

Israel between the swords

O'Malley Family Bible Study
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The end of the world has come.... Opps, Maybe not. People have been predicting the end of the world (aka the Rapture) and as the picture on the right shows... they have been all wrong.

One may not understand full all subjects of the bible but one can get a sense of what is not being taught correctly and what has a ring of truth. Jesus said that we can get close to determining where we are by what season we are in.

In Mt24:4-8 Jesus gives a prophecy of the times. Mainly that Religious ignorance will increase, Loss of political control (leaders will lead people to war for their own desires), racial riots, world wars, famines and earthquakes.

NASB Matthew 24:4-8

Religious ignorance of the people

:4 And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you.

:5 "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many.

Loss of Political control of the people to their rulers

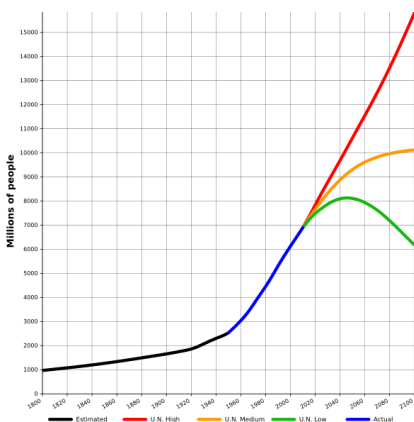
:6 "You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for *those things* must take place, but *that* is not yet the end.

Racial wars, Loss of Agriculture production

:7 "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.

:8 "But all these things are *merely* the beginning of birth pangs.

What could be the signs that these are in the process of taking place besides just looking on the TV?

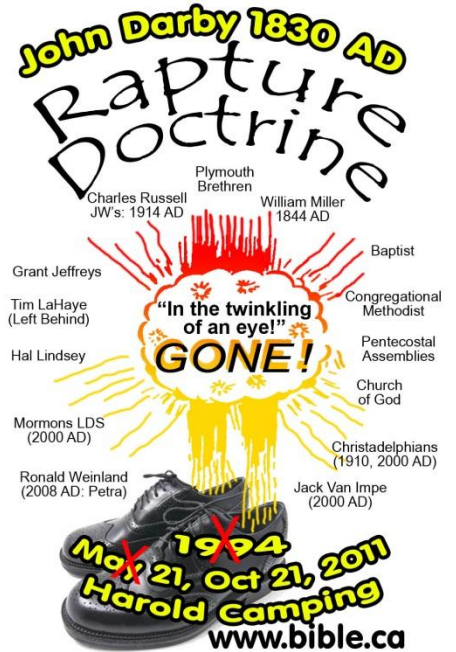


Population reduction on a massive scale will be the equal and opposite reaction when all these birth pangs (death, destruction and mayhem) begin to occur

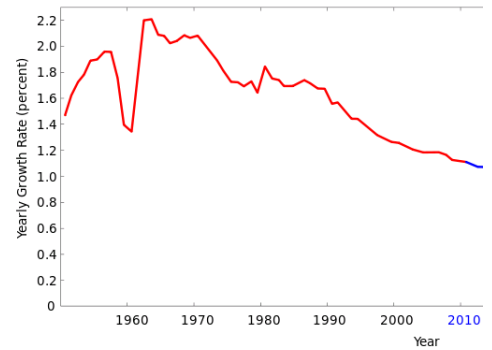
Looking at the graph on the left one would expect that the birth pangs would show a leveling out or decreasing of the total world population but as of 2010 the total world's population is still increasing.

The UN has 3 models of where it'll trend to in the future: Red (continue as is), Gold (slower increase) and Green (population reduction).

Nothing changes overnight so another chart that would be beneficial to examine would be the **rate** of population growth



Looking at the graph on the right the world's growth rate has steadily decreased since the middle 1960s or 45 years of steady decrease in the growth rate. Until the growth rate reaches 0, the total world's population will continue to increase and prophecies of Jesus in Matthew 24:4-8 have not fully occurred yet.



The trend since the mid 60's seems to indicate that we are heading towards the birth pains of Mt24:8. That is not to say that it's far off in the distance that we don't have to concern ourselves.

Everything changed for everyone in Egypt once Moses returned and told Pharaoh to let God's people go. Three viewpoints were in Egypt prior to the Exodus birth pains .

From the viewpoint of the Egyptians: Everything was normal.

From the viewpoint of the Israelites: Increased workload, less rest (Ex5:6)

From the viewpoint of God: All the plagues were staged and ready to be let loosed.

20 days after the first plague (estimated minimum) the Israelites were walking away from a devastated Egypt where the agriculture, economy, military, population and confidence were crushed. When Jesus begins to pour His wrath down, it's a sudden overwhelming flood (Lk21:34).

Day	Bible Verse	Event of that Day(s)
1 - 7	Ex 7:14-25	Water turned to blood
8 - 9	Ex 8:6-14	Plague of frogs
9	Ex 8:16-19	Gnats
10 - 11	Ex 8:20-32	Flies
11 - 12	Ex 9:1-7	Livestock deaths
12	Ex 9:12	Boils
13 - 14	Ex 9:13-15	Hails destroyed Agriculture
14 - 15	Ex 10:1-20	Grasshopper invasion
16, 17, 18	Ex 10:21-29	3 Days of Darkness
19	Ex 11: 1-12,37	Preparation day of Passover, spoil Egyptians
20	Ex 12:30-32	Passover, Depart Egypt

RSV Luke 21:34-36

34 "But take heed to yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and **that day come upon you suddenly** like a snare;

35 for it will come upon all who dwell upon the face of the whole earth.

36 But **watch at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that will take place**, and to stand before the Son of man."

The depopulation will be so severe in those days according to Mt24:22 that if Jesus didn't shorten the days then all flesh would be destroyed.

RSV Matthew 24:19,21,22

19 And alas for those who are with child and for those who give suck **in those days!**

21 For then there will be **great tribulation**, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.

22 And **if those days had not been shortened, no human being would be saved**; but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

Needless to say there will be bad times ahead. All the prophecies leading up to those days must be completed prior to the initiation of the wiping out of the people on earth.

This study will concentrate on a few of those prophecies to get the time frame to be used in other studies.

An ancient prophecy of Abraham was that he was going to be a father of many nations (Gen 17:5).

KJV Genesis 17:5 ...thy name shall be Abraham; for **a father of many nations** have I made thee.

Abraham had 2 sons: Ishmael and Isaac. Abraham's prophecy of father of many nations fell on both of his sons. Ishmael's 12 sons became princes or rulers of nations – Gen25:16. If God sent away Ishmael then how much more blessings will Isaac receive?

RSV Genesis 25:16 These are the **sons of Ishmael** and these are their names, by their villages and by their encampments, **twelve princes** according to their tribes.

NASB Gen 21:8-13

- :8 The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.
- :9 Now Sarah saw the son (*Ishmael*) of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking.
- :10 Therefore she said to Abraham, "Drive out this maid and her son, for the son of this maid shall not be an heir with my son Isaac."
- :11 The matter distressed Abraham greatly because of his son.
- :12 But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the lad and your maid; whatever Sarah tells you, listen to her, **for through Isaac your descendants shall be named.**"
- :13 "**And of the son of the maid I will make a nation** also, because he is your descendant."

Isaac's lineage would also have this blessing as well. Isaac had 2 sons: Esau and Jacob. Esau had 11 kings come from him Gen36:19-31.



RSV Genesis 36:19 These are the **sons of Esau (that is, Edom), and these are their chiefs.**

RSV Genesis 36:31 These are the **kings who reigned in the land of Edom**, before any king reigned over the Israelites.

God's full blessing wasn't on Ishmael or Esau but on Isaac and Jacob (later renamed Israel). If God hates Esau (Rm9:13) but still raised Kingdoms on Esau's children then how much more of a blessing will God give Jacob – the one who He loves?

RSV Romans 9:13 As it is written, "**Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.**"

The 12 sons of Jacob must become at least 12 kingdoms at some point in the future. It's at least since before Jacob died in Egypt, Jacob adopted his son Joseph's two sons as his (Jacob's) sons creating a 13th tribe – Gen48:5-6.

RSV Genesis 48:5-6

5 And now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; **Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine, as Reuben and Simeon are.**

6 And the offspring born to you after them shall be yours; they shall be called by the name of their brothers in their inheritance.

Jacob then blesses Ephraim and Manasseh, Gen48:19, stating that Manasseh would be great however the younger son, Ephraim, would become greater and then turn into a multitude of nations – Gen 48:14, 18-19.

RSV Genesis 48:14 And Israel (*Jacob*) stretched out his right hand and laid it upon the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand upon the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands, for Manasseh was the first-born.

RSV Genesis 48:18-19

18 And Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father; for this one is the first-born; put your right hand upon his head."

19 But his father refused, and said, "I know, my son, I know; he (*Manasseh*) also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; nevertheless his younger brother (*Ephraim*) shall be greater than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude of nations."

This prophecy **must be completed** prior to the beginning of the birth pains since death, destruction and mayhem doesn't lead to multiple nation creation. The minimum number of nations would be:

11 for the 11 sons of Jacob

1+ (at least) for Manasseh

+? For Ephraim

Looking at Ishmael and Esau total number of nations (12 + 11 = 23 nations) the minimum number that should be expected that Manasseh and Ephraim would create would be 12. The upper number of nations would be 70 – Ex1:5, Dt32:8

RSV Exodus 1:5 All the offspring of Jacob (*Israel*) were seventy persons; Joseph was already in Egypt.

NASB Deuteronomy 32:8 "When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, When He separated the sons of man, He set the boundaries of the peoples According to the number of the sons of Israel.

When would the nation building begin? Not during the 40 year Exodus in the desert or during the Judges, nor during the reign of King Saul/David/Solomon since Samuel the prophet told King David that there would be another place that those nations would be located at 2Sam7:10.



NASB 2 Samuel 7:10 I will also appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, nor will the wicked afflict them any more as formerly,

That nation building is first described in Ezekiel 12:15 and Jeremiah 50:17. Once the Assyrians came in and removed them off the promise land for disobedience.

NASB Eze 12:15 "So they will know that I am the LORD when I scatter them among the nations and spread them among the countries.

KJV Jeremiah 50:17 **Israel is a scattered sheep**; the lions have driven him away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.

Once out of the promise land they had to grow in number, remain a cohesive group and become 23 to 70 different nations prior to the day of the Lord because according to the Septuagint in Ezekiel30:3 the day of the Lord is the end of nations. With a lack of people a nation dies and the birth pains will wipe some nations off the world.

Sept Ez 30:3 Day of the Lord is near.... **It shall be the end of nations**

The timeline that must occur before the Day of the Lord comes would be:



One argument against this would be that the nations would be formed during the 1000 year reign however the definition of a nation is that it has a particular territory, its own government, same ethnic family, speaking similar languages. In the 1000 year kingdom reign there will be one government and set of laws (Jesus') to rule the entire planet so there won't be a collection of people with a different set of laws.

<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/nation?s=t&path=/>

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noun

1.

a large body of people, associated with a particular territory, that is sufficiently conscious of its unity to seek or to possess a government peculiarly its own: *The president spoke to the nation about the new tax.*

4.

an aggregation of persons of the same ethnic family, often speaking the same language or cognate languages.

Present day Israel fails in part 1 of the above definition of a nation since the entire Palestinian-Israel conflict is about Israel not declaring where its territories begin and end at. No nation exists without a defined border

Only one case fits that the “end times” are right around the corner

Who's the scattered nations	When will the Birth Pains come
Modern day Israel will be the scattered nations	Israel must define borders and conquer and occupy at least 22 other nations very quickly (without the US's help or assistance). Many decades, if not centuries away from completion.
Other nations fit the scattered nations prophecy	now

What nations could fit the scattered nations? What did Jesus say about this?

Jesus said that the Apostles were to make disciples of all nations and only those nations keeping the word would be Jesus' diciples.

RSV Matthew 28:19 **Go therefore and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

RSV John 8:31 Jesus then said to the Jews who had believed in him, "**If** you continue in my word, you are truly my **disciples**,

The definition or new name of the **disciples** is found in Acts 11:26 -- **Christian**

RSV Acts 11:26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch **the disciples were for the first time called Christians.**

The scattered nations that will be represented in the end time prophecies concerning the birth pains will be the Christian nations of the world. Ancient Israel became corrupted soon after creation and so too are the present Christian nations of the world.

Taking one Christian nation for example – Scotland. In 1320 it wrote its Declaration of independence (Declaration of Arbroath, 6 April 1320) where it links itself to people who left Egypt (Israelites).

“it came, **twelve hundred years after the people of Israel crossed the Red Sea**, to its home in the west where it still lives today.”

Christians have been evangelizing through out the world but so far there exist no Christian countries in Africa, Asia or the Middle east. Christian Country defined as being started by Christians (like the USA in the Mayflower compact: **...Haveing undertaken, for ye Glorie of God, and advancements of ye Christian faith**). Or whose religion was once one form of Christianity (like Europe, New Zealand, Australia..) or whose country has prounced faith and fidelity in the bible (aka public law 97-280 which proclaimed 1983 as the year of the bible.)

If the Christian nations are the scattered nations then one must be eagerly be seeking how to escape the coming distresses on the world (Lk 21:36, 2Pt 3:11) that could soon be upon us or end up missing the boat.

ASV Luke 21:36 But **watch ye at every season**, making supplication, that ye may prevail to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

NASB 2 Peter 3:11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, **what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct** and godliness,

Regards,
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Called/Chosen + Hear + Believe + Repent + Confess + Baptize + Abide = Salvation -> Proclaim
Mt 22:14 + Lk 11:28 + Jn 3:16 + Mk 6:12 + Rm 10:9 + Acts 2:38 + Heb 10:26 = 1 Pt 3:21 -> Mt 28:19-20

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The National Archives of Scotland, Declaration of Arbroath,

<http://www.nas.gov.uk/about/090401.asp>

...Most Holy Father, we know and from the chronicles and books of the ancients we find that among other famous nations our own, the Scots, has been graced with widespread renown. It journeyed from Greater Scythia by way of the Tyrrhenian Sea and the Pillars of Hercules, and dwelt for a long course of time in Spain among the most savage peoples, but nowhere could it be subdued by any people, however barbarous. Thence **it came, twelve hundred years after the people of Israel crossed the Red Sea, to its home in the west where it still lives today.** The Britons it first drove out, the Picts it utterly destroyed, and, even though very often assailed by the Norwegians, the Danes and the English, it took possession of that home with many victories and untold efforts; and, as the histories of old time bear witness, they have held it free of all servitude ever since. In their kingdom there have reigned one hundred and thirteen kings of their own royal stock, the line unbroken by a single foreigner....

Public Law 97-280

The 97th Congress of the United States publicly declared 1983 the national "Year of the Bible". The bipartisan document known as Public Law 97-280, was signed on October 4, 1982 by Speaker of the House Thomas P. O'Neill, President of the Senate - Pro Tempore Strom Thurmond, and President of the United States Ronald Reagan. It reads as follows:

WHEREAS the Bible, the Word of God, has made a unique contribution in shaping the United States as a distinctive and blessed nation and people;

WHEREAS deeply held religious convictions springing from the Holy Scriptures led to the early settlement of our Nation;

WHEREAS Biblical teachings inspired concepts of civil government that are contained in our Declaration of Independence and Constitution of the United States;

WHEREAS many of our great national leaders--among them Presidents Washington, Jackson, Lincoln, and Wilson--paid tribute to the surpassing influence of the Bible in our country's development, as in the words of President Jackson that the Bible is "the Rock on which our Republic rests";

WHEREAS the history of our Nation clearly illustrates the value of voluntarily applying the teachings of the Scriptures in the lives of individuals, families, and societies;

WHEREAS this Nation now faces great challenges that will test this Nation as it has never been tested before; and

WHEREAS that renewing our knowledge of and faith in God through Holy Scripture can strengthen us as a nation and a people: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized and requested to **designate 1983 as a national "Year of the Bible"** in recognition of both the formative influence the Bible has been for our Nation, and our national need to study and apply the teachings of the Holy Scriptures. 33

Mayflower Compact

...Haveing undertaken, for ye Glorie of God, and **advancements of ye Christian faith**, and the honour of our King & countrie, a voyage to plant ye first colonie in ye Northern parts of Virginia; Doe by these presents, solemnly & mutually, in ye presence of God, and one of another; covenant & combine ourselves together into a Civill body politick; for our better ordering, & preservation & furtherance of ye ends aforesaid; and by vertue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame, such just & equal Lawes, ordinances, Acts, constitutions, & offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meete and convenient for ye generall good of ye Colonie; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience...