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Year 2020, Understanding the Times

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THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

An analysis of current events and Bible prophecy

Matthew 16:1-4

1 Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven.

2 He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red';

3 and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.

4 A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah." And He left them and departed.

1 Chronicles 12:32

of the sons of Issachar **who had understanding of the times,** to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command;

MATHEMATICAL PROBABILITY OF BIBLE PROPHECY

Dr. Hugh Ross an astronomer, with a degree in physics from the University of British Columbia and a PhD in astronomy, from the University of Toronto. For several years he continued his research on quasars and galaxies as a postdoctoral fellow at the California Institute of Technology. In 2012, Hugh, together with Dr. Gerald Schroeder, received the Ide P. Trotter Prize presented by Texas A&M University in recognition of his work in demonstrating connections between science and religion. He has authored many books.

According to Dr. Hugh Ross, there are approximately **2,500 prophecies in the Bible, about 2,000 of which already have been fulfilled to the letter—no errors.**



He has calculated the probability of some these prophecies being fulfilled by chance. All probability estimations for prophecies mentioned below are as determined by Dr. Ross. [Source: reasons.org]

Daniel's Prophecy

Some time before **500 BC**, the prophet Daniel proclaimed that Israel's long-awaited Messiah would begin his public ministry 483 years after the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem (Daniel 9:25-26). He further predicted that the Messiah would be "cut off," killed, and that this event would take place prior to a second destruction of Jerusalem. Abundant documentation shows that these prophecies were perfectly fulfilled in the life (and crucifixion) of Jesus Christ. The decree regarding the restoration of Jerusalem was issued by Persia's King Artaxerxes to the Hebrew priest Ezra **in 458 BC**, 483 years later the ministry of Jesus Christ began in Galilee. (Remember that due to calendar changes, the date for the start of Christ's ministry is set by most historians at about AD 26. Also note that from 1 BC to AD 1 is just one year.) Jesus' crucifixion occurred only a few years later, and about four decades later, **in AD 70** came the destruction of Jerusalem by the Roman emperor Titus.

Probability of chance fulfillment = 1 in 10¹⁵.

Isaiah's Prophecy about Cyrus, king of Persia commanding Israel's return

About 150 years before Cyrus king of Persia was born, Isaiah made this prophecy, and about 180 years before Cyrus performed any of these feats (and he did, eventually, perform them all), and 80 years before the Jews were taken into exile.

Probability that this prophecy would have been fulfilled by chance = 1 in 10¹⁵.

Isaiah 44:28

Who says of Cyrus, 'He is My shepherd, And he shall perform all My pleasure, Saying to Jerusalem, "You shall be built," And to the temple, "Your foundation shall be laid." '

Isaiah 45:1

"Thus says the LORD to His anointed, To Cyrus, whose right hand I have held— To subdue nations before him And loose the armor of kings, To open before him the double doors, So that the gates will not be shut:

Dispersion And Re-Gathering Of Israel (Foretold 3,500 Years In Advance)

Moses foretold (with some additions by Jeremiah and Jesus) that the ancient Jewish nation would be conquered twice and that the people would be carried off as slaves each time. Both of these predictions were fulfilled to the letter, the first in 607 BC (by the Babylonians) and the second in AD 70 (by the Romans). The prophecies stated that the Jews would remain scattered throughout the entire world for many generations, without being assimilated, and that the Jews would one day return to the land of Palestine to re-establish for a second time their nation (Deuteronomy 29; Isaiah 11:11-13; Jeremiah 25:11; Hosea 3:4-5 and Luke 21:23-24). This prophetic statement **spans 3,500 years of history** and each of it has been literally fulfilled, with Israel being established in 1948.



Probability that this prophecy would have been fulfilled by chance = 1 in 10^{20} .

The Prophecies Concerning Jesus Christ, The Messiah

Fulfilled in detail.

Bible prophecy is accurate and reliable.

The Bible contains 10,385 verses about the return of the Lord.

Not addressing everything in Bible prophecy on the End Times.

Not addressing things in chronological order. Will summarize at the end.

TWO PANDEMICS 1918 & 2020 - WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE

Luke 21:11

And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

pestilences, literally plagues, deadly diseases, caused by pests.

When we look at the recorded history of pandemics:

1918 Spanish Flu

Second deadliest. The avian-borne flu that resulted in **50 million deaths worldwide**, the 1918 flu was first observed in Europe, the United States and parts of Asia before swiftly spreading around the world. Did not actually originate in Spain.

[Source: history.com]

The Spanish Flu came on the heels of World War 1, and claimed more lives than was lost in the world war.

World War 1 : 28 July 1914 – 11 November 1918

World War I began in 1914 after the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria (shot to death by a Bosnian Serb nationalist in Sarajevo) and lasted until 1918. During the conflict, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire (the Central Powers) fought against Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, Romania, Japan and the United States (the Allied Powers).

2020 COVID-19 Pandemic

At this time there have been over 15 million confirmed cases of COVID-19, over 600,000 deaths, reported to WHO [Source: covid19.who.int].

In times such as these, we tend to think a lot about 'the end times'. People have mixed reactions - sometimes even of anger towards God, etc.



What's the difference in these two major pandemics of 1918 and 2020?

The world did see another World War:

World War 2 : 1 September 1939 – 2 September 1945

The Second World War was started by Germany in an unprovoked attack on Poland. Britain and France declared war on Germany after Hitler had refused to abort his invasion of Poland. The principal belligerents were the Axis powers—Germany, Italy, and Japan—and the Allies—France, Great Britain, the United States, the Soviet Union, and, to a lesser extent, China.

But we would like to bring our attention to important events that relate to Bible Prophecy. Events that have transpired in the last 100 years, that have brought us closer than ever before to the return of the Lord Jesus Christ for His Church, and the beginning of the 7 years of tribulation.

#1) FORMATION OF THE NATION OF ISRAEL

God promised Abraham that He would make him a great nation (Genesis 12:2,3) and give him the land of Canaan as an everlasting possession (Genesis 15:18-21; Genesis 17:8).

God's Word promised that they would be re-gathered as a nation.

Jeremiah 31:10

"Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, And declare it in the isles afar off, and say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, And keep him as a shepherd does his flock.'

Ezekiel 37 – the valley of dry bones, describes the re-gathering of Israel

Ezekiel 37

12 Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

21 "Then say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land;

22 and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel;

On 14 May 1948 Israel finally became a nation. The formation of Israel as a nation is an important prophetic milestone, as we move toward the end times.

#2) JERUSALEM TAKEN BY ISRAEL AND BECOMING THE EPICENTER OF CONFLICT

From 586 B.C. when Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem till 1948, it was 2534 years before Israel could have their land back for themselves. The in June 5-8, 1967 during the



Six Day War, the Jews were able to recapture Jerusalem. It took 2553 years for the Jews to take back Jerusalem.

From the time of king David through to the present day, the land of Israel, and specifically the city of Jerusalem has been the center of the most volatile political, religious and military problems in the entire world.

As we approach the final stages Israel and Jerusalem will become the epicenter of conflict in the Middle East.

All nations will turn against Israel in the last days and the entire world will be focused on Jerusalem. It is possible that the issue of Palestine and the conflict surrounding the Temple Mount, will only increase the world's pressure being placed on Israel.

Zechariah 12:1-3

1 The burden of the word of the LORD against Israel. Thus says the LORD, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him:

2 "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem.

3 And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.

Two main issues:

(A) A two state solution recognizing an independent Palestinian state

The West Bank, which the Jewish state has occupied since the 1967 Middle East war, is home to as many as **3 million Palestinians and roughly 600,000 Israeli Jews living** in scores of settlements. In the past 50 years Israel has accelerated their project to settle Jews in the occupied Palestinian territories. Palestinians say these are illegal under international law and are obstacles to peace, but Israel denies this. The United Nations and most European countries consider the settlements illegal, but Israel and the Trump administration dispute this.

President Trump's Middle East plan released end January 2020, envisions Israel annexing territory amounting to almost a third of the West Bank as well as the adjacent Jordan Valley. As of July 01, 2020, Israel was to proceed with its plan to formally absorb Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank into Israel proper. But no progress has been made on this.

In recent weeks, **several Arab leaders (Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Bharain, UAE) have spoken out indicating any unilateral Israeli moves to annex territory in the West Bank would fuel instability and dim hopes of a final settlement of the decades-old Arab-Israeli conflict.** **23 European Union (EU) countries** voiced that they too stand with Palestine against the Israeli plan to annex large swathes of occupied West Bank.

[\(show pic of Settlements\)](#)



Peace talks have been taking place on and off for more than 25 years, but so far have not solved the conflict. There are a number of issues which Israel and the Palestinians cannot agree on. These include what should happen to Palestinian refugees, whether Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank should stay or be removed, whether the two sides should share Jerusalem, and - perhaps most tricky of all - whether a Palestinian state should be created alongside Israel.

(B) Control of the city of Jerusalem, specifically the Temple Mount

Israel claims the whole of Jerusalem as its capital, while the Palestinians claim East Jerusalem as the capital of a future Palestinian state. The Temple Mount ("Mount of the House of God"), known to Muslims as the Haram al-Sharif ("the Noble Sanctuary"), situated on a hill (Mt. Moriah) located in the Old City of Jerusalem, is one of the most important religious sites in the world. The Dome of the Rock one of the oldest extant Islamic structures in the world currently sits in the middle of the Temple Mount, occupying or close to the area where the Holy Temple previously stood. The Al-Aqsa Mosque rests on the far southern side of the Temple Mount, facing Mecca.

(show picture of the Temple mount)

Why the ancient city of Jerusalem is so important
<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/embed/p0674ngy/51263815>

Will be fulfilled in one generation

Matthew 24:32-34

32 "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.

33 So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors!

34 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.

The fig (or fig tree) is often used figuratively of Israel in Scripture:
Joel 1:6-7; Hosea 9:10; Jeremiah 24:1-10.

#3) FORMATION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

The European Union is a unique economic and political union between 27 EU countries that together cover much of the continent. The European Economic Community (EEC) was created in 1958, with the goal of increasing economic cooperation between six countries: Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. In 1993 the European Economic Community (EEC) changed its name to the European Union (EU), with several additional European member countries.

The EU has demonstrated the use of a single European currency: the euro. More than 340 million EU citizens in 19 countries now use it as their currency. The European Union is the



largest trade block in the world. Through Free trade among its members, the EU has demonstrated the benefits of a single market, a single economic system.

[Source: <https://europa.eu/>]

Daniel's Prophecies in Daniel chapters 2, 7, 8, 9

The Babylonian Empire 612 B.C. to 539 B.C. (73 years)

The Medo-Persian empire 559 B.C. to 331 B.C.

The Grecian Empire 331 B.C. to 323 B.C.

Macedonian (Greek) Empire of Alexander the Great - 336 B.C.

and Division of kingdom into four pieces - 323 B.C.

Roman Empire 27 B.C. to 395 A.D. and then split

In 395 A.D. the united kingdom split into two separate pieces: The Eastern (Byzantine) Empire, which lasted until 1453 A.D. and the Western Empire, which lasted until 476 A.D.

Daniel 2:31-45

2:36-38, Head of gold : Babylonian empire

2:39, Breast and arms of silver : Medo-Persian empire

2:39, Belly and thighs of brass : Grecian empire

2:40, Feet of iron : Roman empire

2:41-43, Feet of iron and clay, a loosely held conglomeration of nations that were part of the feet of iron. Revised Rome, 10 leaders that will arise from region that was part of the former Roman empire, who are loosely connected

Daniel 2:41-45

41 Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay.

42 And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile.

43 As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

44 And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

45 Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure."

Daniel 7:1-28

7:2, the four winds represent various forces which play upon the sea. The sea, or waters, using Bible typology, represents large multitudes of peoples, or nations and tongues (see Revelation 7:1; Revelation 17:15).



7:3-7 describe the four beasts that rose from the sea - from among the peoples. The four beasts represent four kings and kingdoms (7:17,23).

7:4, lion with eagles wings, made into a man. Historically representing the Babylonian empire. Nebuchadnezzar went through this literal experience in his life (Daniel 4:27-37).

7:5, historically representing the Medo-Persian empire

7:6, historically representing the Grecian empire with Alexander the Great

7:7, historically representing the Roman empire. This fourth kingdom will be more powerful than the previous three (7:19)

7:24, Daniel then focuses on the 10 horns that will arise out of the 4th kingdom. Horns represent power, strength, dominion and in this passage represent the leaders of the kingdoms. Ten horns represent ten kings who emerge from the fourth kingdom, the Roman empire. They come out of the head of the fourth beast (7:20). The ten horns of Daniel 7 are the ten toes of Daniel 2.

7:24, another horn (leader) arises after these 10 horns (leaders) and he will take control of 3 of the horns (leaders) from the first 10 horns.

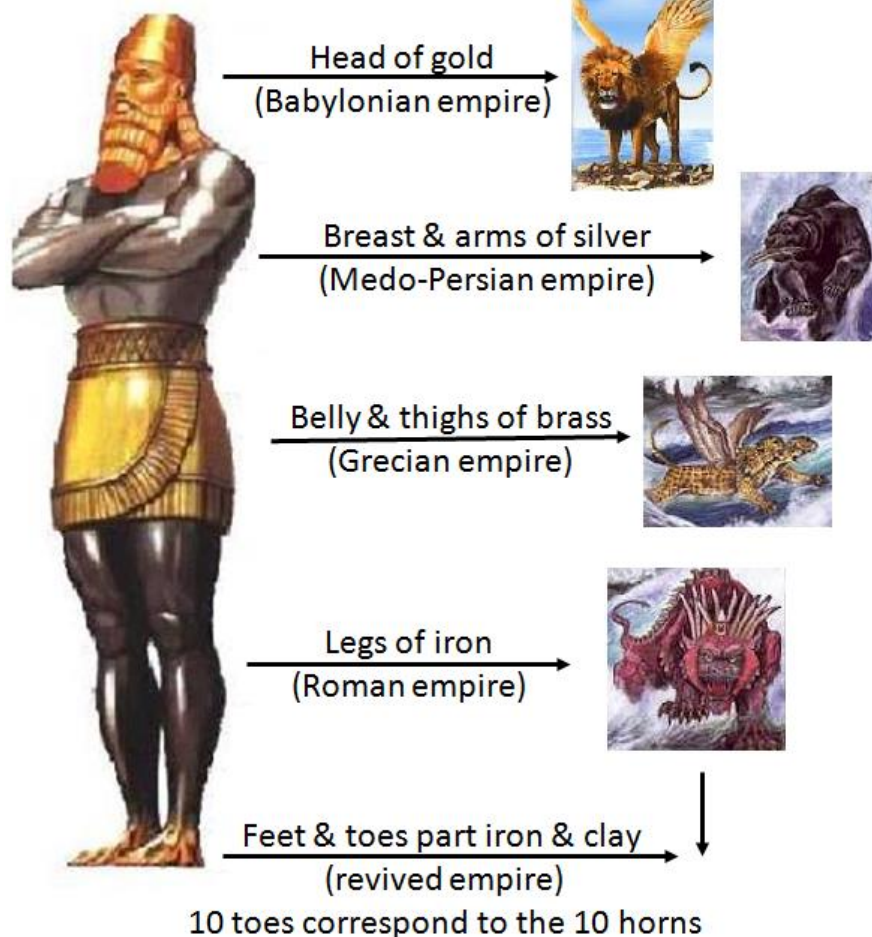
7:25, this leader is the Antichrist and he will speak against the Most High (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12), wear out (afflict) the saints (Jewish people, Israel), and change times and laws that are in his control for 3 1/2 years. This horn had eyes, representing remarkable insight and wisdom, could speak great things being a great orator who could influence people, and who had great charisma than the others (7:20). This horn spoke great words (7:11).

7:21, this horn makes war with the saints, the Jewish people, nation of Israel and seems to prevail, until God Himself intervenes and destroys this horn (referred to as the beast in 7:11) and sends him to the burning flame (7:11) to be destroyed (7:26).

7:13,14,18,22,26,27, Having destroyed this horn (the Antichrist), the Son of Man will set up His Kingdom and the saints of the most High shall administer the Kingdom forever and ever.



Parallels in Daniel 2 and Daniel 7



Daniel 8

Daniel 8:8-12

8 Therefore the male goat grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn was broken, and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven.

9 And out of one of them came a little horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land.

10 And it grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them.

11 He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host; and by him the daily sacrifices were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down.

12 Because of transgression, an army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices; and he cast truth down to the ground. He did all this and prospered.

Daniel 8:21-25

21 And the male goat is the kingdom of Greece. The large horn that is between its eyes is the first king.

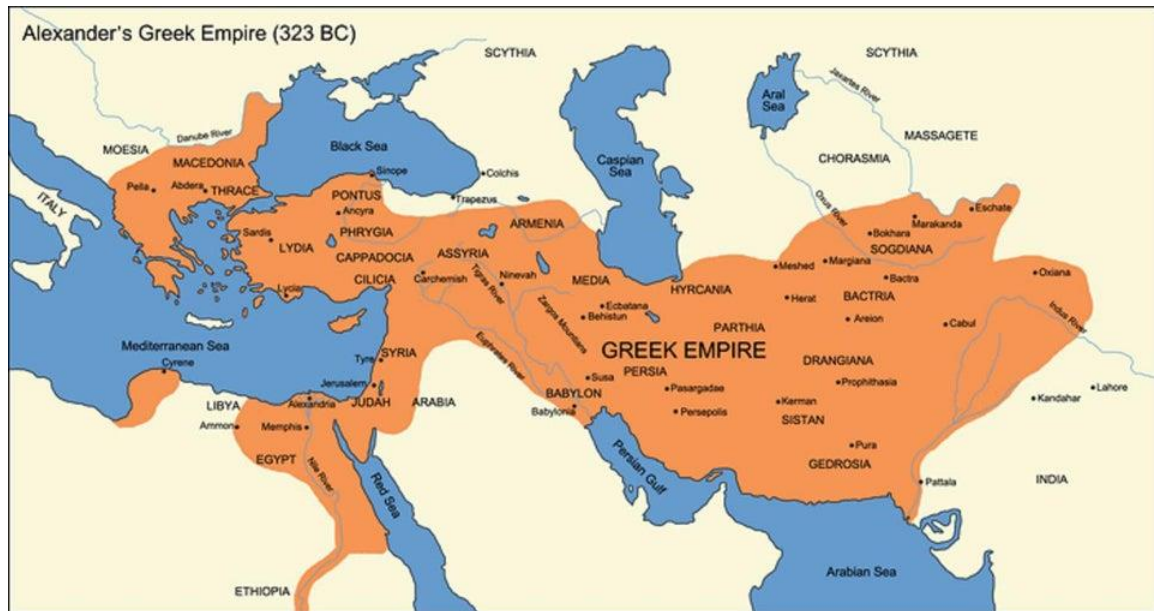


22 As for the broken horn and the four that stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall arise out of that nation, but not with its power.

23 "And in the latter time of their kingdom, When the transgressors have reached their fullness, A king shall arise, Having fierce features, Who understands sinister schemes.

24 His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; He shall destroy fearfully, And shall prosper and thrive; He shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people.

25 "Through his cunning He shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; And he shall exalt himself in his heart. He shall destroy many in their prosperity. He shall even rise against the Prince of princes; But he shall be broken without human means.





#4) THE ROLE OF RUSSIA, CHINA, IRAN, TURKEY, EGYPT, SYRIA

For long it was the United States and Russia who were the Super Powers in a cold war.

But in recent years China has emerged has a strong force to reckon with and is exerting its influence globally. **China's Belt and Road Initiative**, formerly known as One Belt One Road, is a global development strategy adopted by the Chinese government in 2013 involving **infrastructure development and investments** in nearly **70 countries** and international organizations.

Include video footage:

China v America: who is in charge? | The Economist

<https://youtu.be/roCoE94N7yc>

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America recently has pulled out of the WHO, the Paris Agreement for Climate change, the Trans-Pacific partnership, etc. While America has been pulling out of global organisations, withdrawing out of its agreements, becoming more unreliable and undependable to its allies, China is seeking to increase its international influence, building bridges to and in nations, creating a shift in the world order.

China's contribution to the WHO is increasing while America cuts its funding to the WHO. China and Russia exercise their veto powers at the United Nations.

Think of these related developments:

Both leaders in China and Russia strengthening their personal positions

Chinese President Xi Jinping
Russian President Vladimir Putin

Palestinian Authority (PA) President Mahmoud Abbas'
Turkey President Erdogan
Syria President Bashar al-Assad,

China and Russia strengthening/maintaining their ties.

China coming to strengthen its ties with Iran

The New York Times revealed that China and Iran had quietly drafted an economic and security partnership that will see billions of Chinese dollars be invested in Iranian infrastructure projects. The investments are reportedly going to be spread out over 25 years, and will reach a whopping \$400 billion.

Iran President Hassan Rouhani
Chinese President Xi Jinping

Russia strengthening its relationship with Turkey

Russian President Vladimir Putin
Turkey President Erdogan

Turkey exerting its influence

Turkish President Erdogan's decision to declare that the Hagia Sophia Museum in Istanbul is once again a mosque has roused an international ruckus.

Why is all this important:

Joel 3:1-2

1 "For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem,



2 I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.

11 Assemble and come, all you nations, And gather together all around. Cause Your mighty ones to go down there, O LORD.

12 "Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.

Here is what the Bible foretells in the events leading up to the final battle of Armageddon.

Russia invades Israel from the North

The first invasion is headed by Russia, and its allies, aligned with a group of Arab nations, one being Iran (Ezekiel 38:1-2,5,8,16; Daniel 11). This will happen at a time when Israel is at rest because of the earlier peace treaty.

Ezekiel 38

1 Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 "Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him,

3 and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal.

5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them with shield and helmet;

6 Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah from the far north and all its troops—many people are with you.

8 After many days you will be visited. In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely.

9 You will ascend, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud, you and all your troops and many peoples with you."

10 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "On that day it shall come to pass that thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will make an evil plan:

11 You will say, 'I will go up against a land of unwalled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates'—

12 to take plunder and to take booty, to stretch out your hand against the waste places that are again inhabited, and against a people gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land.

14 "Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "On that day when My people Israel dwell safely, will you not know it?

15 Then you will come from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army.

16 You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes."

Gog, is the leader of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal
Originally descendants of Japeth, son of Noah (Genesis 10:1,2)



Magog – descendants found in modern Russia

Tubal – Tobolsk people located southwest of Siberia

Meshech – original name for Moscow.

Rosh – name of the tribe dwelling in the area of the Volga, and is the word for Russia.

Allies of Russia will be Persia (Iran), Ethiopia, Libya, Gomer (parts of Eastern Germany and Slovakia), Togarmah (Turkey) and Egypt (Joel 3:19).

God Himself will intervene and the invaders of Israel will be defeated. Russia will be driven back (Ezekiel 39, Joel 2:20). Russia will strengthen her forces and come back on the offensive.

The kings of the East join in

Revelation 16:12

12 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.

The second invasion is headed up by most likely China and the leftover armies of Russia (Daniel 11:44; Revelation 16:12; and Revelation 9:14-18).

Armageddon unfolds troops led by kings from the East advance against Israel (Revelation 16:12-16, could include the 200 million troops from the East Revelation 9:14-18). This in all likelihood points to China and other nations that will join in. China and Russia lead in the final war, Armageddon (Revelation 16:16).

Finally, many more nations join in the conflict

Revelation 16:12-16

12 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

15 "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

The third and final invasion is when all nations converge upon Jerusalem and Christ returns to end the battle and set up His kingdom in Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:2,4; Luke 1:32-33). The Antichrist is defeated at Armageddon by Jesus Christ (Zechariah 12, 14;



Joel 3; Revelation 16, 19). Armageddon is prophesied as the largest and bloodiest battle in history - with a river of blood flowing for 200 miles about five feet deep (Revelation 14:20)!

#5) EXPLOSION OF INFORMATION AND TRAVEL

Daniel 12:4

"But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."

We are in an information overload.

This is represented by what some social scientists refer to as the Knowledge Doubling Curve, as Feras A. Batarseh of the London School of Economics points out. This theory goes that until year 1900, human knowledge approximately doubled every century. However, by 1950 human knowledge doubled every 25 years. In 2000, human knowledge would double every year. Now, our knowledge is almost doubling every day.

Feras A. Batarseh

London School of Economics & Political Science

<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/businessreview/2017/09/20/thoughts-on-the-future-of-human-knowledge-and-machine-intelligence/>

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Bernard Marr Contributor

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<https://www.forbes.com/sites/bernardmarr/2018/05/21/how-much-data-do-we-create-every-day-the-mind-blowing-stats-everyone-should-read/#714b674860ba>

Over the last two years alone 90 percent of the data in the world was generated. IDC predicted that in 2020 we would create 35 trillion gigabytes of new created data, and IDC predicts that in 2025, 175 zettabytes (175 trillion gigabytes) of new data will be created around the world.

Other signs that could be addressed:

Global systems (finance, religion)

Climate change

Racial justice, lawlessness and self-love

SUMMARY

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WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU AND ME?

As believers - we must live ready for the coming of the Lord.
Jesus is coming back for a glorious church, a church without spot or wrinkle.

ARE YOU READY?

2 Peter 3:1-13

2 Peter 3:3-4

**3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,
4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."**



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