

# IT MIGHT BE TODAY

## "Knockout"

We like most Sunday's to bring what we call a Prophecy Update. We show how news and trends in the world are corroborating centuries-old prophecies found in the Bible.

Both Jesus, in His Olivet Discourse, and the apostle Peter, in his letters, pointed back to the days of Noah and indicated that the last days would be characterized by similar problems.

One of the things we read about the days of Noah is that "the earth was filled with violence" (Genesis 6:11).

I'd suggest that because of technology, e.g., television, movies, the internet, and video games, that the earth is "filled with violence" as never before.

Furthermore the violence filling the earth is uniquely significant because it is desensitizing young people as never before.

One example. There's a new 'game,' called *Knockout*. It's not a video game. Here is how it is described by FoxNews:

In several cities, including New York, Washington, D.C., St. Louis and Pittsburgh, teenagers have been participating in a "game" called "Knockout" – with sometimes lethal consequences. The object of the game is to deliver a single blow to an unsuspecting person's head – generally a stranger – that renders that person unconscious.

<http://www.foxnews.com/health/2013/11/21/knockout-game-part-epidemic-senseless-violence/?intcmp=obnetwork>

A post on the CNN website stated,

A sick so-called game known as "knockout" - where teens randomly sucker-punch strangers with the goal of knocking them unconscious with a single blow - is catching the attention of law enforcement throughout the nation.

"Knockout" can be fatal. In New Jersey, Ralph Santiago, 46, a homeless man, was walking alone in Hoboken on the night of September 10 when he was suddenly struck from behind...

The blow knocked out Santiago, who had a pre-existing brain injury. He suffered a seizure. The victim's body struck a nearby fence, with part of the wrought iron fence piercing his body and killing him...

<http://www.cnn.com/2013/11/22/justice/knockout-game-teen-assaults/>

Psychiatrist and commentator Dr. Keith Ablow writes,

This series of crimes should be of grave concern to anyone who has wondered whether the influence of technology, including video games, Facebook and the overuse of psychiatric medications, are leaving young people devoid of empathy and conscience, making them able to inflict even lethal violence on others without feeling any pain or pangs of guilt.

Skeptics might counter that this is a sign of the end times by saying there has always been violence; that we are just hearing about it more in this Information Age.

Well, that may be true. But the desensitization of our youth on account of technology - **that's** a trend that belongs to our generation and that, I think, qualifies the times in which we live as the days of Noah - at least with regard to violence "filling the earth."

The rebirth of the nation of Israel and the constant threat of war in the Middle East... The current push towards both a global economy and government that are now possible on account of any number of personal identifiers that are either on us or in us... The exponential explosion of knowledge... The rise of the former Roman Empire to a place of world power... Even the proliferation of information regarding UFO's and alien astronauts (which we understand to be demons)... Taken together we have compelling reason to believe we are close to the end.

Good thing we have the blessed hope that Jesus could return for His church any moment. His coming is imminent to resurrect the dead in Christ and to rapture living believers - to snatch us away to Heaven without ever experiencing death.

Are you ready for the rapture? If not, get ready, stay ready, and keep looking up. ***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***