



The bible is a book of prophecies. Prophecies are stories about the future that God revealed to prophets. There are hundreds of these prophecies in the bible.

I believe the bible is the Word of God because most of these prophecies have already been fulfilled. Any scientist would tell you that the odds of that happening by chance are astronomical.

Many of the prophecies are about God's plan to save the world from sin. These prophecies are called messianic prophecies. Messiah means savior.

I believe Jesus is the messiah. I believe Jesus is the messiah because He fulfilled most of the messianic prophecies. The odds of one man fulfilling so many prophecies by chance are astronomical.

The prophets of the bible said this about the messiah.

- Daniel said when He would be born
- Micah said He would be born in Bethlehem
- Isaiah said He would be God born of a virgin
- Jacob said He would be from the from the tribe of Judah
- Jeremiah said He would be a descendant of David
- Isaiah said His coming would be preceded by a messenger
- Isaiah said He would perform miracles
- Zechariah said He would enter Jerusalem on a donkey
- David said He would be betrayed by a friend
- Zechariah said He would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver
- Isaiah said He would be spat upon, beaten, and pierced
- Isaiah said His death would establish peace between the human race and God. He would atone for the sins of the world
- David said He would rise from the dead
- David said He would ascend into heaven
- Isaiah said God's salvation would reach the ends of the earth

Jesus fulfilled all these messianic prophecies.

Daniel, Isaiah, Zechariah, and Habakkuk said the messiah would rule the world and bring peace to the world.

Jesus had 12 disciples. His disciples were Jews and they were very familiar with all the messianic prophecies. They believed Jesus was the messiah. They expected Jesus to fulfill all the messianic prophecies.

Jesus was also a prophet.

- Jesus said He would be arrested, executed, be dead for three days, and raised.
- Jesus said He would ascend into heaven.

- Jesus said His church would survive and thrive
- Jesus said His story would reach the whole earth
- Jesus said He would return and rule the world and bring peace to the world

Watch the season finale! We hear that phrase continuously from producers and directors of TV series. The finale is the conclusion. What is the finale of the bible?

The finale in the bible is a series of messianic prophecies about the return of Jesus and what happens to the world.

The finale includes...

- The signs that precede the return of Jesus
- The return of Jesus
- The final judgment of mankind by Jesus
- The creation of a new heavens and the new earth for Jesus and His people

According to the finale, there will be a generation Z on the earth. Generation Z is the last generation of people on the earth when Jesus returns.

Let's read what Jesus said to His disciples about generation Z and His return.

Matt 24:1-31

1 As Jesus was leaving the Temple grounds, his disciples pointed out to him the various Temple buildings.

2 But he responded, "Do you see all these buildings? I tell you the truth, they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!"

3 Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives. His disciples came to him privately and said, "Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will signal your return and the end of the world?"

4 Jesus told them, "Don't let anyone mislead you,

5 for many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah.' They will deceive many.

6 And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately.

7 Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world.

8 But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.

9 "Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are my followers.

10 And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other.

11 And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people.

12 Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold.

13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

14 And the good news about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.

15 "The day is coming when you will see what Daniel the prophet spoke about—the sacrilegious object that causes desecration standing in the Holy Place." (Reader, pay attention!)

16 "Then those in Judea must flee to the hills.

17 A person out on the deck of a roof must not go down into the house to pack.

18 A person out in the field must not return even to get a coat.

19 How terrible it will be for pregnant women and for nursing mothers in those days.

20 And pray that your flight will not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

21 For there will be greater anguish than at any time since the world began. And it will never be so great again.

22 In fact, unless that time of calamity is shortened, not a single person will survive. But it will be shortened for the sake of God's chosen ones.

23 "Then if anyone tells you, 'Look, here is the Messiah,' or 'There he is,' don't believe it.

24 For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform great signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God's chosen ones.

25 See, I have warned you about this ahead of time.

26 "So if someone tells you, 'Look, the Messiah is out in the desert,' don't bother to go and look. Or, 'Look, he is hiding here,' don't believe it!

27 For as the lightning flashes in the east and shines to the west, so it will be when the Son of Man comes.

28 Just as the gathering of vultures shows there is a carcass nearby, so these signs indicate that the end is near. 29 "Immediately after the anguish of those days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will give no light, the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

30 And then at last, the sign that the Son of Man is coming will appear in the heavens, and there will be deep mourning among all the peoples of the earth. And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And he will send out his angels with the mighty blast of a trumpet, and they will gather his chosen ones from all over the world—from the farthest ends of the earth and heaven.

32 "Now learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near.

33 In the same way, when you see all these things, you can know his return is very near, right at the door.

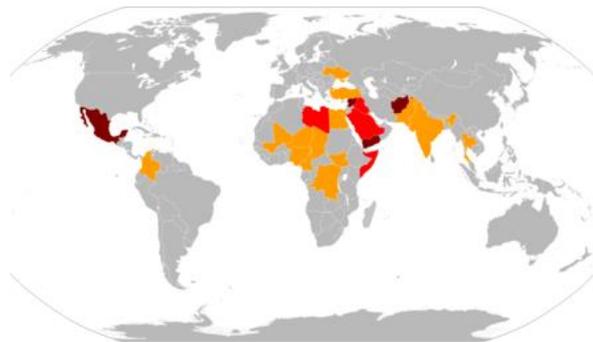
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Jesus said these events would be signs to generation Z.

1. There will be many false prophets and false messiahs (verses 4-5; verse 11)

Currently, there are over 4200 religions on the earth.

2. The earth will groan from threats of war, wars, famines, pestilence, and earthquakes (verses 6-8)



List of ongoing armed conflicts.

Dark purple-Major wars, 10,000 or more battle related deaths in current or past year

Red-Wars, 1,000-9,999 battle related deaths in current or past year

Yellow-Less intense conflicts, 100-999 battle related deaths in current or past year

**Today**, the world stands on the brink of unprecedented **famines**. About 30 million people are experiencing alarming hunger, severe levels of food insecurity and malnutrition in north-eastern Nigeria, South Sudan, Somalia, and Yemen. 10 million of them are facing emergency and **famine** conditions.

Pestilence-Need I say more.

In **2019**, there was a total of 1,637 **earthquakes** with magnitude of five or more were recorded worldwide.

### 3. There will be a great hatred of the Jews and Christians (verses 9-10)

The current political divide in our country is at its roots a moral divide caused by intense hatred of the moral values of Jews and Christians. We stand for life; for marriage of one man to one woman; sexual abstinence before marriage; religious freedom; for a free market economic system; etc. The hatred for Jews and Christians is very evident in the media and in social media. It is very evident in the attacks on our current president and those who voted for him.

Worldwide, in 2019, eleven Christians were killed every day in various countries for following Jesus. There are 50 countries that are ranked as countries to watch. It is one of the biggest human rights issues of this era and the hostility is growing.

### 4. Lawlessness(sin) will abound (verse 12)

2 Timothy 3:1-5

3 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

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### 5. Gospel will be available to the whole world (verse 14)

### 6. A one world ruler will arise that will give the world a promise of security (verse 15)

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

1 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you,

2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.

3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you, I told you these things?

6 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time.

7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.

8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,

12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

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(Revelation 13:1-10)

7. There will be a great tribulation on the earth like the world has never seen. (verses 21-22)

The Revelation to John goes into incredible detail with amazing imagery about the great tribulation.

Why did Jesus reveal these signs to His disciples through prophecy?

God wanted Noah to know what was going to happen on the earth so He could have faith and be prepared for what was going to happen to him and his family.

Jesus wanted His disciples to know what was going to happen to Him so they could have faith and be prepared for what was going to happen to them.

Jesus wants His church to know what is going to happen to generation Z so that it can have faith and be prepared if it is the church in generation Z.

Are we generation Z in biblical prophecies?

We are experiencing most of these signs.

But Paul said we will know for sure that the Lord is near when sign number six occurs.

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For the man of sin to rise to power on the earth, there will need to be a crisis that he resolves that would cause all the nations of the world to submit to Him.

We are having a worldwide crisis right now that should cause every person on earth to understand how this could happen.

If the man of sin is revealed, we will know we are the church in generation Z and the Lord's return is imminent.

There are those in the church that believe that the church will be removed from the earth before all these signs occur.

There are those in the church that believe that the church will be removed from the earth 3- and one-half years after the man of sin is revealed.

There are those in the church that believe that the church will not be removed from the earth until Jesus returns.

I hope that the church will be removed from the earth and will not have to experience all these events.

You would be wise to have faith and prepare yourself just in case we are not removed.

How do you personally prepare?

You must become as a little child and depend upon Jesus to be everything you need for life and Godliness.

The Lord is using covid-19 this virus and our suffering to expose those things that we have depended upon rather than depending upon Jesus.

- Many are depending upon the government to save them.
- Many are depending upon technology to save them.
- Many are depending upon modern medicine to save them.
- Many are depending upon their family and friends to save them.

Jesus is the Lord of heaven and earth. It is His sovereign power that holds everything together. He is the blessed controlled of all things. Nations rise and nations fall based on His Word. He determines the future of every person. Your life is in His hands. He is Lord and you are not.

To prepare for your future, you need to repent of your rebellion against God and declare Jesus is Lord!

If you are a follower of Jesus, you need to find your security in Christ alone. If you do not, you will fall away from Jesus.

You will be like the five virgins that did not have any oil in their lamps when the bridegroom appeared.

You will be like the unfaithful servants that were not prepared for the return of their master.

The more you press in to Jesus, the more you will press into His church to minister to your brothers and sisters in Christ.