



Empowering People to Change the World

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Reasons I know we are living in the last days?

Reasons I know that Jesus will come back soon!

2 Timothy 3:1-5

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. 2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power.

In the Last Days There will be:

1. Great Moral Decay

We've never had so many different forms of religion. It seems there's a new form of religion created everyday. Have you seen the stickers that say...Coexist, with all the different types of symbols.

We've got more knowledge, and more spiritualism than ever before, and yet the most lawlessness and immorality than ever before.

This was predicted.

People would be lovers of themselves and not lovers of God
They would have a form of Godliness, but deny the power there of.

Sexual immorality would increase/ Men and Women would forsake natural relations between one man and woman

Romans 1:26-27

26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. 27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.

It doesn't stop there:

28 Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do

what ought not to be done. 29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; 31 they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. 32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

Revelations 18:23

The light of a lamp will never shine in you again. The voice of bridegroom and bride will never be heard in you again. Your merchants were the world's important people. By your magic spell all the nations were led astray.

The word pharmakia (where we get our word pharmacy) would increase, and people would escape with such substances from reality

2. Earthquakes in Strange Places

Mark 13:5-8

5 Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. 6 Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. 7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. 8 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

Japan 23,000 fatalities
Haiti 180,000 fatalities
Indonesia 227,898

Did you realize there have been more Earthquakes in the last 25 years than in the last 2000 years

**From 1000 until 1800: about 30 earthquakes
From 1800 until 1900: about 50 earthquakes
From 1901 until 1950: about 100 earthquakes
From 1951 until 2000: about 125 earthquakes
From 2001 until 2012: about 120 earthquakes**

3. Famine

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In the Asian, African and Latin American countries, well over 500 million people are living in what the World Bank has called "absolute poverty"

Every year approximately 9 million children die of hunger

I read some research that said every 3.6 and some that said every 15 seconds someone dies of hunger. Regardless of who's right, it's still astonishing.

Approximately 842 million people suffer from hunger worldwide. That's almost 12 percent of the world's population of 7.1 billion people.

Approximately 9 million people die of world hunger each year according to world hunger statistics; more than the death toll for malaria, AIDs and tuberculosis combined in 2012.

Here's an devastating reality: The Red Cross estimates there were 1.5 billion dangerously overweight people worldwide last year, while 925 million were underfed.

Another sign

4. Wars and Rumors of Wars (Kingdom against Kingdom)

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In my research I couldn't even list them all...there were dozens of wars and civil wars happening now, and in the 21st century.

- Second Congo War (1998–2003) Far and away the deadliest war of the 21st century was a conflict that had its genesis in the 20th. ...
- Syrian Civil War. ...
- Darfur Conflict. ...
- Iraq War. ...
- Afghanistan War. ...
- The War Against Boko Haram. ...
- Yemeni Civil War. ...

- Ukraine Conflict.

And of course, the Palestinians constant disruptions and conflict against Israel. Iran and countries in the middle east completely surround Israel...and threaten them constantly.

All the while, people will be declaring, "Peace and Safety" The United Nations are constantly saying it. Different leaders around the world declaring "Peace and Safety" as war breaks out all around the world.

Much of the war comes from conflict result from abuse of the world's resources.

With much of the oil coming from the middle east, no wonder there is so much conflict there. This was even predicted millennia ago:

Deuteronomy 33:19

19 They shall call the people unto the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness: for they shall suck of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hid in the sand.

5. Increase of Knowledge

Daniel 12:4

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."

Daniel 12:1-4

"At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book.

2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.

3 Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.

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What age are we living in: They call it the information age!

Knowledge is increasing exponentially

I read one statistic that said over 3000 new books are published a day

With the coming of the Internet, knowledge has increased, they say in ten years time we have doubled the world's knowledge, and it keeps speeding up, now they say we will double again in 5 more years.

You can literally find almost anything you're looking for with the click of a button.

6. The Gospel will be preached throughout the world.

Carl Hargestom in Ethiopia

Massive crusades in Africa preaching to sometimes millions at a time.

Communist China (Underground Church Movement is multiplying at an unprecedented rate)

Biggest Church in the world in Korea (South Korea, 800,000)

Other nations are actually sending missionaries to the US

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7. Persecution

2 Tim. 3:10-13

10 You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, 11 persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. 12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, 13 while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

Any politician that stands up for God is hurled insults.

Pastors and Church leaders are ridiculed by the media

Starting with Stephen, a regime of martyrdom began that has lasted over the last 2000 years. Those who have laid down their lives for Christ to the point of death.

Christians were burned at the stake, stoned, whipped, beaten.

Peter was sentenced to be crucified, but requested to be crucified in an X upside down.

John, was boiled alive in oil, he didn't die however.

Over and over it happens to this very day. In the Coliseum, Christians were eaten by wild animals.

8. Worship Will Increase

“In that day I will restore David’s fallen shelter—I will repair its broken walls and restore its ruins—and will rebuild it as it used to be,” (Amos 9:11)