place every year throughout the world.

Magnitude		Magnitude	
2.5 or less	900,000	6.1 to 6.9	100
2.5 to 5.4	30,000	7.0 to 7.9	20
5.5 to 6.0	500	8.0 or greater	One every 5 to 10 years

5 EVENTS LETTING US KNOW WE ARE IN THE AGE OF THE ANTICHRIST

1. New World Order Established

Today's world is moving toward this realignment of all nations into ten economic/political regions. An outbreak of war may be the catalyst to make it happen. The United Nations already has the world divided into ten regions.

2. Cashless Economy Established

The global infrastructure is now being built and put in place. When it is complete, the Antichrist will soon come into power and mandate this cashless system upon everyone in the world.

3. Antichrist in Power

Will come into power after all nations are realigned into ten economic/political regions.

4. Temple Rebuilt

The Antichrist will confirm a seven year treaty with Israel, permitting the rebuilding of the temple.

5. Great Tribulation

After the Antichrist breaks the seven year treaty, the global purging/holocaust of Jews, Christians, and all God's people will begin.

3 CAUTIONS FOR ALL CLAIMING TO BE CHRISTIAN

- 1. We all are in danger of thinking we are Christian when the reality might be that we only look like a Christian (2 Tim 3:5)**
 - 2. We all are in danger of Loving the world more than God (1 Joh 2:15-17)**
 - 3. We all are in danger of Loving pleasure more than the things of God (2 Tim 3:4)**
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3 MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES DURING OUR PRESENT AGE

- 1. Instruct as many as we can on the good news of Jesus**
and the things of Prophecy (Dan 11:33; Rev 10:9-11)
 - 2. Bring in the harvest**
(John 4:35; Matthew 9:37,38; Mark 15:15,16)
 - 3. Endure**
(Mat. 24:13)
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