

# IT MIGHT BE TODAY

## "Killing Them Oftly"

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.

The end times, and especially the Great Tribulation, will be marked by incredible persecution of believers in Jesus Christ. In the Gospel of Luke we are told, "They will lay hands on you and persecute you. They will deliver you to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name" (Luke 21:12).

Persecution has been a part of the Christian experience since the first century. According to one source,

In the two thousand years of the Christian faith, about 70 million believers have been killed for their faith, of whom 45.5 million or 65% were in the twentieth century.

It can be hard to prove that the persecution of Christians is increasing. But it sure seems to be getting worse, setting the stage for the bloodbath to come.

An article that posted on December 26 on The Balfour Post website was titled, *Christmas in Islamic world is a life or death experience.*

Excerpts:

Christians in the Islamic world today are suffering attacks motivated by the very same diabolical animus as a thousand years ago under Hakim [the Egyptian caliph who ordered the destruction of reportedly 30,000 churches in the 10th –11th century].

Proof of this is that some of the most terrible assaults occur precisely on Christian holidays - Christmas, Easter, and New Year's Eve (which is a major church day in the Middle East). And no wonder, considering that some Muslim clerics insist that "saying Merry Christmas is worse than fornication . . . or killing someone."

<http://balfourpost.com/christmas-in-islamic-world-is-a-life-or-death-experience/>

The article cited numerous examples, including this one:

Egypt's Coptics began the new year in 2011 once again under assault, at one of their largest churches: during midnight Mass in the early hours of January 1, 2011, the Two Saints Coptic Church in Alexandria, crowded with hundreds of Christian worshippers, was bombed, leaving at least twenty-three dead and approximately a hundred injured.

Another organization lists some 40 nations around the world that are persecuting Christians for their faith.

By itself, the persecution of Christians - even if it could be proven to be increasing - is not a sign we are in the end times. But add it to the fact Israel is again a nation in her Promised Land... And the fact Europe has arisen as a revived Roman Empire... And the fact we possess the technology to achieve a cashless, global economy and government...

And you have compelling evidence that the prophecies of the Bible are being fulfilled and will be fulfilled.

The prophecy we are most excited about is the Lord's promise to return to resurrect and to rapture His church from the earth **prior** to any portion of the Great Tribulation. The rapture is always imminent.

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