

# The Top Ten Signs We are Living in the End Times

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## #10 The Exponential Explosion of Knowledge

Our biblical basis is Daniel 12:4 which reads,

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."

In its original context this verse means that the words of Daniel's prophecy will be shut up, meaning not fully understood, until the times of the end. If you study church history you find this to be true.

At the time of the end, many would run too and fro through the Scriptures, comparing text with text, and understand these prophecies.

Students of Bible prophecy see a secondary application:

1. Many shall run to and fro is a prophecy that in the End Times people will travel the globe at tremendous speeds.
2. Knowledge shall increase is a prophecy that there will be an explosion of knowledge in the End Times.

Let me make a case not just for the increase in knowledge but for the exponential increase of knowledge in our lifetime. The information I will cite was compiled on a short video produced by the Sony Corporation.

The years it took to reach a market audience of 50 million people were as follows:

- It took radio 38 years.
- It took television 13 years.
- It took the internet 4 years.
- It took the iPod 3 years.
- And it took the internet social website Facebook only 2 years to reach a market audience of 50 million.

The number of internet devices in 1984 was 1,000.

- In 1992 that number was 1 million.
- In 2008 that number is 1 billion.

The first commercial text message was sent in December of 1992.

Today the number of text messages sent and received every day exceeds the total population of the planet.

A weeks worth of reading the NY Times contains more information than a person was likely to come across in their lifetime in the 18th century.

The amount of new technical information is doubling every two years. For students in a four year technical degree program, half of what they learn in their first year of study will be outdated by their third year.

NTT Japan has successfully tested a fiber optic cable that pushes 14 trillion bits per second down a single strand of fiber. That is equal to 2,660 CD's or 210 million phone calls **every second**.

It is estimated that by 2013 a supercomputer will be built that exceeds the computational capabilities of the human brain. By 2049 a computer will exceed the computational capabilities of the entire human race and cost no more than \$1,000.

An exabyte is a unit of information or computer storage equal to one quintillian bytes. It is estimated that 4 exabytes of unique information will be generated just this year. **That is more unique information in one year than all the unique information generated in the previous 5,000 years combined.**

The exponential explosion of knowledge is now.

## **#9 Global Communication Technology**

Considering there have been about seven-thousand years of human history, global communication is relatively recent. Instantaneous global communication via satellite or internet are even more recent – just in the past few decades, really.

Instantaneous global communication is a sign we are in the End Times.

Reading through the Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ in chapter eleven you come across the story of the two witnesses:

Revelation 11:3 And I will give *power* to my two witnesses, and they will

prophecy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

These two witnesses will play a vital role in world evangelism during the first half of the seven-year Great Tribulation. They will have the ability to perform miracles. They will, for a time, be indestructible.

After the one thousand two hundred and sixty days of their earthly evangelistic crusade the world leader known to us as the antichrist will be enabled to overcome and kill them. Their execution is described like this:

Revelation 11:8 And their dead bodies *will lie* in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

Revelation 11:9 Then *those* from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.

Revelation 11:10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

Not to leave you hanging as to the end of the story, you next read:

Revelation 11:11 Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.

Revelation 11:12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.

The apostle John was writing these words under the inspiration of God in the first century AD. In those days communication was by messenger running along the Roman roads! But he said of the death and resurrection of these two witnesses (let me quote him again) "then *those* from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations **will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days**, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves... Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, **and great fear fell on those who saw them**. And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, **and their enemies saw them.**"

Instantaneous global communication is so common today that we might overlook this amazing prophecy.

## #8 References to the Days of Noah

Jesus said, *But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be...* (Matthew 24:37)

We could talk about the increase of corruption and violence as typical of the Days of Noah. Or the advanced technology that has given us a better glimpse of what might be the ark resting on Mount Ararat.

More interesting, though, was the story this year that the Noahides are organizing for the very first time.

B'nai Noach, literally "Children of Noah," known as Noahides, are non-Jews who take upon themselves the Torah's obligations for non-Jews - consisting of seven laws passed on from Noah following the flood, as documented in Genesis.

The court of 71 rabbis, known as the Sanhedrin, which was reestablished last October in Tiberius decided, after numerous requests from the Noahide community, to assist the movement in forming a leadership council.

One of the primary functions of the council will be the creation and development of effective outreach materials for the world. Although Judaism does not require or encourage non-Jews to become Jewish, the observance of the Seven Laws of Noah is incumbent upon humanity and widespread observance is to be worked toward, even through active proselytization.

These guys want it literally to be "as the days of Noah."

Then there is this. UFO sightings are on the rise. It's interesting that the history of modern UFO's begins with Roswell in 1947 - right around the time Israel was becoming a nation again. The UFO phenomena is almost certainly demonic activity. It is thus very much in step with the Days of Noah. Remember in Genesis six you're told demons cohabited with human women? So many of the supposed UFO abductions involve strange sexual probing. It's all very Noah-like.

## #7 The Rise of Europe as a Super Power

One of the most common phrases you hear in any discussion of Bible prophecy is “the revived Roman Empire.” It’s the designation scholars give to the last days government described in a passage in the book of Daniel.

King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had troubling dreams and did not know what they meant. His wise-guys could not interpret them.

Daniel was one of the Jewish captives whom Nebuchadnezzar's armies had carried off from Israel to Babylon. He garnered a reputation for having deep spiritual insight. Nebuchadnezzar called for Daniel to see if he could interpret the dreams to him.

To make it more interesting, **King Nebuchadnezzar refused to tell Daniel what he had dreamed!** No problem. God showed Daniel what Nebuchadnezzar had dreamed. Once the king’s mind was blown, God showed Daniel what the dream meant. He listed the succession of world ruling empires ending with a revived Roman Empire of the last days that would exist at the Second Coming of Jesus.

Timing isn’t always everything but it certainly can be interesting. About the same time Israel became a nation again, a united Europe began to emerge. It is the powerful European Union, or EU.

Some ominous factoids about the EU with regard to biblical prophecy:

- The EU flag consists of 12 stars on a field of blue. “It’s the corona stellarum duodecim (the crown of 12 stars) of the woman of the Apocalypse,” former secretary general of the Council of Europe, Leon Marchal, said in 1973 (according to Dr. William Crampton of The Flag Institute in York, England). No matter that the twelve stars in the Bible are a reference to the nation of Israel!
- The anthem of the EU is “Ode to Joy,” the prelude to the last movement of Beethoven’s ninth symphony. The lyrics to “Ode to Joy” were written by Friedrich von Schiller and concern the entering into the shrine of a pagan goddess and the uniting of all men in brotherhood by the power of magic according to Adrian Hilton, author of *The Principality and Power of Europe*.
- The European parliament building in Strasbourg, France, is “an enormous replica of the unfinished tower of Babel,” called the “The Tower of

Eurobabel” by the European press, Dr. David R. Reagan wrote in the Dallas-based Lamplighter Magazine.

- An EU poster shows the people of Europe rebuilding the Tower of Babel. The text on the poster says, “Europe: Many Tongues – One Voice.” The stars on the poster are inverted into pentagrams, a recognized occult sign.
- The symbol of a woman riding on the back of a beast often represents the EU. Paintings and sculptures of a woman riding a beast are found at all EU buildings. Reagan said this is “another demonic biblical symbol” of a “great harlot” riding a beast from the Book of Revelation.

The EU segues nicely to our #6 sign,

## **#6 Movements Towards Regional World Government**

The EU is the regional government we are most familiar with. It is a political and economic union of twenty-seven member nations. You can find a lot of opinion-editorial articles referring to the increasing influence of the EU in global affairs. Notably in the Middle East the EU is mentioned more prominently than the U.S. as the superpower that might finally bring a lasting peace.

The EU is seeking to further expand its influence. Just this year, in July, the EU launched the Union for the Mediterranean. It brought together EU member nations and a number of North African and Middle East countries. It includes the EU's 27 members plus Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Jordan, the Palestinian Authority, Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey – as well as Mauritania, Monaco, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Albania.

There is an African Union (AU) consisting of fifty-three African nations. It is relatively new, having been formed in 2002.

At the *Third South American Summit* on December 8, 2004, presidents or representatives from twelve South American nations signed the Cuzco Declaration, a two-page statement of intent announcing the foundation of the Union of South American Nations (USAN). Panama and Mexico attended the signing ceremony as observers. The members are Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru (themselves called the Andean Community of Nations), and Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Venezuela (themselves called Mercosur), and Guyana, Suriname, and Chile.

The leaders announced their intention to model the new community after the European Union including a common currency, parliament, and passport. According to Allan Wagner Tizón, former Secretary General of the Andean Community of Nations, a complete union like that of the EU should be possible by 2019.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has been around since 1967. It's a geo-political and economic organization of 10 countries located in Southeast Asia. Its aims include the acceleration of economic growth, social progress, cultural development among its members, and the promotion of regional peace.

Just this year Australian prime minister Kevin Rudd suggested that Asian and Pacific countries, including the region's heavyweights such as China, India and Japan, form a regional bloc similar to the European Union, an Asia-Pacific community of nations.

A North American Union consisting of the United States, Canada and Mexico is still theoretical. Officials from all three nations say there are no 'official' plans to form such a union. However former president of Mexico Vicente Fox voiced support for the ultimate creation of such a union. A common currency, the *amero*, has already been suggested.

Revelation thirteen prophesies that a global government with "seven heads and ten horns" (v1) will come into existence just before the return of Jesus Christ. This prophesied world government will be "over all kindreds, tongues and nations" (v7), and it will eventually impose its own global currency/economic system (verses 16-17).

Nations forming regions is exactly what you'd expect from reading your Bible literally. It **is** what you find when you read the news!

## **#5 The Technology for a Global, Cashless Economic System**

There is so much information on this technology that I just want to give you the 'top' story of 2009. It puts it all into perspective.

A recent article on Biometric Watch was titled, *e-SMART® Technologies To Deliver 20 Million... Super SMART™ Cards to Samsung.*

A Smart Card is a credit card with a built-in microprocessor and memory used for identification or financial transactions. When inserted into a reader, it transfers data to and from a central computer. It is more secure than a magnetic stripe card and can be programmed to self-destruct if the wrong password is entered too many times. As a financial transaction card, it can be loaded with digital money and used like a travelers check, except that variable amounts of money can be spent until the balance is zero.

Why is this so interesting? I found it interesting because of the name they chose for this new card. Quoting from the website of the manufacturer: "e-Smart® announces its next generation super thin polyimide flexible circuit biometric Super Smart Card™ which has been named " I AM™" Global cashless technology is so in-your-face that we tend to forget it is an incredible prophecy from two thousand years ago.

In the Revelation of Jesus Christ, when discussing the reign of the antichrist upon the earth, you read,

Revelation 13:16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,  
Revelation 13:17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

The info on your I AM Smart Card could just as easily be put on a chip inserted under your skin. Using radio frequency identification technology it could be read by a passive scanner.

When I say 'could' know that this is happening in limited applications all over the world – especially hospitals. It 'could' become widespread very rapidly – overnight, literally.

#### **#4 The Alignment of Nations Hostile to Israel**

Ezekiel 38:1 Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,  
Ezekiel 38:2 "Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him,  
Ezekiel 38:3 and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal.  
Ezekiel 38:4 I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords.

Ezekiel 38:5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them with shield and helmet;

Ezekiel 38:6 Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah from the far north and all its troops - many people are with you.

Let's zero in on one of the nations mentioned by Ezekiel. Modern-day Iran is ancient Persia of the Bible.

God's Word has a lot to say about Persia. Author Mark Hitchcock, says that the words *Persia*, *Persian*, or *Persians* appear some thirty-five times in the Old Testament. **Thirty-four of those references have been historically fulfilled!**

That thirty-fifth reference is in Ezekiel 38:5, which describes a coalition of nations that will invade Israel in the latter days. It is a 2600 year-old prophecy that is coming true before our very eyes.

The Ezekiel passage begins by listing those nations:

1. Gog, first on the list, seems to be the proper name or title of a person who leads the coming invasion. He is called a prince and is here and later addressed personally.
2. Magog refers to the ancient Scythians. Geographically we're talking about places like Kazakhstan, Kirghizia, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, and (maybe) Afghanistan.
3. Rosh really is Russia.
4. Meshech and Tubal are, geographically, parts of Turkey.
5. Ethiopia is next.
6. Libya is next.
7. Gomer is also identified with Turkey.
8. As is Beth-Togarmah.

It's not hard to see these nations joining together in an invasion of Israel. Iran's president has said Palestine "will soon be freed"; that the Middle East "will soon be liberated"; that Israel is "heading towards annihilation."

### **#3 International Conflict Over the Nation of Israel**

Reading the Bible literally you would expect Israel to be an international dilemma in the Last Days. The prophet Zechariah summarizes it nicely saying,

Zechariah 12:3 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.

Ever since Israel became a nation again in May of 1948 there has been conflict in or over the Middle East. Israel is indeed a “heavy stone” in the international community.

To me this speaks for itself. Documentation is on the news tonight if you go home and watch it.

## **#2 Plans to Rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem**

There will be a Temple in Jerusalem on the Temple Mount during the Great Tribulation. Jesus quoted Daniel’s Old Testament prophecy when He said,

Matthew 24:15 "Therefore when you see the 'ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),

Daniel was looking forward to the mid-point of the Great Tribulation. He gave us the event that marks the mid-point. The world leader we call the antichrist will enter the Holy Place and desecrate it.

The Holy Place and the Holy of Holies are the two rooms of the Jewish Temple. Thus Daniel predicted and Jesus validated the prediction that there would be a literal Temple standing on the Temple Mount in the Last Days.

For many years scholars believed that the Moslem Mosque, the Dome of the Rock, was built on the site where the Tribulation Temple would have to be built. But in recent years the work of two men, Dr. Asher Kauffman and Tuvia Sagiv, has suggested that the Temple could be rebuilt on its original site *without disturbing the Dome of the Rock*. Thus whenever something new is excavated it helps in the location of the Temple and moves us a step closer to its construction.

The Temple itself could be built in a very short time. We tend to think of a huge structure similar to the model’s we’ve seen of the Temple during Jesus’ time built by Herod the Great.

The actual Temple is only about 2700 square feet and could be erected in short order at very little cost.

Chaim Richman of the Temple Institute is readying architectural building plans, and says the building could be built in less than one year.

The Temple Institute in Jerusalem has for many years been preparing the various implements and articles of clothing needed for the priests to perform their functions in the Temple. Just recently the formulas for making blue dye from certain snails has been rediscovered.

The priesthood itself has been rediscovered as a result of very recent work in the field of genetics and DNA. On Sunday, April 4, 1999, at the semi-annual "Priestly Blessing" ceremony at the Western Wall, a booth was erected nearby for the genetic testing Kohanim (priests), to see if they have what is now called "Priestly gene." Subsequently, an American geneticist found that all Kohanim share a common gene, supporting the belief that they have one common ancestor (presumably Aaron the Priest).

Rabbi Nachman Kahane said at the time that 17 Kohanim had already been tested. Thirteen tested positive, one negative, and three cases were inconclusive. Now, the Temple Institute has offered all Jews by the name of Cohen to receive a priestly garment for the new temple.

The ancient seventy elders of Israel, the Sanhedrin, has not existed since 358AD. In October 2004, a group of rabbis in Tiberius came together in an alleged reforming of the Sanhedrin. Their validity has been controversial, but Arutz-7 published an article on October 13, 2004 announcing that the Sanhedrin had been launched by 71 rabbis - the main 70 plus one extra who would play the lead role, similar to the High Priest. They claimed legitimacy, based on the rules of the ancient sage, Maimonides.

Watch for more news regarding the rebuilding of the Temple.

What is the number one sign we are living in the end times? Israel itself!

## #1 The Birth of Modern Israel as a Nation

Isaiah 66:8 Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion was in labor, She gave birth to her children.

The nation born at once, in one day, was Israel. God regathered His chosen people to their Promised Land and on May 14, 1948, they were reborn.

But we're getting ahead of ourselves. First it is important to remember that God predicted His people would be scattered all over the earth.

Hosea 3:4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without ephod or teraphim.

Hosea 3:5 Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God and David their king. They shall fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days.

Having rejected their Messiah, Jesus Christ, after repeated opportunities to receive Him, God disciplined the Israelites by scattering them into the world.

Part of the miracle is that, though scattered for nearly twenty centuries, the Jews maintained their lineage as a distinct nation. They did it without a homeland and amidst incredible persecution that threatened to eradicate them.

God promised to regather them:

Ezekiel 20:34 I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out.

Isaiah 11:11 It shall come to pass in that day That the Lord shall set His hand again the second time To recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea.

Isaiah 11:12 He will set up a banner for the nations, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel, And gather together the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth.

The birth of modern Israel as a nation is nothing short of miraculous. It is the single most obvious and important sign that we are living in the last days.

**Get ready, stay ready, keep looking up. Ready or not, Jesus is coming!**