

Pretribulational Events

1. **World Wars** – “nation rise against nation; kingdom against kingdom” – Matt. 24:7-8
2. **Famines** – worldwide food shortage – Matt. 24:7-8
3. **Earthquakes** – severe increase (see details) – Matt. 24:7-8
4. Worldwide **regathering of Israel** (Ezekiel 20:33-38)
 - a. First, in unbelief from wrath for wrath
 - b. Second, in faith
5. Israel control of **Jerusalem**
6. Israel control of **Temple Mount**
7. **Invasion of Israel** by a Northern Alliance of nations (Ezekiel 38-39)
8. **One world Government** (Daniel 7:15-27) - the fourth beast first devours whole earth (Dn. 7:23)
9. Division into **Ten Kingdoms** with ten kings (Daniel 2 – “ten toes”; Daniel 7 – “ten kings”)
10. Rise of **Antichrist** (Revelation 13:1-10), the little horn of Daniel 7
11. **Period of peace** and false security
12. Antichrist signs **seven-year treaty with Israel** which begins the 70th seven, the 7-year tribulation

Eschatology/ End Times

1. **Mysteries** –
 - a. Paul uses the word “mysteries” (μυστήριον) to refer to hidden truths that were written, but not fully revealed in the text of the Old Testament.
 - b. Mysteries revealed in the NT:
 - i. Incarnation – 1 Timothy 3:16 (see 4e below)
 - ii. Divine Indwelling – Colossians 1:26-28
 - iii. Church, a union of Jews and Gentiles – Ephesians 3:1-11
 - iv. Israel’s blindness – Romans 11:25
 - v. Rapture - 1 Corinthians 15:51-55
 - vi. Mysteries of the kingdom - Jesus seven kingdom parables – Matthew 13
 - c. Mysteries not yet revealed, but spoken of:
 - i. Mystery of Iniquity – 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12 -

“Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

- ii. Mystery of the 7 stars and the 7 candle stands – Revelation 1:20 -
“As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.”
- iii. Mystery of Babylon the Great, Revelation 17:5 –
“And on her forehead was written name of mystery: ‘Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth’s abominations.’”

2. Prophets tried to look into these things in 1 Peter 1:10-12 -

“Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.”

3. No man knows the day or hour –

- a. Matthew 24:36-37 -
“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.”
- b. Matthew 24:44 -
“Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”
- c. Matthew 25:13 -
“Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”
- d. Acts 1:7 –
“He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.”

4. Do not be taken by surprise

- a. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-7 – *“Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, ‘There is peace and security,’ then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.”*
- b. Revelation 1:1-3 -
“The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.”

5. Do not be deceived

- a. Matthew 24:23-27 -
“Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to

you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man."

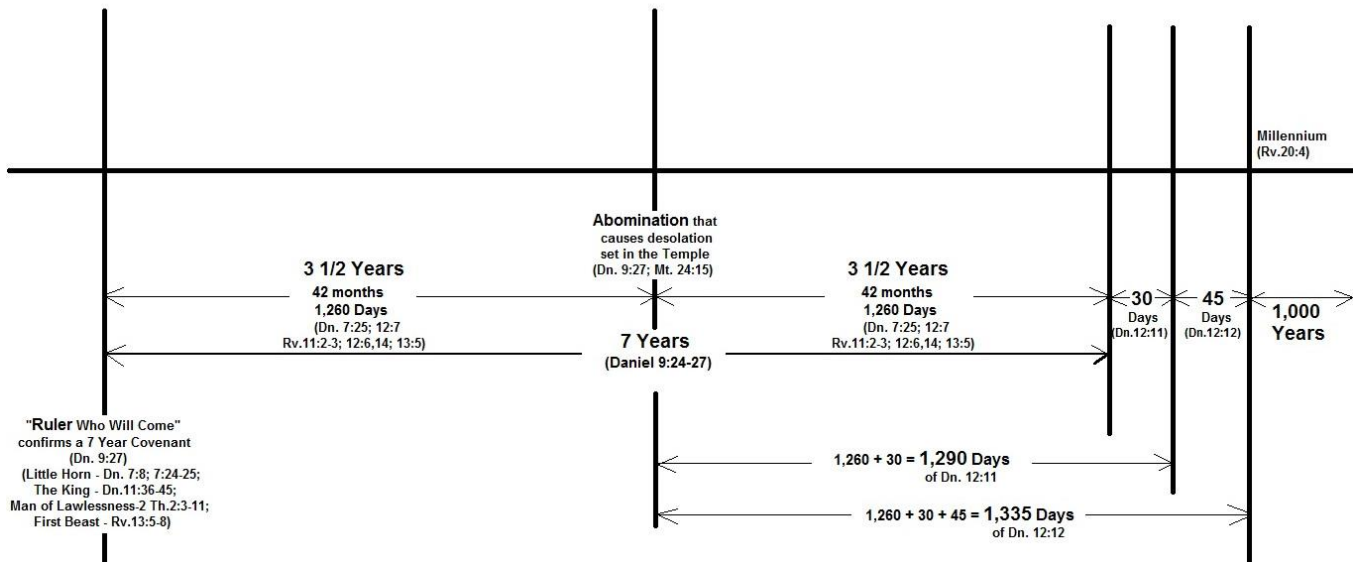
- b. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 – "Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God."
- c. 1 John 3:7-9 -
"Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning."
- d. James 1:16 -
"Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers."
- e. Ephesians 5:6 -
"Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience."

Presuppositions: Established Assumptions

- This study assumes the following concepts to be correct.
 - These assumptions may be wrong and may be viewed differently.
1. There is a beginning and an end of the current age.
 2. Life continues forever.
 3. Eschatology is more than human spirits going to heaven after death.
 - a. What becomes of the earth?
 - b. What becomes of creation?
 - c. What is eternal judgment?
 - d. What is resurrection?
 4. Jesus comes to earth two times in a physical form and visual way.
 - a. First Coming as a man to be sacrificed as a savior
 - b. Second Coming as a man to rule as a king
 5. Israel was, is set aside and will return
 - a. Israel was an existing nation in the Old Testament
 - b. Israel is currently set aside for a season
 - c. Israel will return as a nation and be restored
 6. God controls nations and controls history by working through a client nation (often that client nation does not fully realize God's plan or God's ways):
 - a. Egypt
 - b. Assyria
 - c. Babylon
 - d. Persia
 - e. Greece
 - f. Rome
 - g. (England)
 - h. (USA)
 - i. "Kingdom of the Beast"

7. There are periods of revealed seasons, times or years. These can also periods of ages or dispensations. For example:
 - a. The Garden
 - b. Before the Flood
 - c. After the Flood
 - d. After Babel
 - e. Abraham, Israel, Law
 - f. Church Age
 - g. Seventieth Week or "Tribulation"
 - h. Kingdom Age or Millennium
8. God has made Covenants
 - a. Some are unconditional, meaning God will see them fulfilled despite the failure of mankind:
 - i. **Abrahamic Covenant** – Genesis 12:1-3; Genesis 15; Genesis 17:1-14;
 - ii. **Land Covenant** – Genesis 12:1-3, 5-9; Genesis 15:17-21; Joshua 1:4; Numbers 34 (https://www.generationword.com/notes/joshua/02-Joshua_Introduction_part-two.pdf)
 - iii. **Davidic Covenant** – 2 Samuel 7:8-16
 - iv. **New Covenant** – Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:22-38; Hebrews 8:6-7; Luke 22:19-20; (Superior to Moses, Law, Aaron, priesthood in Hebrews 3-4; 8-10)
 - b. Some are conditional, meaning God will only fulfill his end of the covenant if man fulfills his obligations to the covenant:
 - i. Mosaic Covenant (Law)
9. There is a promised Messiah that will defeat Satan, save mankind and fulfill God's Covenants. He is spoken of from the books of Genesis through Revelation. He is foretold to be:
 - a. Seed of the Woman – Genesis 3:15
 - b. Seed of Noah – Genesis 7:1,13,23
 - c. Seed of Abraham – Genesis 12:3; Acts 3:25; Galatians 3:8-9; 27-29
 - d. Seed of Tribe of Judah – Genesis 49:10
 - e. Seed of David – 2 Samuel 7:12-16
10. There is also an opponent known as a false-messiah or an anti-christ that will attempt to deceive mankind and overthrow the person and plan of God.

Forerunner of Antichrist	Opposed God	Oppressed People of God	Desecrated Temple of God	Abomination of Desolation in Temple of God	Roman Origin
Pharaoh	√-Ex. 5:2	√-Ex. 5:1:11,22			
Nebuchadnezzar	√-Hab.1:6-11	√-2 Kg.24:14	√-2 Kg.24:13		
Antiochus IV Epiphanes	√-Dan.11:36	√-Dan.11:41	√-Dan.11:31	√-Dan.11:31	
Titus (w/Pilate)	√-Jn.19:7-16	√-Dan.9:26	√-Dan.9:26; Mt.24:2;Lk.21:6	√-Dan.9:26; Lk.21:20-24	√-Dan.9:26 Jn.11:48
The ANTICHRIST	√-Dn.8:25; 11:36-39; 2Th.2:4; Rv.13:6	√-Dan.9:27; Dan.11:41; Rev.13:7	√-Dn.9:27; 2 Th.2:4	√-Dan.9:27; Mt.24:15; Mk.13:14; Rev.13:14-15	√-Dan.7:23; Dan.9:27



1. End Time Events Effect Israel – Deuteronomy 32:8-9 -
“When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God. But the Lord’s portion is his people, Jacob his allotted heritage.”
2. First Establish prophesied biblical events before connecting them to current events. It is a mistake to establish current events first, then find prophecy to fit it.
3. Matthew 24:4-6 – describes the general events of the age before the end times. Our age is characterized by:
 - i. False Messiah’s
 - ii. Local Wars
 - iii. We are told in 4:6,
“See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.”

PRETRIBULATIONAL EVENTS DETAILED

Matthew 24:7-8 – describe the beginning of birth pains (or, “travail”) that occur before the end times. Three things are listed and Jesus says these three things *“All these are but the beginning of the birth pains. Then they will deliver you up to tribulation...”*:

- Three things are “beginning of birth pains”
 - After these “birth pains”, “then...tribulation”
1. **Nation rise against nation**; Kingdom against kingdom
 - a. “Nation against Nation” is a Jewish idiom understood in 30 AD as a total world conflict.
 - b. **“Zohar Chadash”** is credited to have been the words of Simon bar Yochai /simon bar yohay/ from the years around 150 AD when he said:
“At that time wars shall be stirred up in the world, Nation shall be against nation and city against city; much distress shall e renewed against the enemies of the Israelites.”
 - c. In 300-400 AD The Jewish Commentary on Genesis called **“Bereshit Rabbah”** recognizes these phrases as World Wars when it says:

“If you shall see kingdoms rising against each other in turn, then give heed and note the footsteps of the Messiah.”

- d. 1914-1919 World War I occurred which continued into World War II in 1939-1945 were the whole World met in war for the first time.
 - i. These two World Wars effected Israel
 - ii. WWI in 1914-1919
 - 1. Stirred the growth of Zionism
 - 2. Caused the fall of the Ottoman Empire and its loss of control of Jerusalem
 - 3. Gave rise of the British control of Jerusalem
 - 4. WWII set the stage for the United Nations to establish the State of Israel in 1948.

2. Famines

3. Earthquakes

- a. See charts below
- b. Watch videos

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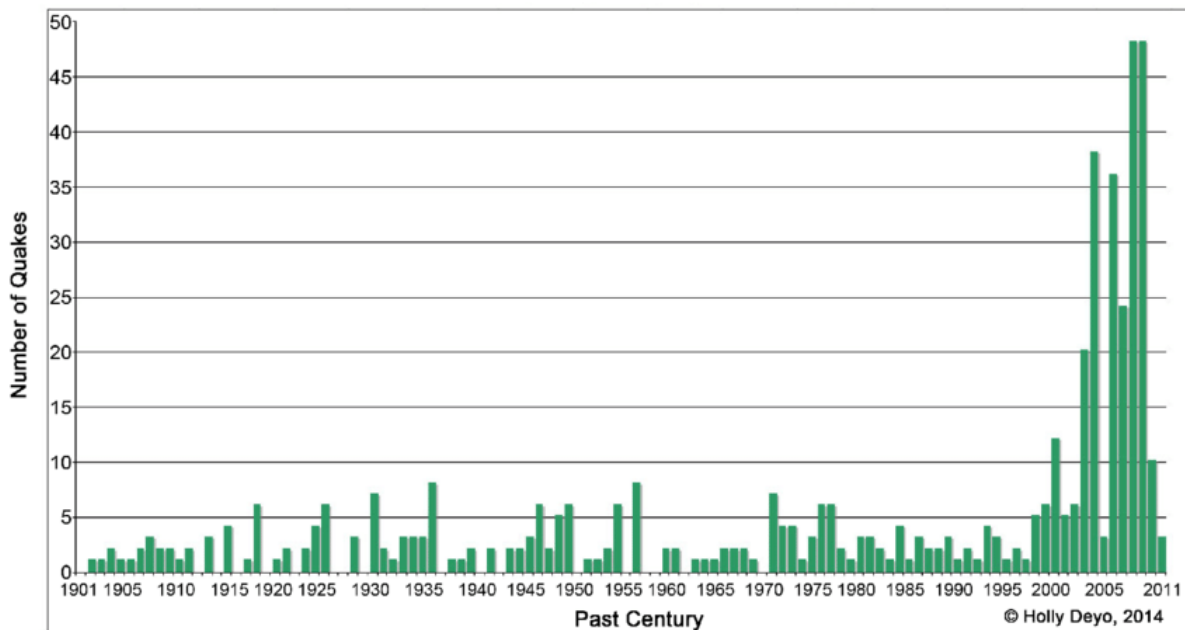
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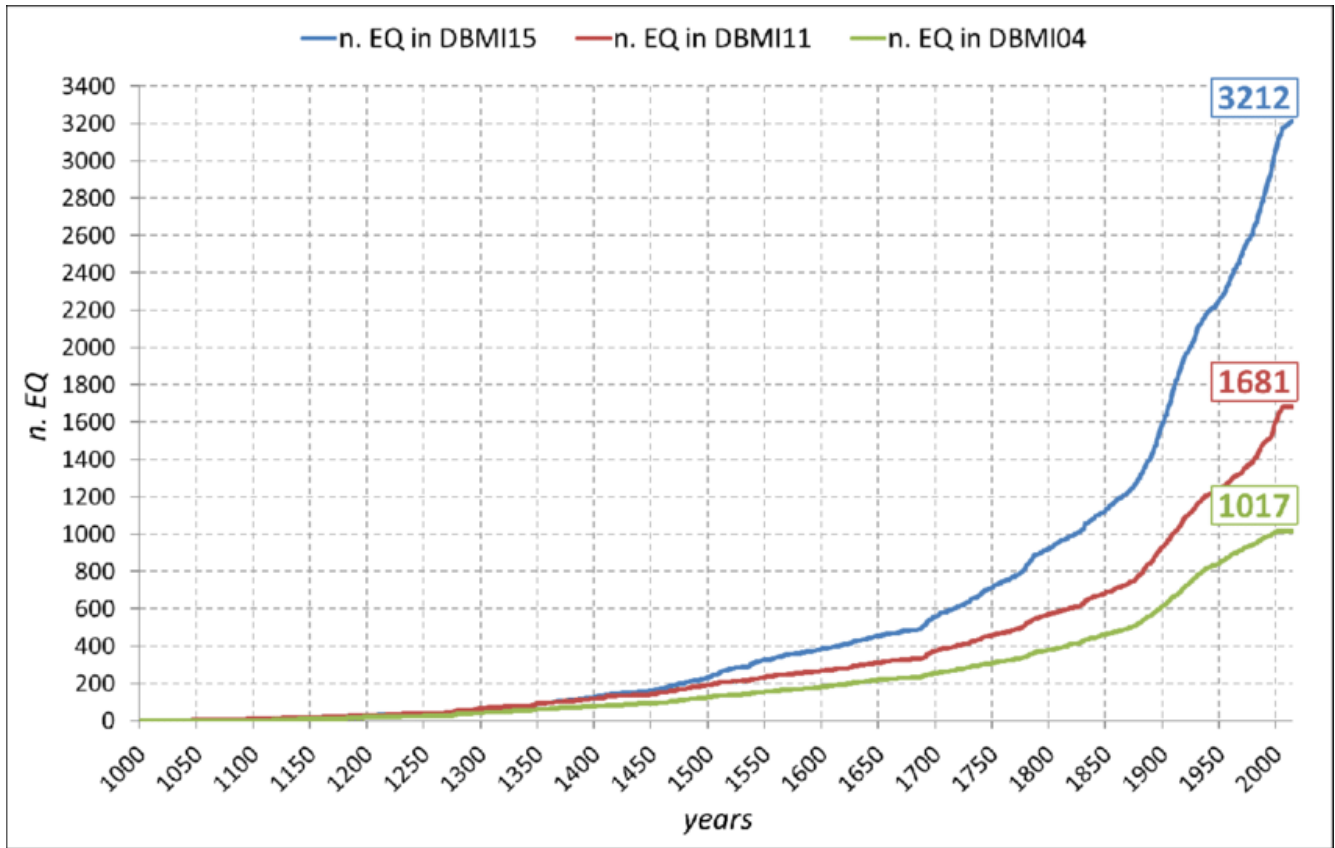
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Long-term records

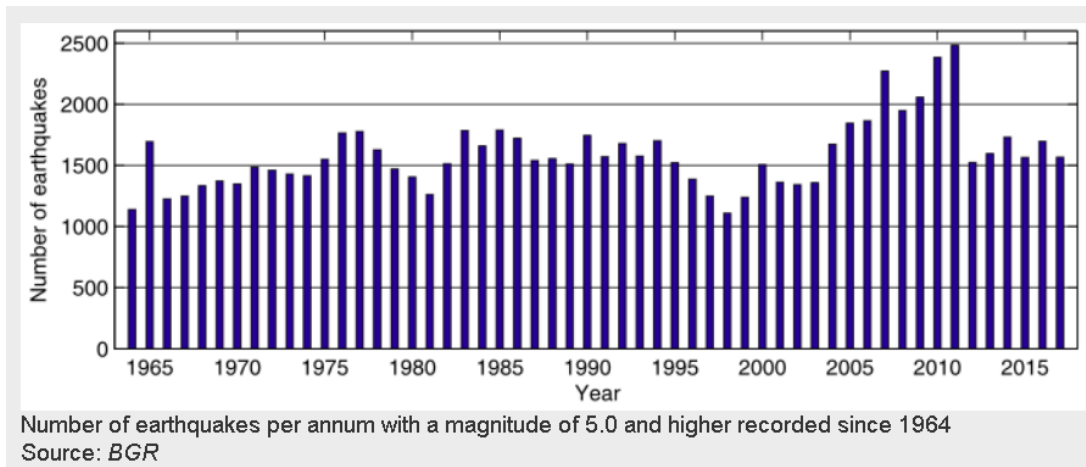
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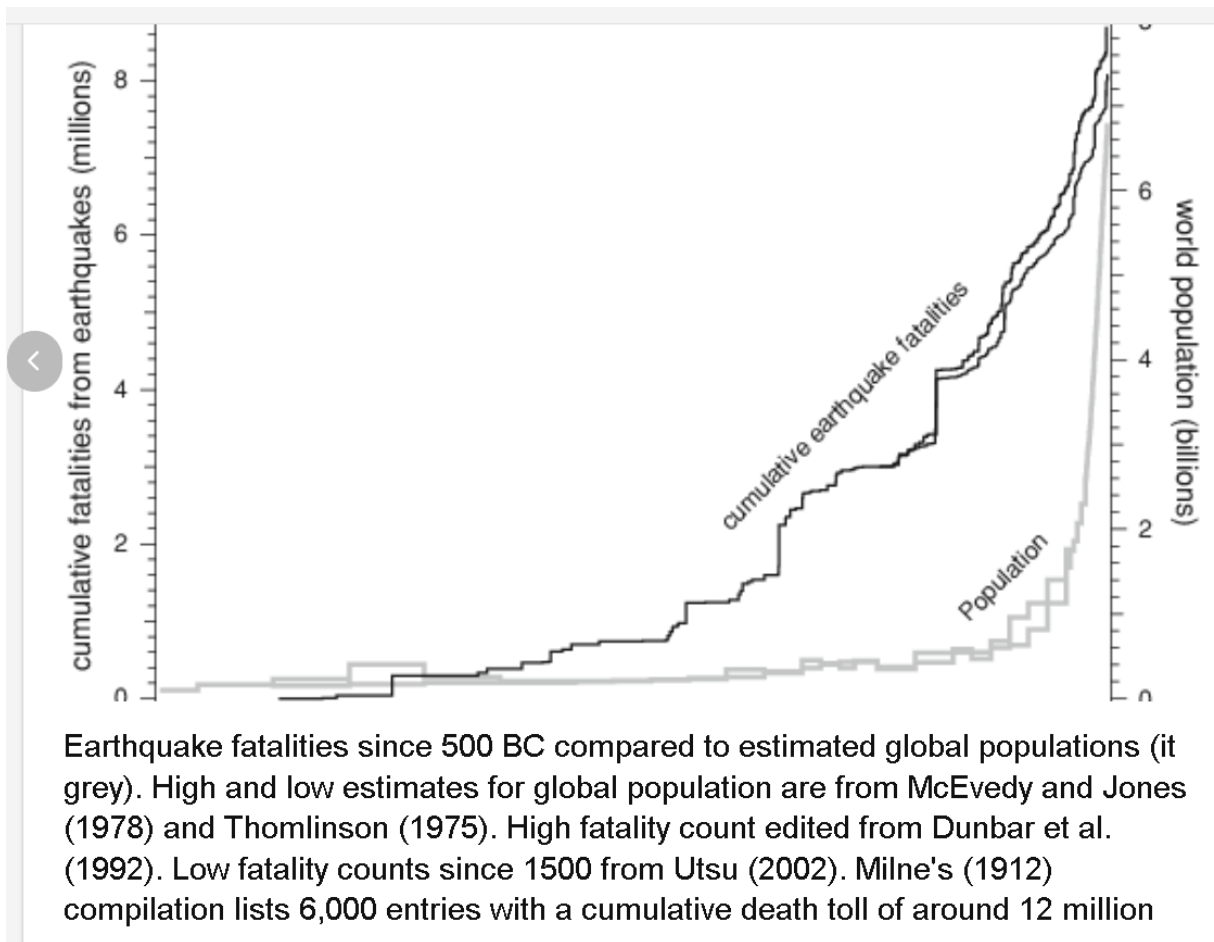
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4. Worldwide regathering of Israel

- a. Jews gathered back into the land from around the world
- b. Isaiah 11:11-12 – the final worldwide regathering from the four corners in unbelief.
- c. This takes place in two phases
 - i. Regathering in unbelief in preparation for judgment
 - ii. Regathering in faith in preparation for Messiah's Kingdom
- d. The regathering in unbelief is in preparation for judgment as in Ezekiel 20:33-38 –
 - i. A regathering out of wrath (OT and NT judgments)
 - ii. A regathering g for wrath (tribulation judgments)
- e. Purpose is to prepare Israel for the New Covenant in Ezekiel 20:37 - "I will bring them into the bound of the covenant"
 - i. National salvation
 - ii. Jeremiah 31:31

- f. Regather Israel to Jerusalem to be refined in the furnace described in Ezekiel 22:17-22, but also detailed in:
 - i. Isaiah 1:22
 - ii. Isaiah 1:25
 - iii. Isaiah 48:10
 - iv. Jeremiah 6:27-30
 - v. Jeremiah 9:7
 - vi. Zechariah 13:9
 - vii. Malachi 3:2-3
 - viii. Zephaniah 1:7-18
 - ix. Zephaniah 2:1-2

- g. The purified nation will be able to turn to the Lord
- h. Ezekiel 36:22-24

- i. This regathering process began in 1948 with the worldwide regathering of Israel in unbelief
 - i. 1948-1949 was Israel's War of Independence where they won control of west Jerusalem.

1. The OT city (east Jerusalem) stayed in the control of Jordanian Legion and was annexed to the country of Jordan.
2. Jerusalem remained a divided city for 19 years (1948-1967) until the Six Day War of 1967

- ii. 1967 – the Six Day War of 1967 gave Israel control of the Temple Mount, west Jerusalem and all the land up to the West Bank
- iii. Israel had to eventually get control of the Temple Mount because of four main verses that indicate the Jews will have a rebuilt third Temple before God can enter into judgment of them as unbelieving regathered Israel:

1. Daniel 9:27 –
2. Matthew 24:15 –
3. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 –
4. Revelation 11:1-2 –

5. Israel controls Jerusalem – 1948

- a. During the Time of the Gentiles Israel has briefly controlled Jerusalem without being under Gentile occupation:
 - i. 164-163 BC - Maccabean during the Greek period
 - ii. 66-70 AD - First Jewish Revolt against Rome
 - iii. 132-135 AD – Second Jewish Revolt against Rome
 - iv. 1967-present – Modern era. This will end in Revelation 11:1-2

6. Israel controls the Temple Mount - 1967



7. **Invasion of Israel by a Northern Alliance** (or, the Battle of Gog and Magog)
 - a. Ezekiel 38:1-6 – the alliance of Invaders described
 - b. Ezekiel 38:7-9 – the location of the invasion
 - c. Ezekiel 38:10-13 – the goal of the Invaders
 - d. Ezekiel 38:14-16 – God’s goal for the invasion
 - e. Ezekiel 38:17-23 – Destruction of Invaders
 - f. Ezekiel 39:1-6 – location of the destruction of the invaders
 - g. Ezekiel 39:7-8 – God’s name is sanctified in:
 - i. The Nations
 - ii. Israel
 - h. Ezekiel 39:9-10 –
 - i. Seven years of burning weapons
 - ii. Seven months of gathering body parts for burial
 - i. Options for the time of this invasion:
 - i. Pretribulation
 - ii. Mid-tribulation
 - iii. Post-tribulation
 - iv. During the interlude after the Second Coming but before the Millennial Kingdom
8. **One World Government**
 - a. Daniel 7:15-27 – the fourth beast kingdom will “devour whole earth” and tread down, break to pieces
9. **Ten Kingdoms**
 - a. Ten kings will arise from the world dominion of the fourth beast
10. **Rise of the Antichrist**
 - a. One king will arise and uproot 3 of the 10 kings to become the antichrist
11. **Period of Peace and False Security**
12. **Seven-year treaty with Israel**

The Time of the Gentiles

The time of the Gentiles is revealed and detailed in five passages:

Luke 21:24 –

Daniel 2:31-45 –

Daniel 7:1-28 –

Revelation 13:1-10 –

Revelation 17:7-14 -