

ONE MINUTE TO MIDNIGHT *AND* THE SECOND HAND HAS STARTED TICKING *TO ARMAGEDDON*

Introduction

On Tuesday 11th September 2001, 8.45am, American Airlines Flight 11, a Boeing 767 from Boston to Los Angeles which had been hijacked by terrorists, plowed into one of the two towers of the World Trade Centre in New York. United Airlines Flight 175, also a Boeing 767 from Boston to Los Angeles crashed into the other tower shortly after 9am. Within two hours the twin towers of the World Trade Centre had collapsed. American Airlines Flight 77, a Boeing 757 from Washington to Los Angeles hit the Pentagon about 9.40am. United Airlines Flight 93, a Boeing 757 from Newark, New Jersey to San Francisco crashed about 130km southeast from Pittsburgh half an hour later.

Routine domestic flights flying from the East to West coast had been used as guided missiles by Moslem terrorists most probably under the auspices of Osama bin Laden based in Afganistan. NATO invoked Article 5 for the first time – an attack on one of the members means it is an attack on all its members. The USA is just short of declaring war against the Arab terrorists and the countries which harbour them. The loss of human life has exceeded that of the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, in 1941, and affected the nationals of 35 countries.

Around 50 years ago, atomic scientists declared that the world was one minute to midnight in the closing chapter of human history. The 'second' hand started ticking with the formation of the Jewish nation of Israel in 14 May 1948. The second hand has been advancing ever since then and with this terrorist attack it has moved another second. The countdown to World War Three on the second hand of the world time clock is advancing slowly but surely !

Almost two and a half thousand years ago God caused the prophet Daniel to record what would happen at the end times of human history. About two thousand years ago, John, under the anointing of the Holy Spirit recorded, in Revelations, specific details leading up to a final world war at Armageddon – in Jerusalem, Israel, with the picture of an army from the East attacking Israel.

Let us see what God says in His book – the Holy Bible, and draw up a check list of events which have already taken place and which are to happen. This chronology of key events is based on Mathew Chapter 24.

FOR READING: Mathew Chapter 24 (and Luke 19); Daniel (the whole book);; Isaiah 24:6; Ezekiel 39: 11-14; 2 Thessalonians; Revelations Chapter 13 - Mark of The Beast 666 Revelations Chapters 11-22, 1 Peter

23 point Checklist for Major End-times

events leading up to Armageddon(final battle) approx. time order

Armageddon Year 2,0__?A.D.(2006-2113?) Matt 24:36 Yet to be fulfilled

Comment: This word refers to the final battle in Israel, of armies from the East. To save mankind from self-destruction e Second Coming of Jesus Christ back into world history as "King of Kings and Lord of Lords

Note that no one knows the exact timing of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ – we are most probably living in the End-times, now!

What is incredible is the fact that the end-time events were prophesied to happen over a world dispute centering around Israel - the nation was only born 14 May 1947!

TABLE

Before Tribulation

1. AD 70 Destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem Matt 24:2 **Fulfilled**
2. Many claiming to be the Christ Matt 24:5 **Being Fulfilled**
3. Hear of wars and rumours of war Matt 24:6 **Being Fulfilled**
4. Famines, Pestilences, Earthquakes Matt 24: 7b **Being Fulfill ed**
5. Jews and Christians killed and hated Matt 24:9 **Being Fulfilled**
Jews Holocaust **Fulfilled**
6. Betrayals and hatred reigns Matt 24: 10 **Being Fulfilled**
7. Many false prophets to deceive many Matt 24:11 **Being Fulfilled**
8. Lawlessness and love of many will grow cold **Being Fulfilled**
- divorces and family breakdown Matt 24: 12
9. Believers must endure to the end to be saved Matt 24:13 Yet to be fulfilled
10. Gospel preached to all the world Matt 24: 14 **Being Fulfilled**
I think that it would be very safe to say tha 99% of the world has had th e opportunity of hearing the Gospel! The Bible is the most widely translated book in the world!

11. Abomination of Desolation – Daniel 9:23,27; 11:31; 12:11 Matt 24:15 Yet to be fulfilled
This presupposes that the Great Temple will be rebuilt, ending the void created when Jerusalem was ransacked 70AD by the Romans. It appears that the Moslem temple which exists on the temple site does not actually sit on the exact site of the temple. It is possible for the Temple to be built, and for the Temple of Omar to remain intact.

Jews and Christians must *immediately* flee into

mountains, Not go back into houses, Matt 24: 16-19

pray that it is not winter or the Sabbath Matt24:20

Great tribulation (see 22. below) Matt 24: 21

After Tribulation

12. Signs in Sun, Moon and Stars Matt 24: 29 **Partly fulfilled**
Sign of Son of Man, mourning of Tribes of earth, Matt 24:30 Yet to be fulfilled
13. Son of Man coming in great power and great Glory, Angels gather His elect Matt 24: 31 Yet to be fulfilled
14. Parable of Fig Tree Matt 24: 32-35 **Fulfilled**
15. Days as in Noah's time – Violence; Eating, drinking, And marrying Genesis 6, Matt 24:37 **Fulfilled**

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| 16. EEC established 1957 by Treaty of Rome
Revival of Roman Empire as world power –
economic, political, and religious.
<i>The full political, economic, and social integration
is still to be achieved. The EEC has already
emerged as a major player on the world scene</i> | Dan 2:31-45 | Fulfilled |
| 17. 3 years of economic prosperity. | | <u>Yet to be fulfilled</u> |
| 18. Emergence of '666'
Computer "Chip" technology has enabled this prophecy
to be fulfilled The number 666 is common in Europe - it
is almost like people are already conditioned to accept this number! | Rev 13 | Partly Fulfilled |
| 19. Anti-Christ revealed | Rev 12:12 | <u>Yet to be fulfilled</u> |
| 20. Construction of Great Temple in Jerusalem | | <u>Yet to be fulfilled</u> |
| 21. Abomination of Desolation | | <u>Yet to be fulfilled</u> |
| 22. Declaration of War against Israel by armies of North
and North-East. | | <u>Yet to be fulfilled</u> |
- Please monitor world events as we count down to the Second Coming of
Jesus Christ, as "King of Kings and Lord of Lords"**
END... Fuller explanation follows pp 3-9

23 point Checklist for Major End-times events leading up to Armageddon(final battle)or World War 3 - approximate time order

EXPLANATION OF TABLE

Armageddon Year 2,0__ ? A.D. (2006-2113?) [Yet to be fulfilled](#)

Comment: This word refers to the final battle in Israel, of armies from the East. To save mankind from self-destruction e Second Coming of Jesus Christ back into world history as "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" According to the findings in the Bible Code, the years 2000 and 2006 are encoded with "World War" (Deuteronomy 11:14-15) " Atomic Holocaust " like "World War" is encoded in both the years 2,000 and 2006. The year 2113 is encoded from Deuteronomy 29:24 – 33:14 "Empty, depopulated, desolated" appears in 33:14.

Read The Bible Code, by Michael Drosin (1997) pp 134-135 which reports the findings of three Jewish mathematicians Doron Witzum, Eliyahu Rips, and Yoav Rosenberg found in the Torah – the first five books of the Holy Bible. . The Bible Code is firm scientific fact there is a God, and the Bible Code is an established fact. **We are to note that no one knows the exact timing of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ – we are most probably living in the end-times, now! Matt 24:36**

The amazing accuracy of the Bible record is that the end times is predicted to happen around and because of Israel - the primary "Hotspot" of the world, predicted more than 3,500 years ago through Isaiah, Ezekiel and others! Prophecy exists to prove the existence of God and that only He can foretell with unerring accuracy future events which proves His existence!

1. A.D.70 Destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem Matt 24: 2 *Fulfilled*

Beginning of the countdown of the Second Hand of the World Time Clock to Armageddon

2. “ Many claiming to be The Christ ” Matthew 24:5 *Being fulfilled*

3. “ You will hear of wars and rumours of wars ” Matt 24:6 *Being fulfilled*

‘For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom’ Matt 24:7

4. “ And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places ” Matt 24:7b .

“All these are the beginning of sorrows” vs8 *Being fulfilled*

NOTE:

It is difficult to prove statistically that there has been an increase in famines (lack of historical records, reporting and recording problems - which are now world-wide and statistically accurate. What is indisputable is the fact that incidences of famine and earthquakes and wars now have global implications on a scale undreamt of. High numbers and concentration of population means that a disaster impacts on millions of people!

Satellite and computer technology allows news to be disseminated instantly around the world! We are now very aware of events happening around the world "village" .

5. Jews and Christians hated and killed.

“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake”. Matt 24:9 *Being fulfilled*

The history of the Jews is highlighted by persecution, notably in The Nazi inspired Holocaust where it is believed 6 million Jews were murdered.

6. Betrayers and Hatred will abound Matt 24: 12 *Being fulfilled*

7. Many false prophets and deceive many Matt 24: 11 *Being fulfilled*

The problem is to determine criteria to identify the true from the false – can only be done by using God's Word as the standard for truth. After the Abomination of desolation false christs and false Prophets will arise and show *“great signs and wonders”*

Matt 24: 24 *Yet to be fulfilled*

8. “ Lawlessness will abound and the love of many will grow cold ” Matt 24: 12 *Being fulfilled*

divorces abound - break-up of society

See also 15. Days of Noah.

9. Believers must endure to the end to be saved! Matt 24:13

Those who believe in the "once saved always saved" doctrine of salvation should remember this verse.

Yet to be fulfilled

10. “ The Gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come ”. Matt 24:14 *Being fulfilled*

The Holy Bible is the most translated book in the history of

mankind. The Gospel message has reached well over 95% of the world's population in terms of nations. The work is continuous because the population growth - we are witnessing the explosion in growth of the younger age cohorts. Pray for more workers in the field. Pray how you can be used in the Great Commission.

11. The Abomination of Desolation Matt 24: 15-22 [Yet to be fulfilled](#)
(see 22. below)

" Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (whoever reads let him understand), "
Daniel 9:27

A precursor to this event happened in 167 BC when Antiochus Epiphanes desecrated the Holy of Holies. The picture here is of a man who will stand in the holy of holies to fulfill the 'abomination of desecration'.

This presupposes two events:

the reconstruction of the **Temple in Jerusalem**, [Yet to be fulfilled](#)
and, the emergence of

an **anti-Christ figure** on the world scene. [Yet to be fulfilled](#)

For Jews, and Christians: [Yet to be fulfilled](#)

Those in Judea must flee to the mountains Matt 24:16

Those on roof tops must not go into their homes v17

Those in the field must not go back home to get clothes v18

Pray that flight will not be in winter or on Sabbath v20

As this is the beginning of uniquely bad great tribulations v21

Such that time will be shortened for the elects' sake v22

Emergence of false christs and false prophets demonstrating great signs and wonders ("miracles") so as to deceive, if possible, even the elect v24

[Yet to be fulfilled](#)

No need to go looking for Christ's Second Coming

" For as the lightening comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will be the coming of the Son of Man be. "
v.27

12. After Tribulation: Signs in Sun, Moon, Stars [Partly fulfilled](#)
in 19-5-1780 and 13-11-1833

Sun darkened &

Moon will not give its light 19-5-1780 – occurred at midday over the 'New World' Easter USA

Stars will fall from Sky 13-11-1833 " Greatest display of celestial fireworks that has ever been since the creation of the world" – Prof.

Denison Olmstead Op cit. Source: "I will Return" 7th Day Adventist Pub.

These events were localized to the North Eastern "New World" part of USA, this is ,most probably a partial fulfillment of a phenomena which will be seen world-wide.

The fullness of these events will happen **after the tribulation** v.29

[Yet to be fulfilled](#)

13. After Tribulation: Then a heavenly sign of the Son of Man
Then tribes of earth mourn

**Then all see Son of Man coming on the
Clouds of heaven with power and great glory v.30
Angels gather elect from everywhere v.31
Yet to be fulfilled**

- 14. Parable of the Fig Tree** Matt 24: 32-35 **Fulfilled**
"Now learn the parable of the fig tree; when his branch is yet tender, and puts forth leaves, you will know that summer is near". Vs 34: "Truly I say to you, this generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled".

**The period from the Destruction of the Temple
in AD70 to the founding of the nation of Israel
is 1878 years. The end-times prophecies are
being literally fulfilled with this nation called Israel!
Watch this space!**

- (1) Israel established as a nation 14 May 1948** **Fulfilled**

Fulfilled the following Scriptures:

Matt 24: 32,34; Luke 21: 24; Ezekiel 36: 8-24 & 37:11-12

The establishment of Israel as a nation defies all odds. 600,000 Jews

Fought over 6 million Moslems and the Israelites won! They re-created

The Hebrew language, and have united a multitude of peoples Together as a nation

- Israel.

- (2) Part of Jerusalem taken especially Mt Moriah (shrine of "Dome
of the Rock" 6 June 1967 (The Six Day War) **Partly fulfilled****

Luke 21:24 *"...Jerusalem shall be trodden down until the times of
the gentiles be fulfilled"*

Presumably, the times of the gentiles will be fulfilled when the
Temple is built on the Temple site. Latest research reveals
That the Temple can be built without removing Moslem shrine,
As the exact location of the Temple is on a different part of
Temple platform.

- (3) The Fig Tree blossoming** **Fulfilled**

Isaiah 43:6 Jews return to Jerusalem

Isaiah 27:6; 35:1 regrowth, fruit

Ezekiel 36: 1-4, 8-10 desolation and reforestation

Amos 9: 14-15 Cities rebuilt

Isaiah 62: 4 Soil and productivity

Ezekiel 16:53 Restoration of Sodom, Samaria and Jerusalem

Win Wars-1956 Sinai War, 1967 6 Day War Isaiah 54:17, Genesis 12:3, Psalm
102: 13-14

1973 – Yom Kippur War , 18 days

Zephaniah 3:9 Revival of Hebrew language

The Fig Tree is the national emblem of Israel. Israel has
Blossomed!

- 15. Days like Noah** Matthew 24: 37-44, Luke 17. Genesis 6:11-25 **Fulfilled**

People will be: lovers of selves (egotists- rule of the "I")

lovers of money (greedy) boasters, proud, blasphemers

disobedient to parents (rebellious), unthankful, unholy

(nothing is sacred, pagan worshipers), unloving, unforgiving,

slanderers, without self control, brutal (callous), despisers of

good, traitors, headstrong (uncontrollable),haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power (churchgoers, religious but without power).

We are warned to turn away from such people!

fierce 2 Timothy 3: 3 to 5

Corrupt and violent, Immoral Luke 17:26

Homosexuality will abound Luke 17:28,30

Knowledge will increase, travel (people run to and fro) Daniel 12: 4

Pollution reigns on earth Revelations 8:10-11

Lovers of Pleasure, money, and self -

summarises the modern world beautifully!

Comment: We are witnessing a massive onslaught on the moral fibre of Western society – forced acceptance of homosexuality and immoral behaviour as a norm under the guise of ‘human rights’ , proliferation of violence of which terrorism, mass murders by dictators etc., massive pollution of the environment, and pleasure seeking nihilistic behaviour are the accepted norm!

16. Establishment of the European Common Market –

Dan 2:31-45 *Fulfilled*

Birth of an Economic power bloc with the signing of the *Treaty of Rome* –1957, in Rome. The ECC will soon become the major economic, political and religious center of the world

The EEC is the largest economy in the world with a GDP of US \$13.9 trillion (\$13,926,873,800,000) or \$26,900/capita

It's population is 475,030,418 (3 rd largest in world)

- of 25 nations. There are 10 original signatories

- to the Treaty of Rome. *partly fulfilled*

Fulfillment of: Daniel Chapters 2 & 7 The Image - vision of 4 Empires starting from Babylon to the end of times.

HEAD of GOLD– (Lion) Babylonian Empire 605-539 B.C.

Fulfilled

BREAST of SILVER – (Bear) Medo-Persian Empire 539-331 B.C.

Fulfilled

THIGHS of BRASS - (Leopard) Greece 331-168.

Fulfilled

FEET & TOES of IRON & CLAY – Roman Empire

(ECC as Economic, Political and Spiritual Power).

The Feet & Toes represent 10 nations of a resurrected Roman Empire – The European Common Market will end-up with only 10 nations – 4 strong (Iron) and 6 weak (Clay) toes.

Partly fulfilled

Currently 10 members established 25/3/1957 Treaty of Rome enforced 1/1/58. Amended with signing of Treaty of Accession which entered into force 1/5/04

1957 -6 Members signed-up: Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxemburg, Netherlands

1972 -3 additional members - United Kingdom, Ireland, Denmark (applied 1967)
 1991 -3 Members signed-up: Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia
 Other important dates:
 1975 -European Parliament established
 1986 - Majority voting - modifies Treaty of Rome
 1999 -1st January Euro Dollar established (one currency) ratified by 11 member states
 29-10-04 Constitution awaiting ratification (France, Netherlands and Holland have voted "no" so far) Ratification delayed. Majority have ratified.

17. 3 years of unprecedented world-wide

economic prosperity Dan 9:27; Rev 13:5 Yet to be fulfilled
 in the world. (Comparable to lead-up to the great Babylonian captivity 556 –487B.C.).

18. The emergence of “666” as the identifying mark of The Beast –

Revelations 13 Partly fulfilled

Mark of The Beast (prophesied 1900 years ago through John)
Revelations 13: 16-18 " And he (the Beast) causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or one their foreheads, ad 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. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666."

Note this: The name of The Pope, the Head of the Roman Catholic Church, is, in Latin " Vacarius Fileu Dei"

V = 5
 C= 100
 U= 5
 L= 50
 U= 5
 D= 500
 I = 1

Total = 666

Whether or not The Beast is the Pope remains to be seen - one thing is certain, The Roman Church will is sure to be intimately involved as Babylon The Mother of Harlots! Revelations 17:5

The nation state of Rome is known as The Holy See. It is probably the most powerful state in the world, ahead of America, China, and Russia. As the "spiritual head" of the ECC and its 25 member states, it is already the world's most powerful economic union in the world - it has the highest GDP. (see Note 16. above).There is coming-up, a time when no one will be able to buy and sell without the mark of the Beast – 666. This mark will be in-grained on or in each forehead or on the right hand. The technology has existed for a long time to do this through microchips! These micro chips will hold basis information identifying each person, and can be injected into

the body and powered by the body's own energy. Satellite technology can track each microchip in much the same way as mobile telephones can be tracked to within meters. Each person will have their own personal identification number (P.I.N.).with the prefix 666 or the number 666 in a bar code Already there is very little cash being used in the world for economic transactions.

The numbers "666" is already in common use in Europe and in computer coding (the three spaces in all computer product labels is said to contain the numbers 6,6,6).

19. Emergence of an Anti-Christ Leader of the E.E.C. with direct links to the EEC and Church of Rome. Revelations 12:12, Daniel 7:8, 7:24, 2 Thessalonians 2:3. [Yet to be fulfilled](#)

His Titles

The Beast, Wicked One, Man of the Earth, The Bloody and Deceitful Man, The Mighty Man, The Enemy, The Adversary, Head of Many Countries, The Violent Man, The Spoiler, The Little Horn, The Prince, The Vile Person, Wilful King, Idol Shepherd, Man of Sin, Son of Perdition, The Lawless One, King of Fierce Countenance, The Desolator.

His Origins

He ascends out of the bottomless pit – Satanic origins Revelations 11:7

He arises from the "sea" – symbolic of the Gentile nations Rev 13:1 and appears in the "Latter times" of Israel's history Dan 8:23

He arises from a peace programme Dan 8:25

His Person

He is a political leader – a ruler of the Roman Empire – the Empire that destroyed Jerusalem Dan 9:26

His appearance is outstanding, with distinctive eyes Dan 7:20

He is intelligent, persuasive, subtle and crafty Dan 7:8, 20; 8:23; Ezek 28:6

He is a charismatic leader with great oratory skills Dan 7:20, 11:21b; Rev 13:5 ;

He is antichristian – "*waging war against the saints*" Dan 7:21, 25

He is mainly interested in power Dan 11: 38

He is a blasphemer because he assumes deity Ezek 28:2; Dan 7:25; Rev 13: 1, 5-6

He receives power and authority from Satan Ezek 28:2, 9-12; Rev 13:4; Dan 8: 45

He is worshipped by people because of their blindness 2 Thess 2:11

He claims to be God 2 Thess 2:4; Dan 11:6

His Work

He rules nations with absolute authority (dictatorial?) Rev 13:8; Dan 11:36

He makes a 7 year covenant with Israel which is broken after 3

years Dan 9:27

He introduces an idolatrous worship, in which he sets himself up as god Dan 9:27, 11:36-37; 2 Thess 2:4; Rev 13:7

He is head of a Satanic, lawless system, and his claim to power is "proven" by signs done through satanic power 2 Thess 2:3, 9-10

He becomes an adversary of Israel Dan 7:21,25; 8:24; Rev 13:7

He destroys religious Babylon – the apostate religious system that helped his rise to power Rev 17:3, 16-17

He is the special adversary of the Prince of Princes (Christ), and His people Dan 7:21, 8:25

He continues in power for 7 years – the second half, over the whole world Dan 9:27; Rev13:5

His End

His rule will be terminated by judgement from God, and he will be cast into the Lake of Fire Rev 19: 19-20

Jewish 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12; Daniel 9:27, 11:37; Matthew 24:15. ;

Will cause destruction and chaos Daniel 8:24b ;

The False Prophet who has political charisma and supernatural power Daniel 8:24a ;

His image will be placed in the Holy of Holies Acts 15:16; Dan 12:11; Matthew 24:15, 2 Thessalonians 2:4, 36. *Abomination of Desolation*

Source: Stanton (1977) *The Four Kingdoms* p.15

20. Construction of the Great Temple in Jerusalem Matthew 24: 15

1 Chronicals 21: 18-26, 2 Chronicals 3:1, 7:1-2-22, Revelations 11:1-2 & 2

Thessalonians 2:4

[Yet to be fulfilled](#)

Comment: This must occur so that the Anti-Christ can be installed in the Holy of Holies (Abomination of Desolation). The latest information indicates that the Temple of Omar (Moslem Temple) whilst on the Temple Precincts is not actually built on the exact spot of the Great Temple. Therefore it will be possible to build The Temple With minimal fuss.

21. Abomination of Desolation Matthew 24: 15

[Yet to be fulfilled](#)

[Prophesied in Daniel 9:27](#)

The first time occurred was by the actions of Antiochus IV Epiphanes (the epithet Epiphanes implied that he was the manifestation on earth of Olympian Zeus). Antiochus attempted to assimilate Judea into Hellenism (Greek culture), and wanted to ban distinctive Jewish practices. The Temple was turned over to the cult of Olympian Zeus, identified with the Syrian deity **Ba'al Shamen, 'the lord of heaven'**. This 'appalling sacrilege' or 'Abomination of desolation' lasted for 3 years – from Decembers 167 B.C. to 164 B.C.

Source: op cit F.F. Bruce " *New Testament History* (1980) p.4

The act by the Antichrist will be along similar lines, but,

of course, can only be done when the Great Temple is rebuilt. A living man will be installed.

22. Declaration of War against Israel by the nations of the East

[Yet to be fulfilled](#)

A declaration of War against the perpetrators of the attacks against America can only start the world on a collision course against the Moslem nations in the Middle East – who already hate Israel, and America the chief supporter. A declaration of the Western military alliance NATO only confirms the basic divisions in the world – rich and poor nations, Western vs Eastern nations, White vs Coloured, and dare I say it – “Christian countries” vs “Moslem” !

This war will be fought over Israel who will be attacked by armies from the North and North East (Gog and Magog Russia and China, and Moslem/Arab nations.

In the valley of Meddigo – Armageddon or the Apocalypse.

The attack against the USA on Tuesday 11 September 2001 is another shift in the second hand of our world clock as it ticks relentlessly towards World War 3. Thankfully, this war will begin but not run its full course as time will be cut short by the Second Coming of Jesus Christ! But survivors may well have to go through the Tribulations, as a refining process to Holiness.

China is a major economic and political power. It boasts the largest army in the world It is growing technologically, and economically in leaps and bounds thanks to American help.

The accompanying nuclear holocaust is well described in the Holy Bible and has been made possible because of unprecedented technological advancements in the later half of the 20th century. Read for instance:

Isaiah 24:6 " Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, And those who dwell In it are desolate (held guilty). Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, And few men are left."

Compare this description with the known effects of the dropping of the first atomic bomb in the world in warfare - in Japan, on 6th and 9th August 1945 over the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Matthew 24:21-22 " For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened"

2 Peter 3: 10-12 " But the Day of The Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the

works that are in it will be burned up (or laid bare. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells."

Revelations 6:12-14 " Then the sky will recede as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

Ezekiel 39:11-16 " It will come to pass on that day that I will give Gog (Russia?) a burial place there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of the sea (Jordan) ; and it will obstruct travelers, because there they will bury Gog and all his multitude. Therefore they will call it the Valley of Hamon Gog (multitude of God). For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them, in order to cleanse the land. " Indeed all the people of the land will be burying them, and they will gain renown for it on the day I am glorified," say the Lord God. They will set apart men regularly employed, with the help of a search party, to pass through the land and bury those bodies remaining on the ground, in order to cleanse it. At the end of seven months they will make a search. The search party will pass through the land; and whenever anyone sees a man's bone, he shall set a marker by it, till the buriers have buried it in the Valley of Hamon Gog. The name of the city will also be Hamonath (literally- multitude). Thus they shall cleanse the land".

This is a description of specialized teams especially equipped to remove nuclear contaminated bodies, killed during a nuclear war and contaminated by radioactivity. .

A confederacy of Moslem nations, the revived Roman Empire through the EEC Russian and China

The Second Coming will be ...as a thief in the night...

" Therefore you also be ready for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect him." Matthew 24: 44

Jesus Christ will come as a conquering King of Kings and Lord of Lords to rule on Earth! Revelations 19:16

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