

Could we be living in the 'End Times?'

Without a doubt these are the most unusual times any of us have ever experienced.

- * Never before has a virus shut down economic activity on a worldwide basis.
- * Never before have so many governments almost in unison, forced citizens to behave in a certain way (6 foot distancing, wearing of masks, installing of Plexiglas barriers, extreme punishment for disobedience, etc).
- * Never before have so many governments, almost in unison, flooded the money supply of their respective currencies, with newly printed and computerized fiat money.
- * Never before have so many people given up their preference for payment in physical money, in exchange for computerized debit/credit.
- * Never before have governments and citizens worldwide, been as **deep in debt** as at the present.
- * Never before have so many disasters struck the world as at the present time: Tsunami's, tornadoes, locusts in Africa, India and Pakistan. Wildfires, floods and earthquakes in various places. (Between June 18 – 25 2020 over 1,500 quakes were registered in California and Nevada. Source: Youtube - recent earthquakes in CAL, NEV). On June 23/2020 a 7.4 degree earthquake shook Mexico. The current drought in the US Mid-West is becoming worse by the day.
- * Never before has so much information been available to so many people. And never before have people been so willing to give up their personal information to the people who collect this information).
- * Never before have Christians been forbidden to attend Easter services.
- * Although interrupted by the current virus, never before have so many people been as mobile as people are today.

What does any of this have to do with the 'End Times?'

The concept "End Times" is found in the Bible. In Matthew 24:3b the disciples asked Jesus: "What will be the sign of your return, and the **end of the age?**" Jesus answers in verse 7: "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be **famines, pestilences, and earthquakes** in various places." Following up in verse 12: "**Lawlessness will abound**, the love of many will grow cold".

The Bible predicted the current mobility of people, as well as the explosion of knowledge, thousands of years ago, in 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 the book of Revelation, the Apostle John recorded in Chapter 13:16-17: He (a worldly leader), causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, 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. This 'mark' will likely be introduced in stages. The first stage is probably the ongoing vaccination campaign against Covid-19. The final stage will likely have a small RFID chip inserted under the skin. The technology is available now, and there are countries where such a chip is already being used.

Dr. Tony Fauci and Bill Gates are leading a movement that is persuading people worldwide to agree to be vaccinated against this latest virus from China, while those who refuse the 'jab', will be denied many privileges, such as plane travel, attending major events and eating at certain restaurants. www.id2020.org is one of many websites with further information on this very recent development.

(The restriction of movement based on 'social behavior' is already in effect -and strictly enforced-, in China!)

If you think that it will not be possible for the government to force people to accept the chip to be implanted, just remember how easy it was to force us to wear masks that have been proven to be ineffective in stopping a virus. In fact a mask causes the wearer to inhale particles and carbon monoxide that were meant to be exhausted. There is no scientific evidence that masks are effective (except professional masks numbered N95). Doctors wear surgical masks in the operating room, because they are dealing with open wounds and surgical masks are the 'best tool available.' Dr. Ted Noel has a video online that proves most masks are not 100% effective. They 'leak.' In 1917-19 during the Spanish Flu, more people died from bacterial infection, than from the flu.

Did you know that Bill Gates produced a video for TED.com where he advocates reducing the world's population via vaccines? His dad was an influential member of the US Eugenics movement. Here is a link to that video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eNmj6Ug-a4A>

Back to masks, here is what Dr. Fauci told us during his 60 minutes interview on March 10/2020: *"There's no reason to be walking around with a mask. When you're in the middle of an outbreak, wearing a mask might make people feel a little better and it might even block a droplet, but it's not providing the perfect protection that people think it is. And often there are unintended consequences – people keep fiddling with the mask and they keep touching their face."*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Almost 9 in 10 pastors see at least some current events matching those Jesus said would occur shortly before He returns to Earth, according to a new survey focused on Christian eschatology, (or the study of end times).

Signs of Jesus' return?

(Question): 'Are any of these types of current events "birth pains" that Jesus was referring to when he was asked by his disciples when he would return?'

Among pastors at evangelical and historically black churches

Rise of false prophets and false teachings	83%
Love of many believers growing cold	81%
Traditional morals becoming less accepted	79%
Wars and national conflicts	78%
Earthquakes and other natural disasters	76%
The number of people abandoning the Christian faith	75%
Famines	70%
Anti-Semitism towards Jewish people	63%

(Courtesy LifeWayResearch.com)

Christians believe, and the Bible teaches (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18): *For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.*

Also the Apostle Paul, in 1 Corinthians 15: 51-52: *" Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed".* This event is called 'the Rapture'.

The Bible is filled with prophesies, including 333 pertaining to the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. All 333 came to pass! Before Jesus planned to return (as He predicted He will), the nation Israel had to be restored. This happened in 1948. This in itself is a most amazing prophesy, penned some 2,500 years before it came to pass. No group of people have ever been scattered all over the globe and maintained their identity and religious customs, and returned to their former country, as have the Jewish people.

From Ezekiel 39:25-29: *Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will now restore the fortunes of Jacob and will have compassion on all the people of Israel, and I will be zealous for my holy name. They will forget their shame and all the unfaithfulness they showed toward me when they lived in safety in their land with no one to make them afraid. When I have **brought them back from the nations and have gathered them from the countries of their enemies**, I will be proved holy through them in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the Lord their God, for though I sent them into exile among the nations, **I will gather them to their own land, not leaving any behind.** I will no longer hide my face from them, for I will pour out my Spirit on the people of Israel, declares the Sovereign Lord."*

.....After the Rapture, the events prophesied in the Book of Revelation will come to pass. Anyone who was not raptured will suffer great distress during the Great Tribulation, as God

punishes the people on earth for their disobedience. His punishment for disobedience happened a number of times in history and is recorded in the old testament. To avoid the Great Tribulation we need to return to the God of the Bible.

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Ayn Rand was an atheist, and yet she realized that a corrupt society will receive its due.

"When you see that in order to produce, you need to obtain permission from men who produce nothing - When you see that money is flowing to those who deal, not in goods, but in favors - When you see that men get richer by graft and by pull than by work, and your laws don't protect you against them, but protect them against you -



'When you see corruption being rewarded and honesty becoming a self-sacrifice - You may know that your society is doomed."

Ayn Rand,
Atlas Shrugged, 1957

Historically, when money dies (as now, because of massive money printing), it leads to **decay in morals, an increase in corruption, and a dramatic increase in crime.**

A survey was conducted in Germany after the inflationary period between 1920 and 1923. The question was asked: 'which was worse, the war of 1914 - 1918, or the inflation of 1920 - 1923'. The vast majority of people cited the effects of inflation as being worse than the war.

France suffered a major financial and monetary collapse in 1790. It led to the French Revolution with thousands killed by the guillotine in 1792.

According to author Dmitry Orlov (Google him), the collapse of a society has five components:

- Financial collapse
 - Commercial collapse
 - Political collapse
 - Social collapse
 - Cultural collapse
- Mr. Orlov could have added 'a spiritual collapse'.

IT ONLY TOOK ONE GENERATION!

Venezuela timeline:

- 1992 became 3rd richest country in hemisphere
- 1997 became 2nd largest purchaser of the F-150 pick-up.
- 2001 Voted for a socialist president: "Income Inequality".
- 2004 Private Health Care is completely socialized.
- 2007 All higher education becomes totally 'free'.
- 2009 Ownership of guns is prohibited
- 2012 Socialist Bernie Sanders praises Venezuela's 'American Dream'.
- 2014 Opposition leaders are imprisoned.
- 2016 The money supply (Bolivars) is greatly increased
- 2016 Food/Healthcare shortages become widespread.
- 2017 Constitution and elections are suspended
- 2019 Unarmed citizens are massacred by the government.
- 2020 Venezuelans continue to try to flee to neighbouring countries.

Want to learn more about the 'End Times?'. Consider purchasing a book titled: '**Hope in the Last Days**' - **authorized** by Pastor Dave Williams. Available from numerous book vendors listed at www.abebooks.com . Or take some time to study the sections of the Bible written by Daniel and Matthew.

While this article may seem to be filled with bad news, it is actually Good News for Christians who are waiting for the return of Jesus Christ!

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Peter Degraaf is a financial analyst. His website www.pdegraaf.com has thus far registered more than 500,000 hits.

At the time this article was written, he recommended taking money out of the banking system, as protection against a coming 'reset'. He suggests investing in items that the government cannot make more of, - including non-perishable foods.

But **more important**, he recommends getting right with God, by accepting Jesus Christ as your Saviour.

Read and study the third chapter of John's Gospel and do the same with the Sermon on the Mount, found in Matthew 5 – 7. Meditate on these passages.

The prophet Jeremiah wrote in chapter 29:13: "You will seek me and you will find me, when you search for me with all your heart".

For spiritual guidance Peter and his wife Carol rely on Pastor David Jeremiah and Rabbi Jonathan Cahn. You'll find their videos on YouTube.

Note: Bible passages that refer to End Times: Daniel 12:4; Joel 2: 27-32; Mathew 7:13-14; also 7:22-23; Matthew chapters 24-25; Mark 13:32; Luke 21:11; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; also 4:1; 2nd Peter 10:10-13