



Are We Now in the End Times of Prophecy?

2 Timothy 3:1: (KJV) *This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.*

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By the accounts of many, the day in which we live is different than any other time in the recorded history of the world. Never before has there been so much by way of knowledge, science and medicine that can heal and restore. Yet, never has there been so much by way of brilliantly formed destructive forces as well. We are blessed with technology and its work-saving power, yet we are cursed by its power to feed the basest of human desire. We are blessed with greater freedom for more of the masses than ever before, yet we are cursed with the abuses, greed and inequity that such freedom unleashes. Are these the "perilous times" of the Bible? Stay with us as we look into Bible prophecy and current events to try and determine where we are on the timeline of God's Plan.

We will explore a series of three time prophecies in the book of Daniel. The point of these prophecies is to tell us a period of time called the "time of the end," during which the transition of the ages would begin to occur. With World War I in 1914, we have the beginning of the predicted great time of trouble, then came World War II and Armageddon is still pending. Through all of this disruption, we see the breaking down of the old powers that restrained the growth of Israel, the re-establishment of Israel, and Israel as the nation where prophecy says the kingdom of Christ is going to be established.

First a look at a New Testament description of the conditions of these perilous times:

2 Timothy 3:1-5: (NASB) ¹But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. ²For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, ⁴treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.

This description seems to obviously fit our day and we will try and break it down piece by piece. The BIG question remains: "How did we get here?"

Let's unravel that question by looking at the pieces and a timeline for those pieces:

How do the United States, French Revolution, and Napoleonic Wars fit into how we got here?

Within prophecy is a network of information that takes us through history of the centuries from Jesus to the present. It is punctuated with various world events that we can locate both observationally and prophetically. There is a roadmap that gives us directions to guide us to this time we are in now.

In the aftermath of the French Revolution and the establishment of the United States with religious freedom, there was renewed interest in the end times



prophecies of Daniel because it could be seen that they had come to fruition. A large Adventist movement began (early 1800's) who expected the return of Christ. This was the predicate for Christians today expecting the consummation of things. It is pretty much understood in the Christian world that we are in the last days. But it is a nebulous concept of *when* and *how* it will happen.

In Daniel 2, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had a dream more than two and a half centuries ago. The dream projected the whole flow of human history from that day forward. In that vision, Nebuchadnezzar found that there were four world governments, starting with his, Babylon. That would be succeeded by Medo-Persia, then by Greece (named by name in the 8th Chapter, even though it didn't exist at that time as an empire of any unified confederation) and then one more - a more powerful kingdom than all, the Roman Empire. That is the backdrop that nearly every prophetic student studying Daniel recognizes.

Daniel 11:40-42: (NASB) ⁴⁰*At the end time the king of the South will collide with him, and the king of the North will storm against him with chariots, with horsemen and with many ships; and he will enter countries, overflow them and pass through.* ⁴¹*He will also enter the Beautiful Land, and many countries will fall; but these will be rescued out of his hand: Edom, Moab and the foremost of the sons of Ammon.* ⁴²*Then he will stretch out his hand against other countries, and the land of Egypt will not escape.*

Notice, it references *at the end time*.

The whole prophecy starts (beginning of the 11th chapter) in the days of Cyrus and Alexander. After Alexander's death, which the prophecy refers to, the king of Greece would be broken and four kings would come up for him. Two of those were particularly relevant to Israel: one in the north, Syria, and one in the south, Egypt. The 11th chapter of Daniel goes into a prolonged and detailed history of the people of Israel and what they would experience between the conflict of these two kings, north and south.

However, as time goes by in this chapter, it jumps through to the time when the great dominating influence over Europe would arise. It turns out to be a religious system that dominated all the other kings of Europe. You find that referred to in Daniel 11:31. It is what Jesus looked back to in Matthew 24, when he said *when you see this happen...* which means Daniel 11:31 was future from Jesus' day. When you see this happen, then you know the desolation Daniel talked about is at hand.

When we go to the prophecies in Revelation, we see that the whole desolating system referring to the system of Christendom that would dominate the European system politically for over 1,200 years.

So when we come to Daniel 11, we are coming to the end of the period to find out how that system is finally going to fall, crumble and lead to the kingdom of Christ.

In Daniel 7:25, 26, there is another prophecy that deals with Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome, but here it says that after the Roman Empire falls, one stout power will come to dominate the ten countries of Europe and it will last for 1,260 years. It is cryptically written.



That time period takes us to the late 1700's with the French Revelation and Napoleon at that time.

The "end times" of prophecy is actually a long period of time!

1800's and 1900's

Daniel 7:25: (NASB) *He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.*

Time, times, and half a time is the foundational time prophecy in Scripture. It appears twice in Daniel and in various forms it appears five times in the book of Revelation. So prophetic students going back hundreds of years have reviewed this prophecy. Sir Isaac Newton felt in his day we had maybe 100 years to go until the prophecy would be finished. (Sir Isaac Newton is reported to have written more on Scripture than on science and mathematics!)

To analyze this, there is one *time*, *times* plural so there are two more, and then a *half a time*, or three and a half times of whatever the "time" is. If we look at all of the references in Revelation of this time period, sometimes it is called *42 months*. So if a "time" is one prophetic year of 12 months, 3 and 1/2 times would be 42 months. So that does seem like the correct connection and that has been followed by prophetic students for centuries.

How many days in a month? Normally 30 days.

42 months x 30 days = 1,260

Revelation twice gives us exactly that figure: 1,260 days.

Because prophecy is fulfilled as "a day for a year," (2 Peter 3:8) this tells us that the prophecy encompasses 1,260 years in its scope.

The prophecy in Daniel 7:25 we are reviewing describes the period of time we call the Dark Ages, when the saints of God had a difficult time. This is a time period when the study of Scripture was very minimal, when oppressive powers were very great, and when Europe was dominated by a system governed from Rome that lasted more than 1,000 years.

So prophetic students mark this and Revelation 17 pinpoints this city of Rome.

Historically when Constantine moved the center of the Empire to Constantinople, Rome was left at the mercy of various political influences. Not until about 200 years after that, in the days of Justinian, the Emperor of Constantinople, did he send a force back to clean up the mess at Rome. In order to leave Rome in the hands of a strong force that was on his side, he left it in the hands of the Pope. The Pope became the dominant political force in that area for literally over 1,000 years. It is that which marks the beginning of this "1260" time period.

The end of the 1260 takes us to the era of the French Revolution and the Napoleonic Wars. And that connects with Daniel 11 that we looked at earlier -



Daniel 11:40-42: (NASB) *⁴⁰At the end time the king of the South will collide with him, (other translations use "push") and the king of the North will storm (other translations use "overwhelm") against him with chariots...*

This refers to the time of the Reformation when the Ottoman Empire pushed from the south into Christian Europe. They were finally stopped at Budapest when a Polish king came down and rescued Europe. The next part says the king of the north would overwhelm him. This refers to the Napoleonic Wars that went throughout Europe broke up the whole political establishment of Europe and really led to the time of the end that we are in today.

The "time of the end" isn't a period of weeks or years. It really goes back to the late 1700's, because it is the time of the end of *the 1,260 years*. This is a period of history that is described from Daniel 11:42-45 and continues on. At the end of Daniel 11, we have wrapped up the whole Napoleonic Wars that broke up Europe and led to the modern era. We look back in our day to WWI as the beginning of the "great time of trouble," but historians say the seeds for that were laid in the disruptions that came from the French Revolution that swept over and broke up Europe.

The "time of the end" and the "great time of trouble" do not necessarily start at the same time. Actually, the time of the end creates an environment in which the great time of trouble is going to start later.

Chapter 12 says the next prophetic event is Michael is going to stand up and there will be a time of trouble that was not since there was a nation. That brings us directly to WWI and its successor, the even more devastating WWII. Its follow up successor, Armageddon, is still pending.

Daniel 12:1: (NASB) *Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.*

Daniel 12:7, 11-12: (NASB) *⁷I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, as he raised his right hand and his left toward heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time; and as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these events will be completed...¹¹From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. ¹²How blessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the 1,335 days!*

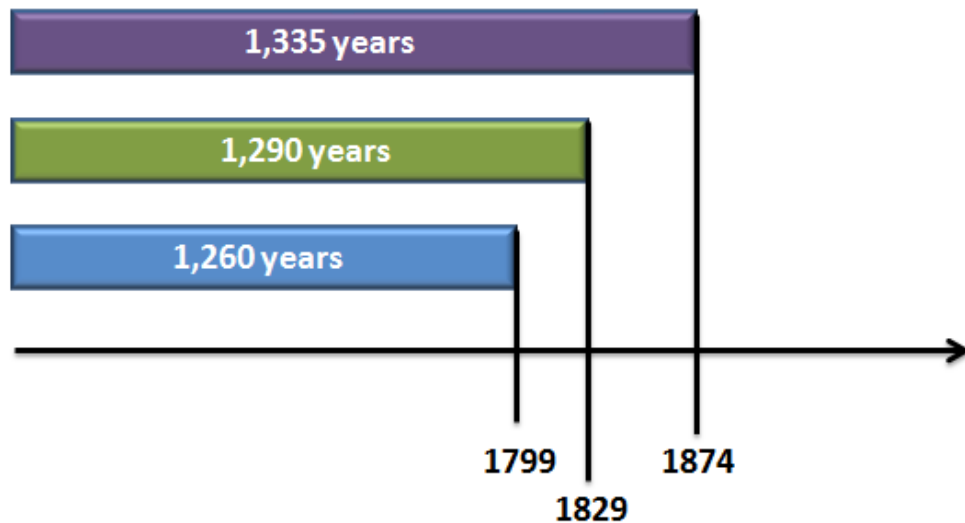
One of the standard prophetic works that still stands in our day is four-volume set, *The Prophetic Faith of our Fathers*, by Roy Edwin Froom.

There are not one, but three consecutive time prophecies, all starting from the same point, that bring us to three different stages towards the end of the age.

If 1799 was the year when the 1260 years closed, that means that 30 years later should be the end of the 1290 years. In fact what the scripture says in Daniel is that would be a time when the wise begin to understand the unfolded prophecies of Daniel. So what do we see happen 30 years after 1799? We see the beginning of the Advent movement, meaning throughout the Protestants segments of Christianity, you find an in-depth study of the prophecies of Daniel leading to the time of the end. In England and America, there was a whole series of prophetic studies that concluded, 1) Christ's return was at hand, and 2) the end of the age would see



a disruption of the major political powers of this world incident to the establishment of Christ's millennial kingdom. All of this takes a long period of time but we are in those days of transition.



(Regarding 1874 and the Day of the Lord coming as a thief, please also refer to [2 Peter 3:10](#) and [1 Thessalonians 5:2-4](#) and the Christian Questions broadcast from May 8 and 15, 2011.)

The third of the time prophecies is the 1,335 years, where Daniel closes:
Daniel 12:12: *How blessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the 1,335 days!*

It is the closing time prophecy of the book that takes us to the late 1800's. What happened in the late 1800's? That's when Israel began to go back to their land and gradually over a period of years by 1948, they were re-established as a nation. But it all started in 1878 with Petah Tikvah, the first Jewish colony.

So if these prophecies all lead to consecutively to the end of the age by the late 1800's, then by the late 1800's you begin to see the fulfillment of prophecy that we have seen crystallized in our day.

So a quick summary: We had biblical statements made thousands of years before and we can see historical facts fulfilling the biblical statements, starting with 1799 to the development of Israel. All of these things were pre-determined to happen in that point in time. When we look at the century of the 1800's, it was a very fruitful century for biblical prophecy coming true.

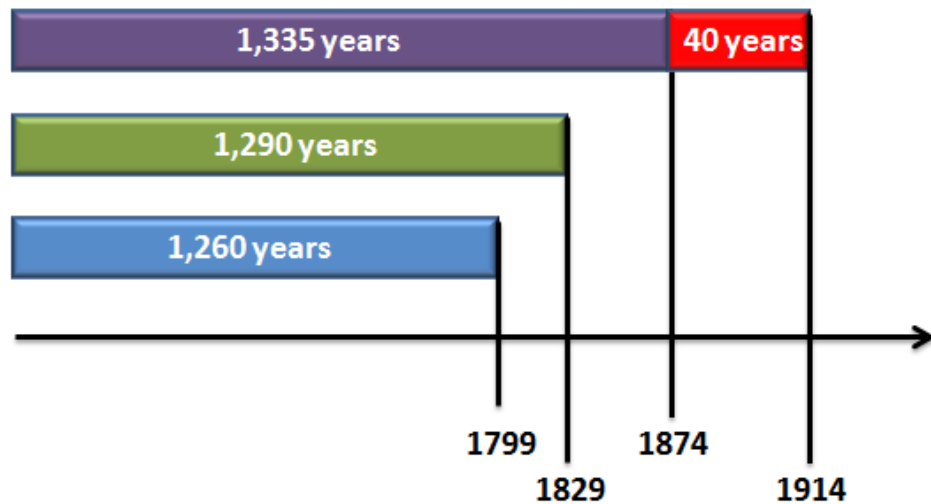
Luke 21:29-31: (NASB) ²⁹Then he told them a parable: Behold the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they put forth leaves, you see it and know for yourselves that summer is now near. ³¹So you also, when you see these things happening, recognize that the kingdom of God is near.

This is part of Jesus' great prophecy of his own return. Prophetic students recognize that when the fig tree is referred to in scripture, it is symbolic of the nation of Israel. Trees represent nations. Jesus is saying, when you see Israel put out its new leaves of growth as a nation, regathered after so many



centuries, you know that the kingdom of God is near. So one of the sparkling prophetic developments has been the reestablishment of Israel.

The 1,260 years - the fundamental prophecy - takes us to the year 1799. The next one to 1829 and then to 1874. Based upon that, many prophetic students - decades before WWI - predicted that in 1914, 40 years later, we should see a time of trouble begin such as never was. How did they predict that? Because they looked at the first advent of Jesus and said that from the time Jesus' ministry began in the year 29 until the judgment began in year 69 forty years later against Jerusalem, maybe these last prophetic days taking us to 1874 are a 40-year indicator ahead of the great time of trouble to begin.



We know that Daniel says that after these prophetic days, the great time of trouble would ensue. So based on this, they predicted that in 1914 there would be a great time of trouble. 1914 was exactly the year when the first great war began. It accomplished something for the regathering of Israel.

When the end of the Jewish Age came by the advent of Christ, then 40 years later the judgment upon Israel would begin. If these prophecies take you until the end of the age, then 40 years later, the time of judgment would begin.

Leviticus 26:28: (NASB) *then I will act with wrathful hostility against you, and I, even I, will punish you seven times for your sins.*

Although we don't have time for the details, this is a prophecy that Israel would have seven large periods of punishment that would end in 1914. Therefore, 1914 was identified as a prophetic year again in another place. The powers that suppressed Israel were broken up starting in 1914.

The point of the World Wars was to break up the old powers of Europe and allow Israel to be regathered as a nation. In 1914 when WWI broke out, the Holy Land was in control by the Ottoman Empire. To everybody's surprise, the Ottoman Empire which was helped and nourished by the British Empire joined Germany on the other side of England in the World War. So England invaded the near east, took control of the Holy Land and declared their intent to make it a national homeland for the Jewish people. So the big thing that came out



of WWI was the opportunity for national expansion in Palestine by Israel. This didn't really come to fruition until WWII. With all the carnage and destruction from WWI and WWII, the one thing that built out of both was finally the re-establishment of the nation of Israel in 1948. That's what Jesus referred to, *when the fig tree puts forth its leaves*. But then he referred to *all the trees*. It was after WWII that the colonial empires began to break apart and the various nations of Indonesia, Indo-China, Africa, and all of the colonies of the major powers of Europe began to be independent. And now we have a proliferation of countries - all the trees - putting forth their leaves.

We can start to appreciate by looking at these long periods of time that things don't happen as fast as we from a human perspective would expect them to.

The Scriptures show us historical movements that are preparing for a transition of the ages. "The end" is not a moment. We are now going into the thousand year kingdom of Christ that was promised so long ago. So the transition going from the kingdoms of this world to the kingdom of Christ is the period of great turmoil, punctuated by so many prophetic events, you have to have prophecies telling us about a period of time.

How does the crumbling of the Soviet Union fit into Bible Prophecy?

all the trees: After WWII, the colonial empires were broken up and we had a lot of new, independent nations. That was climaxed by the breakup of the Soviet Empire and a release of very subject peoples to become their own independent nations. This was the capping off, as it were, of that phase of the trees as independent nations shooting forth.

There was an experience that happened to the prophet Elijah many years ago where Elijah was given a prophetic glimpse of what the time of trouble would be and the various stages of the time of trouble.

Did Elijah know that this was a vision of the time of trouble? He saw a vision God gave him but didn't know all the meaning, of course. The prophets didn't know the meaning of what they saw. Why would God do that? Peter answered that question by telling us that this was for us to know and to put the seeds of thought in antiquity into the prophecies so that Christians at the end of the age would have enlightenment. Even Daniel, when he finished all of these prophecies, God told him, shut up the book, seal the vision, it's not for you, it's for the time of the end, and then the understanding of these things will come to pass.

In Elijah's experience, he traveled 40 days to get to Mount Horeb. At Mount Horeb he came to the mouth of a cave and God showed him a little glimpse of what was coming. There was a great wind that rolled over and broke the rocks. After the wind was a great earthquake. After the earthquake was a great fire that swept over the hillside. In every case, Elijah said the Lord was not in the wind, or the earthquake or the fire. After these three stages of dramatic revealment, then it says, *I heard a still small voice, and that's where the spirit of the Lord would be found*.



1 Kings 19:11-12: (NASB) *¹¹So He said, Go forth and stand on the mountain before the LORD. And behold, the LORD was passing by! And a great and strong wind was rending the mountains and breaking in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²After the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing.*

The point of this is, as a vision of the time of trouble, 40 days that it took to get there (a day for a year) - there's the 40 years from 1874 to 1914.

In the book of Daniel, winds are a picture of war. The winds that swept over the great sea developed the great empires of the past. The winds of war were the first part of the time of trouble. We saw WWI and WWII - two parts of this wind episode - followed by the earthquake phase. This is where colonial powers were broken up and new nations emerged. That's the same as the appearance of *all the trees* that Jesus spoke about. Symbolically an earthquake refers to a revolution or break up of old existing powers - the shaking up, the breaking up of old systems so that new systems can come through. See **Revelation 11:13** - it talks about an earthquake in which only 1/10th of the countries fell (the French Revolution). An earthquake is upheaval in which all countries in power are broken and new emerge. This really climaxed by the breakup of the Soviet Union.

The next phase, this fire phase of Islamic insurgency and disruption should follow shortly after the breakup of the Soviet Union. Fire consumes rubble. It's a different kind of trouble from where standing nations were in armed conflict, like the winds of WWI and WWII. It sweeps through and creates great devastation. It's not a war about this nation against this nation, it's a movement that is creating trouble everywhere in the world.

After the Soviet Union breakup, the event that engulfed us was literally the first Gulf War, followed by the second Gulf War and the war in Afghanistan.

Psalms 83:4-7: (NASB) *⁴They have said, Come, and let us wipe them out as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more. ⁵For they have conspired together with one mind; against You they make a covenant: ⁶The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Hagrites; ⁷Gebal and Ammon and Amalek, Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;*

This predicted the animosity in the Middle East between the Arab and the Israeli. This event occurs before Armageddon.

The concept of Islam is that once they have dominated an area, they have it for good. Since through the Ottoman Empire, Islam was the dominate religion of even Palestine, that religion feels it is theirs for good, so the Jewish state does not belong according to their point of view. Because of this undergirding thinking, there will be this antagonism until it is resolved in Armageddon.

We are talking about biblical prophecies written thousands of years ago!

Come, and let us wipe them out as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more. This is nearly word for word what was threatened by Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran! Did he realize he was quoting Psalm 83:4?



How come so much turmoil over this little tiny nation the size of New Jersey? Why not just leave them alone?

The prelude to Armageddon is like a double-sided coin. First there is the build up in the Middle East. What we see today is almost exclusively focused on the Middle East. Gulf War I, II, Afghanistan, the Arab Spring...notice when the old governments are overthrown, radical Islamic influence becomes stronger and stronger. It has intensified the problem in the Middle East against Israel. Even today, Egypt is taking a more politically difficult stance against Israel than they did under Mubarak.

Armageddon

Does the world end December 2012? No, the year 2012 is premature, there is too much prophecy to undergo before the kingdom of Christ is finally established on the earth. Armageddon's purpose is not the destruction of the earth, it is the upsetting of present powers so that the kingdom of Christ can be established. It is the removal of one thing to bring in something else better and eternal. There is good news in the midst of all this turmoil!

What is Armageddon? In Revelation it speaks of seven plagues, and Armageddon is the last of those.

Revelation 16:12,16: (NASB) ¹²*The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east...*¹⁶*And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.*

Plague Six in the buildup, the prelude. Plague Seven is Armageddon. The flipside to the antagonizing in the Middle East is the western economies that are drying up. The Middle East is one thing but the economic power of the west that dries up is referred to in this prophecy. It is couched in terms of what happened to ancient Babylon when it fell. It fell to the armies of King Cyrus. We know that Isaiah 45 says that Cyrus is a picture of our Lord Jesus' anointed. The conquest of old Babylon by Cyrus is a picture of how Christ will put down the governments we have now in order to establish his kingdom. There is no room for both. There needs to be a *removal* of what is, not a *development* of what is.

When Cyrus conquered Babylon, he did it by diverting the River Euphrates that flowed through the city and brought Babylon its commerce, trade, and made Babylon the great city that it was. That was dried up leading to its overthrow. So when Revelation says this is a symbol of how the powers of wealth today are going to be tried up so that Christ's kingdom can replace it, that's what we see today.

So we have Islam on one hand (Psalms 83) and in the western countries we see a withering of financial strength of the western economies. Before the Soviet Union fell, there were two competing economic approaches. The Soviet Union's communism didn't really endure. That left capitalism as the last great hope for the world. And you know, for ten years it seemed to go onward and upward! But now suddenly about the year 2000 with the stock market collapse and then later another impact with the housing market in 2008, we are building



back from that but it is going to come in cycles. There is a gradual withering of the value of the economies of the western capitalistic world. These are current events happening today, tomorrow and the next day.

The withering of the River Euphrates that brought commercial life to great Babylon, that is a precursor to gathering the nations of the earth to the battle of the great day, which is Armageddon.

In the prophecies of the Old Testament like Joel 3, it is at Israel that the nations are gathered. So Revelation says, *gather them to Armageddon*. Joel says, *gather them to the Valley of Jehoshaphat, that's where I will hold judgment over the nations*. Now connect this to another threat of thought: Christians are very familiar with Ezekiel 38 and 39 - Gog coming down from the north with his allies against Israel - all of this is the prelude to Armageddon, and that's where Armageddon begins in the Middle East. That's where Ezekiel the prophet says on behalf of God, *then my fury will come up in my face* and God will fight against those nations and preserve Israel.

But now Israel has a problem! If Israel is going to be the center of the kingdom of Christ, how can that possibly be unless their faith is produced in their Messiah?

When God gathers all nations against Jerusalem, then He is going to raise the prophets of old to lead Israel in their dire circumstances and they will explain to Israel that Jesus, their Messiah, is the one who is saving them! That's where Zechariah 12:10 says: *They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.*

There will be a repentance for what they have done, and then they will be humbled so that they can be the nucleus of God's kingdom on earth.

What happens to the rest of the world?

Even the great time of trouble is relative. The strength of kingdoms will be broken and there will be difficulty. We can't identify all the elements. But what is the whole thing about in the divine plan of God and how the kingdom of God works and integrates into that plan?

We recognize that there are two separate ages of redemption. From the time of Jesus until Armageddon, there has been an age of redemption for those who believe in Christ through faith, his true followers. During the thousand year kingdom, they will be with Christ in glory and be the new rulers with Christ, ruling the rest of the world, for the benefit and uplift of mankind.

Revelation 20:6: *Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.*

That's the purpose of Armageddon - to install this new government on earth that will start in the Middle East and gradually expand outward to bless all families of the earth.



So what about the *still small voice* of peace in Elijah? That's where the Lord was found. We went through winds of war, earthquakes - the shaking up of the nations of what is making room for what will be, fire - a destructive power that brings so much down and causes so much chaos, and THEN the still small voice. After Armeggedon will come the most wonderful time the earth has ever known! So we are on the precipice of difficulty but it will get much better after this wave!

The birth pangs of child birth are a good metaphor for the pain during and joy afterwards.

Revelation 20:1-2, 6: (NASB) *¹Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. ²And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;...⁶Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.*

We have the assurance that Satan will be bound for 1,000 years so that he can deceive the nations no more. What that means is the nations of earth are going to have an opportunity for redemption! The nations he was previously deceiving are the same ones that Satan now no longer has any access to...(this of course tells us that the nations still exist on earth.)

Way back in Genesis, God promised Abraham, *in you and in your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed*. Paul develops that promise in Galatians in the 3rd and 4th chapters. He said:

Galatians 3:29: *And if ye be Christ's, then are you Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

Christ and those that are the Christian bride of Christ are going to be ruling in glory from heaven to bless all the families of the earth. But how will that begin on earth? Through whom? From where geographically? That's where the prophet says it will begin with the earthly seed of Abraham from Israel. Once they are restored to faith and have faith in the Messiah, they will be used by Jesus to gradually expand the blessings of the kingdom to every nation that will receive them.

There are many Old Testament prophecies that paint a picture as to what this earthly kingdom will look like. For example:

Zechariah 14:2,3,8,9: *²For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle...³Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. ⁸And it shall be in that day that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem...⁹And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and His name one.*

After the fire will consume the governments of earth:

Zephaniah 3:9: *For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve Him with one consent.*

The prophets all talked about this period of trouble, but it is introductory to the wonderful blessings of the Millennial kingdom of Christ that the whole world is unknowingly waiting for. The best is yet to come!



The end times of prophecy are a much longer time period than we might think - it is a time of unfolding of many phases of prophecy, and that's why it takes so long.

The late 1800's and early 1900's saw much of this unfolding through the regathering of Israel, and an understanding of the truth of God's plan of the ages leading to the time of trouble beginning with WWI.

The world is suffering through all kinds of crises. This current arrangement has to be put to an end and replaced with the kingdom of God. Look at the end result in [Isaiah 35](#) and so many more scriptures that hold the kingdom of God in such high esteem.

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Daniel 7:1-28: (NASB) ¹In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel saw a dream and visions in his mind as he lay on his bed; then he wrote the dream down and related the following summary of it. ²Daniel said, I was looking in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. ³And four great beasts were coming up from the sea, different from one another. ⁴The first was like a lion and had the wings of an eagle. I kept looking until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man; a human mind also was given to it. ⁵And behold, another beast, a second one, resembling a bear. And it was raised up on one side, and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth; and thus they said to it, 'Arise, devour much meat!' ⁶After this I kept looking, and behold, another one, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird; the beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it. ⁷After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. ⁸While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth uttering great boasts. ⁹I kept looking Until thrones were set up, And the Ancient of Days took His seat; His vesture was like white snow and the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was ablaze with flames, Its wheels were a burning fire. ¹⁰A river of fire was flowing And coming out from before Him; Thousands upon thousands were attending Him, And myriads upon myriads were standing before Him; The court sat, And the books were opened. ¹¹Then I kept looking because of the sound of the boastful words which the horn was speaking; I kept looking until the beast was slain, and its body was destroyed and given to the burning fire. ¹²As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but an extension of life was granted to them for an appointed period of time. ¹³I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him. ¹⁴And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations and men of every language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed. ¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was distressed within me, and the visions in my mind kept alarming me. ¹⁶I



approached one of those who were standing by and began asking him the exact meaning of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things: ¹⁷These great beasts, which are four in number, are four kings who will arise from the earth. ¹⁸But the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, for all ages to come. ¹⁹Then I desired to know the exact meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze, and which devoured, crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet, ²⁰and the meaning of the ten horns that were on its head and the other horn which came up, and before which three of them fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth uttering great boasts and which was larger in appearance than its associates. ²¹I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them ²²until the Ancient of Days came and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom. ²³Thus he said: The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it. ²⁴As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings. ²⁵He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. ²⁶But the court will sit for judgment, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever. ²⁷Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him. ²⁸At this point the revelation ended. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts were greatly alarming me and my face grew pale, but I kept the matter to myself.

Daniel 12:1-13: (NASB) ¹Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt. Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. ⁴But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase. ⁵Then I, Daniel, looked and behold, two others were standing, one on this bank of the river and the other on that bank of the river. ⁶And one said to the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, How long will it be until the end of these wonders? ⁷I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, as he raised his right hand and his left toward heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time; and as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these events will be completed. ⁸As for me, I heard but could not understand; so I said, "My lord, what will be the outcome of these events?" ⁹He said, Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time. ¹⁰Many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand. ¹¹From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. ¹²How blessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the 1,335 days! ¹³But as for you, go your way to the end; then you will enter into rest and rise again for your allotted portion at the end of the age.

For the overview on the hope for ALL of the world:

Romans 8:18-22: (NASB) ¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.



Revelation 20:1-6: (NASB) ¹Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. ²And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time. ⁴Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.