

**Prophetic Update**  
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## **Introduction (Matthew 24:32-33, 36)**

The Bible is clear in teaching that we cannot know the time of the return of our Lord. And yet, He does expect to be aware of the “seasons” and see the nearness of His return (Mt. 24:32-33).

There is nothing that must happen (in terms of prophetic fulfillment) before the Rapture of the Church. But as we see the increasing similarity of our times to those that will characterize the Tribulation, the period leading up to the second coming of Christ, the closer His appearing seems.

The articles cited below are not meant to say that they are the fulfillment of prophecy. Rather, they are an illustration of how end-time prophecy might be fulfilled. Also, they show an increasing readiness for the end-time events. One illustration of this might be the Temple in Jerusalem. The Bible indicates there will be a Temple in Jerusalem before the return of Christ (Dan. 9:27; Mt. 24:15; & 2 Thes. 2:3-4). The news pointing to a readiness to rebuild the Temple shows how readily the world situation could become what is described in the biblical accounts of the days leading to the return of Christ.

“I read the, newspaper,” said John Newton, “that I may see how my heavenly Father governs the world;” a very excellent reason indeed. We have read the newspaper during the last three months that we might find illustrations of the teaching of our heavenly Father’s word; and we think we have not read in vain, for we have gathered instances in proof, and facts in explanation, which we have jotted down in these pages. The worlds of nature and of providence are full of parallels to things moral and spiritual, and serve as pictures to make the written book of inspiration more clear to the children of God. [CH Spurgeon, Preface to *The Bible and the Newspaper*, AGES Spurgeon 2.0]

## **1. Middle East Peace**

### **A. Scripture (Daniel 9:27)**



Dan. 9:27 indicates that the last seven years before the return of Christ will start with a peace treaty that will apparently allow Israel renewed worship.

## **B. News**

### **1. International mandate to control sections of Israel's capital, U.S. plan gives Jerusalem holy sites to Vatican**

<http://www.wnd.com/2013/12/u-s-plan-gives-jerusalem-holy-sites-to-vatican/#dIq7QUJEXhXwv0C0.99>

### **2. Kerry seeks framework for Mideast peace talks**

<http://news.yahoo.com/kerry-seeks-framework-mideast-peace-talks-181450796.html>

### **3. 'Obama' Think-Tank: Israel Should Cede Jerusalem Sovereignty**

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/132159#.Us7bb7R34lQ>

### **4. The Jerusalem Old City Initiative.**

One contributor to the discussion involves the major religious leaders of Jerusalem as well as Canadian, US, and other leaders. It is called the Jerusalem Old City Initiative ). They argue that Jerusalem is a major sticking point. They propose setting up an independent "regime" to govern Jerusalem and its religious sites until such time as a peace accord can finally resolve matters. The idea of a "regime" governing Jerusalem fits into Daniel 9.

<http://www1.uwindsor.ca/joci/>

### **5. New EU directive bars all dealings with Israeli-held areas over the pre-1967 lines**

[New EU directive bars all dealings with Israeli-held areas over the pre-1967 lines | The Times of Israel http://www.timesofisrael.com/future-eu-deals-will-force-israel-to-admit-west-bank-outside-state/#ixzz2pwSkExh5](http://www.timesofisrael.com/future-eu-deals-will-force-israel-to-admit-west-bank-outside-state/#ixzz2pwSkExh5)

## **2. The Temple**

### **A. Scripture (Dan. 9:27; Mt. 24:15; & 2 Thes. 2:3-4)**

The Bible indicates that the Temple in Jerusalem must be rebuilt (again) and have a part in the end-time events. This is seen in Daniel 9:27; Mt. 24:15; and 2 Thes. 2:3-4.

## **B. News**

### **1. Temple Laver Moved to New Home**

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/164209#.UPWJHGdyGSo>

### **2. Training for the Temple Priesthood has begun**

<http://www.templeinstitute.org/events.htm>

### **3. Treatment of Temple Mount Artifacts 'A Disgrace'**

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/175501>

### **4. Jewish activists want to pray on Jerusalem's Temple Mount, raising alarm in Muslim world**

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle\\_east/jewish-activists-set-sights-on-jerusalems-temple-mount-raising-alarm-in-muslim-world/2013/12/02/d0561dc4-4e00-11e3-97f6-ed8e3053083b\\_print.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/jewish-activists-set-sights-on-jerusalems-temple-mount-raising-alarm-in-muslim-world/2013/12/02/d0561dc4-4e00-11e3-97f6-ed8e3053083b_print.html)

### **5. Minister calls for third Temple to be built**

[Minister calls for third Temple to be built | The Times of Israel  
http://www.timesofisrael.com/minister-calls-for-third-temple-to-be-built/#ixzz2pvrXYx39](http://www.timesofisrael.com/minister-calls-for-third-temple-to-be-built/#ixzz2pvrXYx39)

## **3. One World Government**

### **A. Scripture. (Rev. 13:7; 17:12-13)**

The Bible speaks of a one-world government (Rev. 13:7; 17:12-13) headed by the Antichrist (though it will face opposition from northern, southern and eastern nations not aligned with the revived Roman empire [e.g., Ezek. 38-39]).

## **B. News**

### **1. 'Nuclear Iran's First Target: the Saudis'**

[The 100% Fatwa-Compliant Iranian EMP Nuclear Weapon  
http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/173740#.Unu8p0J34lQ](http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/173740#.Unu8p0J34lQ)

**2. Barbara Walters to Piers Morgan: We thought Obama would be 'the next messiah'**

<http://www.examiner.com/article/barbara-walters-to-piers-morgan-we-thought-obama-would-be-the-next-messiah>

**3. Obama: "God of All Things"**

<http://www.coverjunkie.com/new-covers/2785>

**4. Does Language Bring Us Together or Pull Us Apart?**

<http://www.npr.org/templates/transcript/transcript.php?storyId=248193368>

**4. One World Economy**

**A. Scripture (Rev. 13:16-18)**

Rev. 13:16-18 teaches that the Antichrist will totally control trade so that no one will be able to buy or sell without the mark of the beast on his right hand or his forehead.

Rev. 13:16 And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand, or on their forehead, [17] and he provides that no one should be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name. [18] Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.

**B. News**

**1. Smart Governance: Solutions for Today's Global Economy**

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/speeches/2013/120513.htm>

**2. The G20 was established in 1999 with G20 leaders meeting for summits in 2008.**

[http://www.g20.org/about\\_G20#sthash.YnNayuik.dpuf](http://www.g20.org/about_G20#sthash.YnNayuik.dpuf)

**3. A US patent has been registered for a method of tattooing individuals for economic transactions:**

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**4. We'll pay by fingerprint: Almost half of shoppers would prefer a biometric test over other forms of payment, survey suggests**

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**5. MasterCard tracks global 'cashless journey'**

<http://www.finextra.com/News/Announcement.aspx?pressreleaseid=51842&topic=cards>

**6. EU Proposal to Monitor "Intolerant" Citizens**

<http://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/4036/eu-intolerant-citizens>

**5. One World Religion**

**A. Scripture (Dan. 9:27; 2 Thes. 2:3-4; Rev. 13:8)**

Part of what the Bible tells us about the Antichrist is that he will take over the Temple at the mid-point of the Tribulation and set himself up for worship (Dan. 9:27; 2 Thes. 2:3-4). Rev. 13:8 says that all the non-elect will worship him. The end times, therefore, will see a unified state religion that will oppose the biblical faith.

**B. News**

**1. Evangelical leader says commonality with Mormons deeper than differences**

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**2. Evangelical visits to BYU signal a new evangelical-Mormon detente**

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**3. N.Y. Group Applies To Build Satan Statue At Oklahoma State Capitol**

<http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2014/01/06/n-y-group-applies-to-build-satan-statue-at-oklahoma-state-capitol/>

**4. Time Magazine named the Pope the person of the year for 2013.**

[TIME's Person of the Year 2013 Pope Francis, The People's Pope | TIME.com](http://poy.time.com/2013/12/11/person-of-the-year-pope-francis-the-peoples-pope/#ixzz2pwjynfRn)  
<http://poy.time.com/2013/12/11/person-of-the-year-pope-francis-the-peoples-pope/#ixzz2pwjynfRn>

**5. Denominations and churches are abandoning biblical morality to conform to the world.**

- **Mennonite Church USA Ordains First Openly Homosexual 'Pastor'**

<http://christiannews.net/2014/01/02/mennonite-church-usa-ordains-first-openly-homosexual-pastor/>

- **Christian church billboard touts pro-gay message: 'Jesus had two dads'**

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/aug/30/christian-church-billboard-touts-pro-gay-message-j/#ixzz2pwXoAEUo>

**6. Dancing around a golden calf in Portland, OR—a troubling display of ancient idolatry in a modern setting.**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8uS-YQo658>  
<http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2013/05/05/is-that-occupy-portland-dancing-around-a-golden-calf-on-may-day/>

**6. Babylon**

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## **B. News**

### **1. Iraq oil production surpasses Iran**

<http://money.cnn.com/2012/08/10/news/economy/iraq-oil/>

### **3. Iraq's Economy Wakes Up**

[http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/10\\_18/b4176017884558.htm](http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/10_18/b4176017884558.htm)

## **7. Invasion from the North**

### **A. Scripture (Ezek. 38-39)**

The Bible indicates that Israel is the focus of the end-time events. One aspect of that is that it will be the center of much warfare. One assault will come from a northern alliance. Many commentators equate this with Russia—at least in part (i.e., Magog in the Caucasus mountain region) (cf. BKCOT, 1299-1300—see update map), Ezek. 38-39.

While somewhat dated by references to the Soviet Union, Charles Dyer's comments in the Bible Knowledge Commentary on the OT (BKCOT), on Ezekiel 38 are helpful:

However, while one must avoid dogmatic assertions, three reasons suggest including the Soviet Union within Ezekiel's prophecy: (1) Some of the countries named by Ezekiel were located in what is now Russia. (2) The armies are said to come "from the far north" (Eze 38:6, Eze 38:15; Eze 39:2). This probably includes the land bridge between the Black and Caspian Seas, now part of the Soviet Union. (3) Ezekiel spoke of a coalition of several nations, many of whom are today aligned with or under the influence of the Soviet Union. These include Iran ("Persia"), Sudan and northern Ethiopia ("Cush"), Libya ("Put"), and Turkey ("Meshech," "Tubal," "Gomer," and "Beth Togarmah"). All these nations (see Eze 38:2-3, Eze 38:5-6), possibly led by the Soviet Union, will unite to attack Israel.

## **B. News**

**1. Putin orders large-scale military exercises in Black Sea**

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/03/28/us-russia-military-exercises-idUSBRE92R0A520130328>

**2. Russian Navy warships dock in southern Iran**

<http://en.trend.az/regions/iran/2141752.html>

**3. Putin says new post-Soviet union ready for 2015 launch**

<http://www.repost.us/article-preview/hash/c521a1393ce47031044ca60b4eaaaa18/>

**4. Russia and Egypt in 'historic' talks**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-24936509>

**5. Russia to supply S-300 anti-aircraft missiles to Iran**

<http://www.jpost.com/Defense/Report-Russia-to-supply-Iran-with-S-300-anti-aircraft-missiles-325843>

**6. Report: Russia Cancels S-300 Deal with Syria**

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/168308#.Us8u77R34lQ>

**7. Russia Sending Nuke Submarines South in First Since Soviet Era**

<http://www.newsmaxworld.com/GlobalTalk/russia-submarine-nuclear-putin/2013/06/01/id/507476#ixzz2pwjHh7bK>

**8. Five Russian warships entered the Mediterranean Sea on Thursday and are scheduled to dock in Limassol, Cyprus.**

[Russian warships enter Mediterranean Sea | The Times of Israel  
http://www.timesofisrael.com/russian-warships-enter-mediterranean-sea/#ixzz2pwjvX4T5](http://www.timesofisrael.com/russian-warships-enter-mediterranean-sea/#ixzz2pwjvX4T5)

**8. Wars and Rumors of Wars**

**A. Scripture (Matthew 24:6-8)**

**B. News**

**1. The Wars of 2013**

[http://www.historyguy.com/wars\\_of\\_2013.htm#.Us8wv7R34lQ](http://www.historyguy.com/wars_of_2013.htm#.Us8wv7R34lQ)

## **2. List of ongoing Conflicts**

[Wars in the World](#)

<http://www.warsintheworld.com/?page=static1258254223>

## **9. Persecution of Christians**

### **A. Scripture (Mt. 24:9; Rev. 6:9)**

Mt. 24:9 indicates that persecution and execution of believers will be part of the end times. Cf. Rev. 6:9.

### **B. News**

#### **1. ESPN Apologizes for Commentator's Christian Worldview on Homosexuality**

[http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Journalism/2013/04/29/ESPN-apologizes-Broussard?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+delicious%2Fgqf+%28Christian+Headlines+Top+Headlines%29](http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Journalism/2013/04/29/ESPN-apologizes-Broussard?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+delicious%2Fgqf+%28Christian+Headlines+Top+Headlines%29)

#### **2. Reported Beheading of Syrian Priest Boosts Fear for Christians' Safety**

<http://cnsnews.com/news/article/reported-beheading-syrian-priest-boosts-fear-christians-safety#sthash.sCi6oBd3.dpuf>

#### **3. Survey: Reported Christian "martyr" deaths doubled in 2013**

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/survey-reported-christian-martyr-deaths-double-in-2013/>

## **10. Pestilence**

### **A. Scripture (Rev. 6:8)**

Rev. 6:8 And I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. And authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.

### **B. News**

#### **1. Antibiotic-resistant diseases pose 'apocalyptic' threat, top expert says**



[http://www.wired.com/wiredscience/2013/01/h5n1-moratorium-lifted/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+wired%2Findex+%28Wired%3A+Top+Stories%29](http://www.wired.com/wiredscience/2013/01/h5n1-moratorium-lifted/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+wired%2Findex+%28Wired%3A+Top+Stories%29)

### **3. CDC says 'nightmare bacteria' a growing threat**

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/cdc-warns-of-rise-in-nightmare-bacteria/2013/03/05/5596b952-85cb-11e2-999e-5f8e0410cb9d\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/cdc-warns-of-rise-in-nightmare-bacteria/2013/03/05/5596b952-85cb-11e2-999e-5f8e0410cb9d_story.html)

### **4. Drug-resistant 'superbugs' deemed urgent threats, CDC says**

<http://www.foxnews.com/health/2013/09/16/drug-resistant-superbugs-deemed-urgent-threats-cdc-says/print#ixzz2f5bSquu0>

### **5. 'We've reached the end of antibiotics': Top CDC expert declares that 'miracle drugs' that have saved millions are no match against 'superbugs' because people have overmedicated themselves**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2477273/Weve-reached-end-antibiotics-Top-CDC-expert-declares-miracle-drugs-saved-millions-match-superbugs-people-overmedicated-themselves.html>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/health-news/superbugs-could-erase-a-century-of-medical-advances-experts-warn-8944617.html>

### **6. Outbreak of 'nightmare bacteria' in Illinois stirs worry**

<http://www.foxnews.com/health/2014/01/08/outbreak-nightmare-bacteria-in-illinois-stirs-worry/>

### **7. Disease resistance to antibiotics at tipping point, expert warns**

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2014/jan/08/resistance-antibiotics-tipping-point-jeremy-farrar>

## **11. Immorality**

### **A. Scripture (2 Tim. 3:1-5; 2 Pet. 2:1-3)**

2 Tim 3:1 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. 3:2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents,

ungrateful, unholy, 3:3 unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, 3:4 treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; 3:5 holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; and avoid such men as these.

2 Pet. 2:1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. 2:2 And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; 2:3 and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

## **B. News**

### **1. Deaf Twins Going Blind Euthanized**

<http://news.yahoo.com/deaf-twins-going-blind-euthanized-165500992--abc-news-topstories.html>

### **2. Bitter irony: children once again to be euthanized in Belgium/Netherlands 70 years after Nazis**

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/belgium-and-the-netherlands-escalate-their-childrens-euthanasia-programmes>

### **3. Fed Judge Declares Anti-Gay Sermon a "Crime Against Humanity"**

<http://thenewamerican.com/culture/faith-and-morals/item/16415-fed-judge-declares-anti-gay-sermon-a-crime-against-humanity>

### **4. Belgian Woman Euthanized After Botched Sex Change Operation, Mother Says Good Riddance, She Was 'So Ugly' Anyway**

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/belgian-woman-euthanized-after-botched-sex-change-operation-mother-says-good-riddance-she-was-so-ugly-anyway-105803/>

**5. Memphis Presbyterian 'Church' to Donate Funds From 'Race for Grace' to Abortion Facility**

[original](#)

**6. Outspoken Lesbian Minister Promoted to Dean of Vanderbilt Divinity School**

<http://christiannews.net/2013/10/07/outspoken-lesbian-minister-promoted-to-dean-of-vanderbilt-divinity-school/>

**12. The Family will suffer**

**A. Scripture (2 Timothy 3:1-2)**

2 Tim 3:1 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. 3:2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy

**B. News**

**1. MSNBC: We Have to Break Through This Idea 'That Kids Belong to Their Parents'**

<http://cnsnews.com/news/article/msnbc-we-have-break-through-idea-kids-belong-their-parents>

**2. The Question Not Asked in Germany: To Spank or Not To Spank?**

To read the NDR news and study, go [here](#).

[http://theaquilareport.com/the-question-not-asked-in-germany-to-spank-or-not-to-spank/?utm\\_source=rss&utm\\_medium=rss&utm\\_campaign=the-question-not-asked-in-germany-to-spank-or-not-to-spank](http://theaquilareport.com/the-question-not-asked-in-germany-to-spank-or-not-to-spank/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=the-question-not-asked-in-germany-to-spank-or-not-to-spank)

**3. Orissa woman marries snake**

[http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2006-06-02/india/27825949\\_1\\_snake-orissa-woman-marriage](http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2006-06-02/india/27825949_1_snake-orissa-woman-marriage)

**4. Give my regards to polygamy**

[http://www.worldmag.com/2013/06/give\\_my\\_regards\\_to\\_polygamy](http://www.worldmag.com/2013/06/give_my_regards_to_polygamy)

**5. How I learned to love polygamy**

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**6. CDC: U.S. Fertility Rate Hits Record Low for 2nd Straight Year; 40.7% of Babies Born to Unmarried Women**

<http://cnsnews.com/news/article/terence-p-jeffrey/cdc-us-fertility-rate-hits-record-low-2nd-straight-year-407-babies#sthash.WlUMaLTU.hsF3sBeR.dpuf>

**13. Lawlessness will increase**

**A. Scripture (Mat. 24:12)**

Mat. 24:12 "And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.

**B. News**

**1. Terrorism abounds around the world**

**2. Drug cartels in Mexico are an ongoing scourge.**

**3. Piracy continues in parts of the world like Somalia.**

**4. President Obama encourages disrespect for law by simply choosing not to enforce laws he does not like.**

**14. Primitive Warfare**

**A. Scripture (Ezekiel 38:1-5)**

I have at times wondered if references to horses and other primitive weapons was an indication that end-time events might cause modern weapons to be unfeasible.

**B. News**

**1. An EMP threat is very real if Iran gets a nuclear device.**

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/173740#.UtHUALR34lQ>

[The 100% Fatwa-Compliant Iranian EMP Nuclear Weapon Saudi Arabia First on the Iranian Nuke Hit List](#)

See a helpful video at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-f0PoJhn13g>

## **2. A solar 'superstorm' is coming and we'll only get 30-minute warning**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/a-solar-superstorm-is-coming-and-well-only-get-30minute-warning-8484058.html?printService=print>

## **15. Earthquakes**

### **A. Scripture (Matthew 24:6-8)**

(Matthew 24:6-8) "And 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. (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.

### **B. News**

Here's a list of headlines from [Prophecy Central](#)

[Expert: Big Fault-Line Earthquake Would Nearly Destroy LA](#)

[Powerful quake strikes far south Atlantic](#)

[Small tsunami reaches Japan after earthquake](#)

[Epicenter: Israel hit by four earthquakes in four days. "An earthquake in Israel is more dangerous than war."](#)

[Fifth quake in six days rattles north - Times of Israel](#)

[More than 100 dead after earthquake hits the Philippines](#)

[Massive earthquake hits southwest Pakistan](#)

[Powerful earthquake off east coast of Russia](#)

[China earthquake toll rises to 180](#)

[A massive quake struck the same region almost five years ago.](#)

[From Prophecy Central Archives - May 12, 2005 - Thousands Dead After Magnitude 7.8 Earthquake Rocks Central China](#)

[Hundreds feared dead after strong earthquake hits Iran](#)

[Iran claims nuclear reactor undamaged by quake - Euronews](#)

[US Geological Society Report on Iran Earthquake - USGS](#)

[Major earthquake strikes south-east Iran - BBC](#)

[Iran Earthquake Strikes Near Nuclear Plant](#)

[Fracking 'linked to biggest Oklahoma earthquake'](#)

[Potentially induced earthquakes in Oklahoma, USA: Links between wastewater injection and the 2011 Mw 5.7 earthquake - The Geological Society of America](#)

[Magnitude 8.0 earthquake generates small tsunami in South Pacific](#)

[Magnitude 6.9 Quake Strikes Japan's Hokkaido Island](#)

[Earth reeling from nine major earthquakes, striking in 5 days](#)

**16. Anti-Semitism**

**A. Scripture (Rev. 12:12-13)**

"For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time."<sup>13</sup> And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child. (Revelation 12:12-13)

**B. News**

**1. Report: Anti-Semitic incidents surged in 2012**

<http://www.kantorcenter.tau.ac.il/sites/default/files/doch-all-final-2012.pdf>

**2. A recent (2/2012) survey by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) found troubling increases in anti-semitic attitudes in Europe.**

[http://archive.adl.org/anti\\_semitism/adl\\_anti-semitism\\_presentation\\_february\\_2012.pdf](http://archive.adl.org/anti_semitism/adl_anti-semitism_presentation_february_2012.pdf)

**3. The Resurgence of European Antisemitism**

<http://www.algemeiner.com/2013/05/27/the-resurgence-of-european-antisemitism/>

**17. Asteroids.**

**A. Scripture Revelation 8:10-11**

Revelation 8:10-11 NASB (10) The third angel sounded, and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters. (11) The name of the star is called Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.

**B. News**

**1. More Asteroid Strikes Are Likely, Scientists Say**

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/11/07/science/space/more-large-asteroid-strikes-are-likely-scientists-find.html? r=0>

**2. Risk of massive asteroid strike underestimated**

<http://www.nature.com/news/risk-of-massive-asteroid-strike-underestimated-1.14114>

**3. Russian region begins recovery from meteor damage**

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2013/02/16/russian-recovery-meteor-damage/1924461/>

**4. Surprising Recent Discoveries of Three Large Near-Earth Objects**

<http://neo.jpl.nasa.gov/news/news181.html>

**5. Ten Thousandth Near-Earth Object Unearthed in Space**

<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/news/news.php?release=2013-207>

**Miscellaneous**

**1. 'A Catastrophe': Why 100,000 Dead Bats Rained Down on Australia — and a Warning to Locals**

<http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2014/01/09/a-catastrophe-why-100000-dead-bats-rained-down-on-australia-and-a-warning-to-locals/>

**Application:**

**Appendix: An overview of Biblical Prophecy**

Perhaps it would be helpful to review some of the important features of the prophetic calendar of the Bible. The major parts of it are the following:

- (1) First, the course of the present age will be characterized by the growth of the true church (cf. Matt. 16:13-20), the growth of professing Christendom (cf. 13:1-52), and the growth of apostasy within the latter.
- (2) Second, the translation of the church, including the resurrection of the dead saints, the rapture of the living (cf. 1 Thes. 4:13-18), and the judgment seat of Christ (cf. 2 Cor. 5:10-11).
- (3) Third, the seventieth week of Israel (cf. Dan. 9:24-27), during which a series of prophetic events occur, including the rise of

world government and the beast, or the Antichrist, the making of a covenant by the Antichrist with the Jews in the land concerning worship and other matters, and the breaking of the covenant by the beast in the middle of the week (Dan. 9:27).

- (4) Fourth, the second advent of Christ (cf. Rev. 19:11-16), with the judgment of Israel (cf. Ezek. 20:24-38; Matt. 25:1-13) and the judgment of the Gentiles (cf. Matt. 25:31-46).
- (5) Fifth, the messianic kingdom of Christ (cf. Rev. 20:4-6).
- (6) Sixth, the great white throne judgment, where all past accounts of the lost are settled permanently (cf. Rev. 20:11-15).
- (7) Seventh, the creation of the new heavens and the new earth, or the eternal state (Rev. 21:1-8).

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