

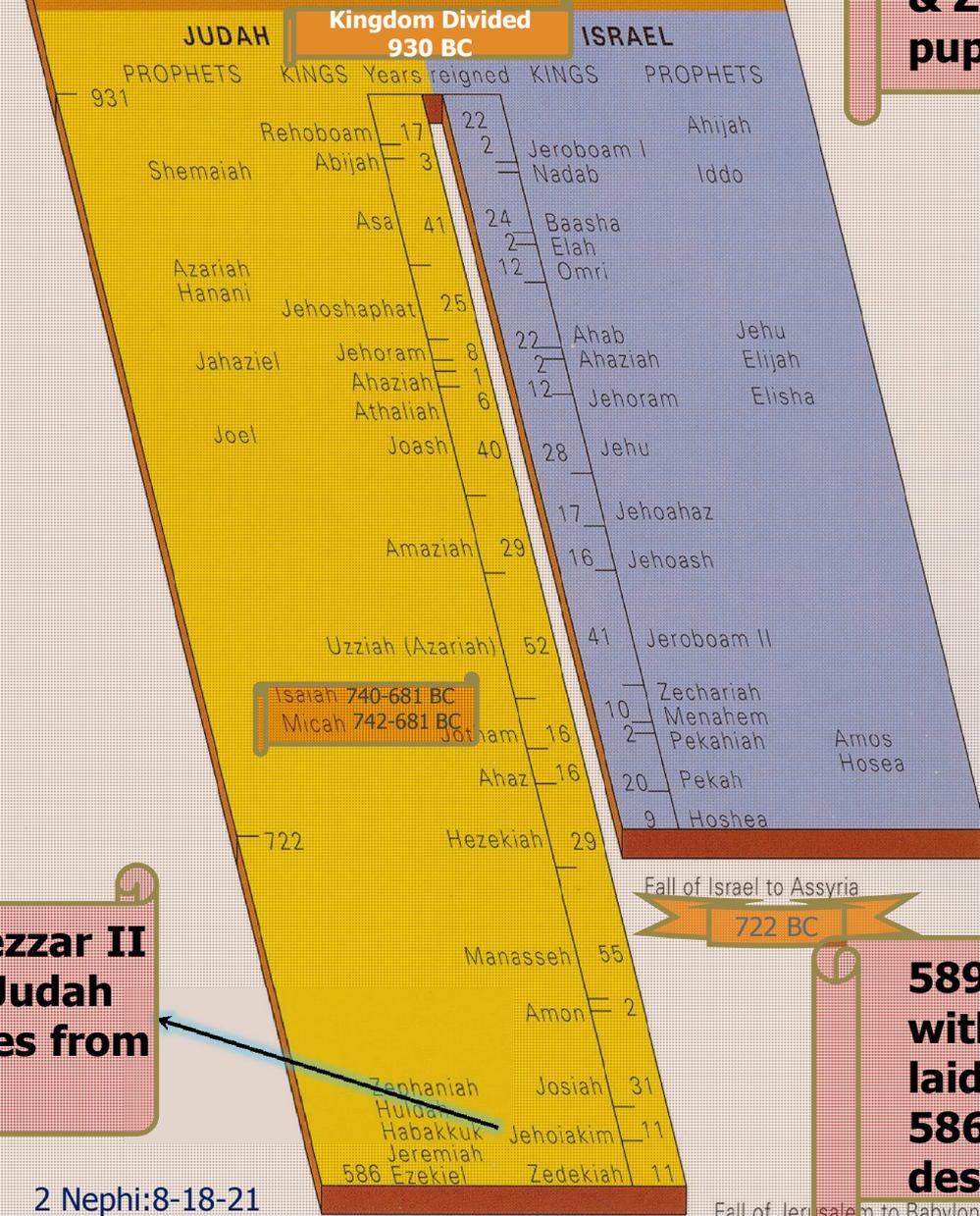
The Mountain of the Lord's House



**And it shall come to pass in the last days,
when the mountain of the Lord's house shall
be established in the top of the mountains,
and shall be exalted above the hill(s), and all
nations shall flow unto it . . .**

**2 Nephi 8:18
Isaiah 2:2
Micah 4:1**

KINGS AND PROPHETS OF THE DIVIDED KINGDOM



597 – Jerusalem sieged & Zedekiah installed as puppet king

605 – Nebuchadnezzar II defeated Egypt & Judah changed allegiances from Egypt to Babylon

589 – Zedekiah alliance with Egypt & Jerusalem laid siege
586 – city & temple destroyed

2 Nephi:8-18-21
 ≈560 BC

Fall of Jerusalem to Babylon
 586 BC

Symbolism

And, behold, all things have their likeness; and all things are created and made to bear record of me; both things which are temporal, and things which are spiritual; things which are in the heavens above, and things which are on the earth, and things which are in the earth, and things which are under the earth, both above and beneath, all things bear record of me.

Genesis 6:66

For God hath revealed unto them the invisible things of him, from the creation of the world, which are clearly seen; things which are not seen being understood by the things that are made, through his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse;

Romans 1:20

Symbolism

7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory; **8** Which none of the princes of this world knew; for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. **9** But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. **10** But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit; for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. **11** For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, except he has the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. **13** Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. **14** But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. **15** But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. **16** For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Symbolism

...in the last days

...the mountain of the Lord's House

...in the top of the mountains

...exalted above the hills

...all nations shall flow unto it

...in the top of the mountains

Figurative

1. A natural elevation of the earth's surface rising more or less abruptly from the surrounding level, and attaining an altitude which, relatively to adjacent elevations, is impressive or notable.

Oxford Dictionary of the English Language

- ▶ **As Nations**
- ▶ **As a place to meet God**
- ▶ **As a place of temptation**
- ▶ **As places to worship idols**
- ▶ **As a holy place or city**

The Holy Mountain

22 Thus saith the Lord God; I will also take of the **highest branch** of the **high cedar**, and will set it; I will crop off from the top of **his young twigs** a **tender one**, and will plant it upon a **high mountain and eminent**;

23 In **the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it**; and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar; and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell.

Ezekiel 17:22-23

High Cedar = Judah

Highest Branch = Zedekiah

Young Twigs = Zedekiah's children

Tender twig = Mulek

40 For in mine **holy mountain**, in the **mountain of the height of Israel**, saith the Lord God, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me; there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the firstfruits of your oblations, with all your holy things.

Ezekiel 20:40

... above the hills

1. A natural elevation of the earth's surface rising more or less steeply above the level of the surrounding land. Formerly the general term, including what are now called mountains; after the introduction of the latter word, gradually restricted to heights of less elevation; but the discrimination is largely a matter of local usage, and of the more or less mountainous character of the district, heights which in one locality are called mountains being in another reckoned merely as hills. A more rounded and less rugged outline is also usually connoted by the name.

Figurative

- ▶ **As cities**
- ▶ **As a place to worship idols**
- ▶ **As Jerusalem**
- ▶ **As a place of judgment**
- ▶ **As a beacon**

...in the last days

4 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, **Tell us, when shall these things be which thou hast said concerning the destruction of the temple, and the Jews; and what is the sign of thy coming; and of the end of the world?** (or the destruction of the wicked, which is the end of the world.)

5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

6 For **many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ** (*Saying that Jesus is Christ*); and shall deceive many.

7 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you; and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

8 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

9 And many **false prophets shall arise**, and shall deceive many.

Matthew 24:4-9

19 All things which have befallen them, **are only the beginning of the sorrows which shall come upon them; and except those days should be shortened, there should none of their flesh be saved.**

20 But for the elect's sake, according to the covenant, those days shall be shortened.

21 Behold these things I have spoken unto you concerning the Jews.

Matthew 24:19-21

...in the last days

24 Now these things he spake unto them, concerning the destruction of Jerusalem. And then his disciples asked him, saying, Master, tell us concerning thy coming?

Luke 21:24

22 And again, after the tribulation of those days which shall come upon Jerusalem, if any man shall say unto you, Lo! here is Christ, or there; believe him not.

23 For in those days, there shall also **arise false Christs**, and **false prophets**, and shall **show great signs and wonders**; insomuch that, if possible, they shall deceive the very elect, who are the elect according to the covenant.

24 Behold, I speak these things unto you for the elect's sake.

Matthew 24:22-24

...in the last days

◇ False Christs

Matt 24:23

- **19th Century – 1834-1889:**
5 men claimed to be Christ
- **20th Century – 1930-1990:**
21 men & 1 woman claimed to be Christ
- **José Luis De Jesús Miranda**
 - Hell does not exist;
 - The devil has been destroyed;
 - Sin does not exist;
 - We don't need to pray
 - He has done greater things than Jesus;
 - "I am greater than Jesus."
 - Over 2 million followers worldwide.
- **Sun Myung Moon**
 - The promised Messiah
 - 3 – 5 million members worldwide
 - Multi-billion dollar enterprises

◇ False Prophets

Matt 24:23

- *The Late Great Planet Earth*
- *The Final Quest*

...in the last days

12 But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we.

13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

2 Corinthians 11:12-15

30 Verily I say unto you, It is not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, that shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven.

31 For the day soon cometh, that men shall come before me to judgment, to be judged according to their works.

32 And many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name; and in thy name cast out devils; and in thy name done many wonderful works?

33 And then will I say, Ye never knew me; depart from me ye that work iniquity.

**Matthew 7:30-33
Also see Matthew 25:42-47**

Woe unto them...

20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

21 Woe unto the wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

22 Woe unto the mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink;

23 Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! Isa 4:20-23

1a The works, and the designs, and the purposes of God, cannot be frustrated, Neither can they come to naught, for God does not walk in crooked paths;

1b neither does he turn to the right hand nor to the left;

1c neither does he vary from that which he has said; therefore his paths are straight and his course is one eternal round.

2a Remember, remember, that it is not the work of God that is frustrated, but the work of men;

2b for although a man may have many revelations, and have power to do many mighty works, yet, if he boast in his own strength, and sets at naught the counsels of God, and follows after the dictates of his own will and carnal desires, he must fall and incur the vengeance of a just God upon him. Doctrine & Covenants 2:1a-2b

Is God Disjunctive?

An article appeared in the February, 1984 issue of the Saints Herald which stated that new Revelation must be disjunctive with old revelations. In that article, endorsed by the First Presidency, were five illustrations as to how new revelations could not agree with old revelations if they were in fact new revelations from God. In the second paragraph of the article is this statement;

“That revelation, if it is genuinely new, is disjunctive with the past – not merely a restatement of former revelation. It’s very important for us to understand this, because some would suggest that new revelation always has to be consistent and in full harmony with what has been true in the past.

That is not necessarily so. When God brings new revelation to his people, it’s a point of departure, with fresh insight that never before has been experienced.”

Is God Disjunctive?

1. "When God entered into human life in the form of Jesus, it was a totally unexpected revelation of "God's will for humankind.
2. "When Jesus came as the Son of God and the Son of Man, he came not only to teach a new ethic but to live that new ethic in our midst. ... Notice how he presented it in the Sermon on the Mount: 'It has been said of old ... but I say unto you. ...' The difference between what was said of old and what he said constituted a break with the past, a new revelation, a new point of departure: 'It has been said of old, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, but I say unto you, resist not evil. ...It has been said of old, thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy, but I say unto you, love your enemies. 'This was a totally new ethic."
3. Although it was not accepted by Judaism as a whole, Christianity nevertheless began as a Judaist sect and probably would have Remained such had not something very significant happened because of Christ's revelation to his disciples. He specifically commanded them to take the gospel beyond the Jewish nation into all the world: 'All power has been given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations. 'Thus they were to become a world religion."

Is God Disjunctive?

4. When Joseph Smith, Jr., came as the prophet of God and began to present to the world two new books of scripture, Christendom was scandalized! Who would dare to presume to add to the "Word of God?" It was so totally different from the tradition and revelatory experience of Christianity up to that point that the Book of Mormon constituted a new revelatory experience, a new departure, a break with all the previous interpretations and understandings about the canon of scripture.

5. A final illustration has to do with God's gifts and callings to the church. In the time of Joseph Smith III there came a new revelation that we are perhaps today for the first time beginning to understand and to implement within the church: "All are called according to the gifts of God unto them." This, too, was flying in the face of a traditional development of a hierarchy of officers and Authorities within Christianity and within our own movement. Latter Day Saintism, if anything, had so proliferated the priesthood, enlarged on, and made more precise the functional duties of each Priesthood office, that it had reached a point where the member was overshadowed by the hierarchy, and the gifts and callings of members sublimated to the gifts and callings of priesthood. Thus the revelation to the church that all are called according to the gifts of God unto them was a new principle.

God Will Bless America

God will bless America again when we accept homosexuals

This was the heading of a commentary written by James Willis, a professor of education at Murray State University, which appeared in the Paris, Tennessee newspaper on March 2, 2004.

But should it not read like this:

God will continue to bless America and even more abundantly when we keep all of His commandments

...in the last days

◇ **Wars & Rumors of Wars**
Matt 24:25, 29

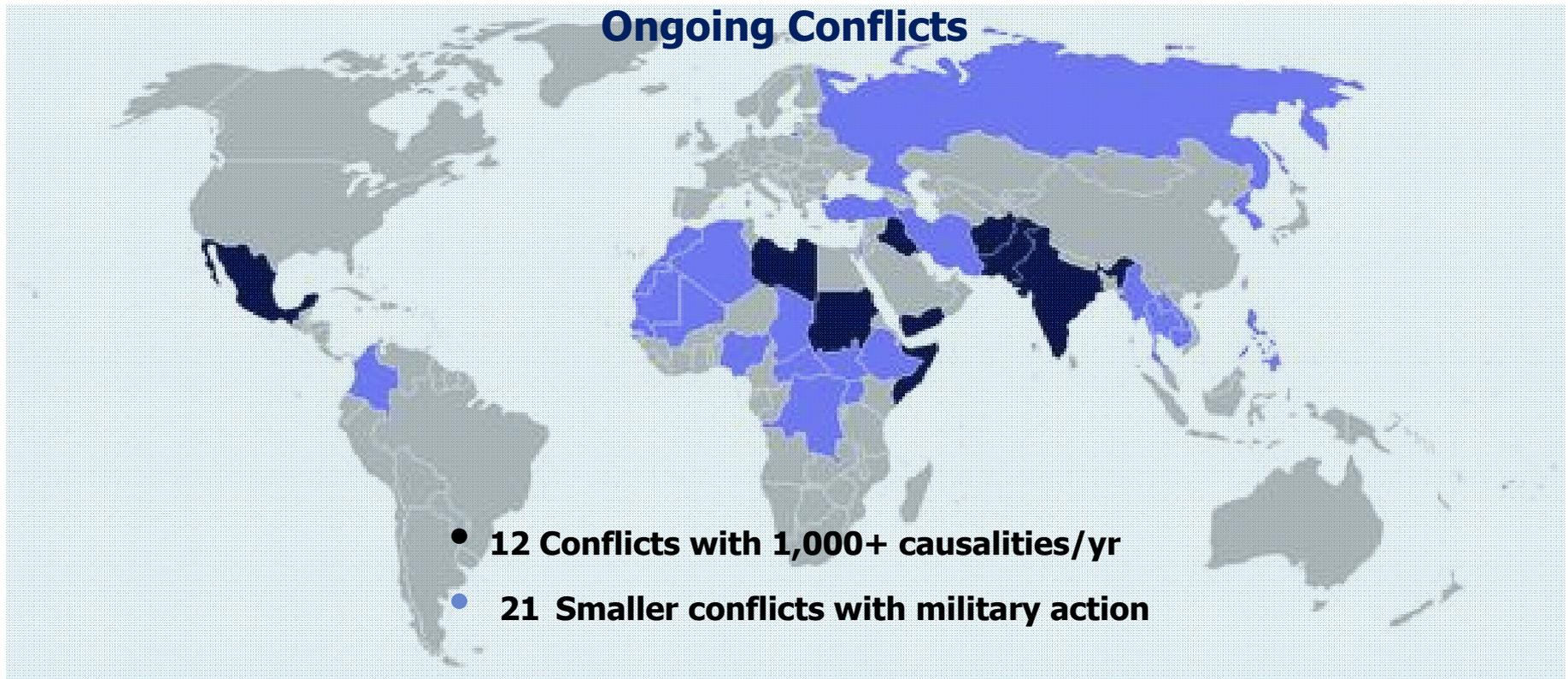
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Century 298**

◇ **Nation rise Against Nation**

**Number of named wars in 20th
Century 297**

◇ **Kingdom rise Against Kingdom**
Matt 24:26

**Number of named wars 2000 to
Present 52**



...in the last days

◇ Wars & Rumors of Wars

Matt 24:25, 29

◇ Nation rise Against Nation

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Matt 24:26



Civil War Prophecy December 25, 1832

- **War to start with rebellion of South Carolina – April 12, 1861**
- **Bitter conflict between North & South – Casualties 618,000**
- **War shall be poured out upon all nations**
- **Remnants of land (Indians) shall sorely vex Gentiles**
- **Wars will continue until end of all Nations**
- **Saints warned to stand in Holy Places**

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Wars & Conflicts 1830-1980

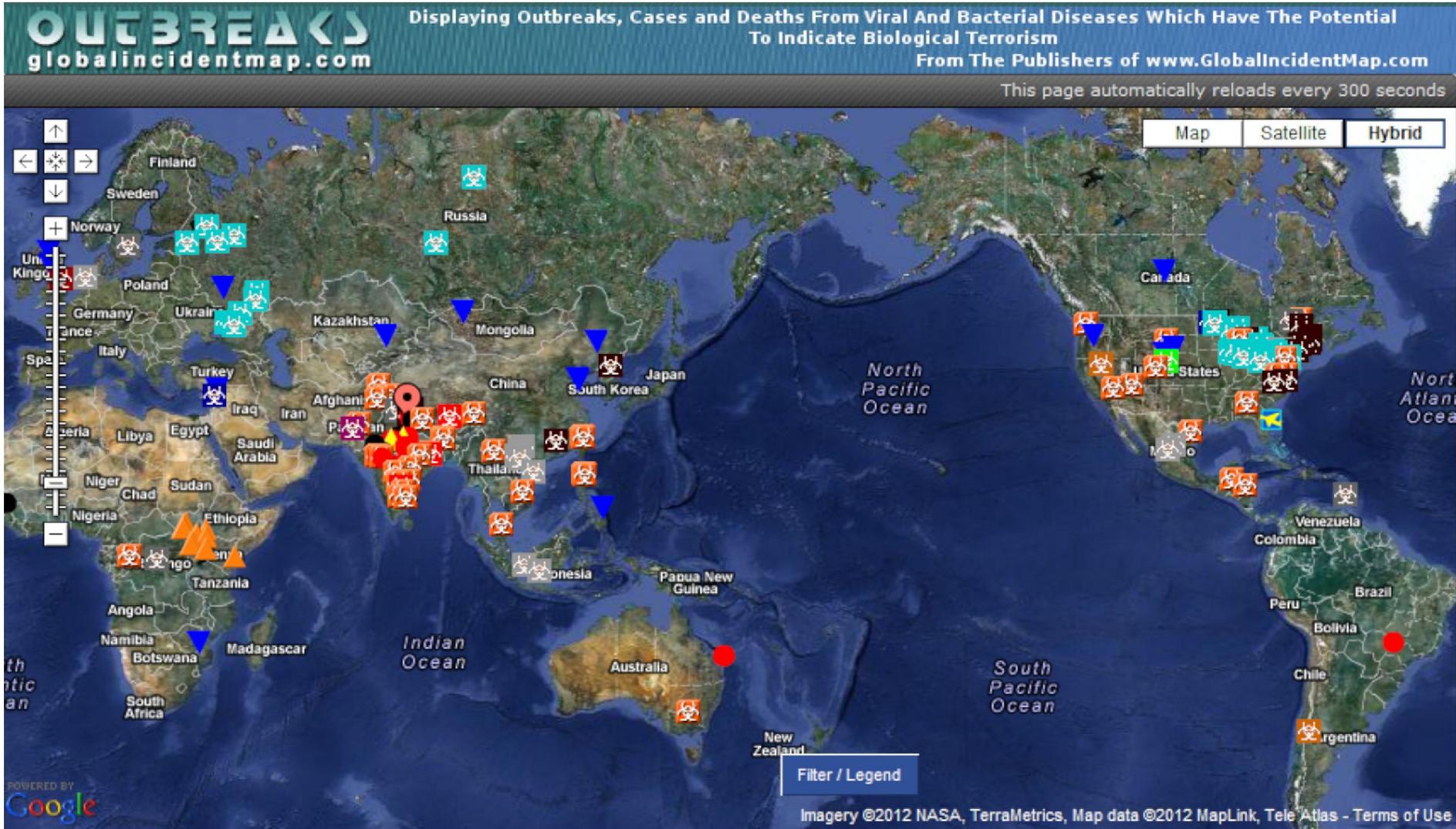


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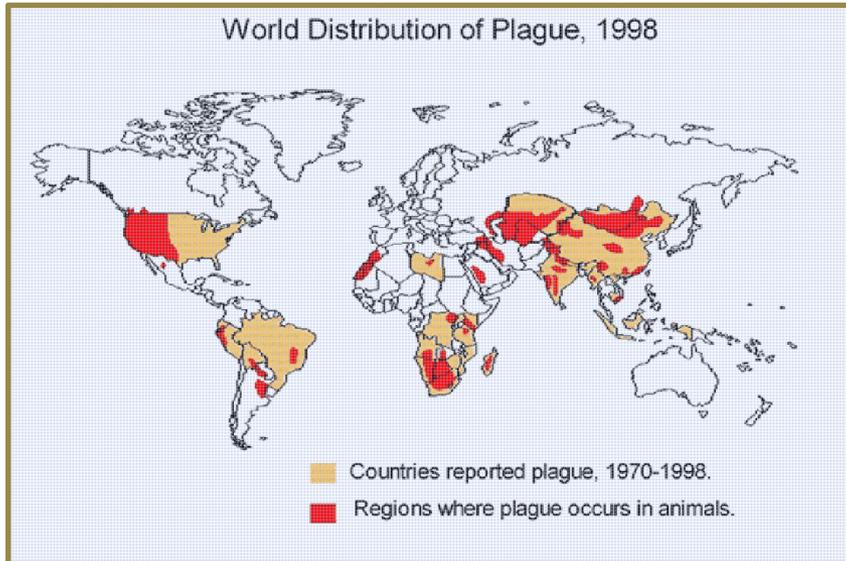
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◆ Famine & Pestilences



...in the last days

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✦ Every day around 24,000 people die directly from hunger or hunger related diseases - an unbelievable amount.

Figurative

That which is morally pestilent or pernicious; moral plague or mischief, evil conduct, wickedness; that which is fatal to the public peace or well-being..

Anything, as a doctrine, regarded as harmful or dangerous.

Oxford English Dictionary

11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord;

12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it.

Amos 8:11-12

And blessed are all they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled with the Holy Ghost.

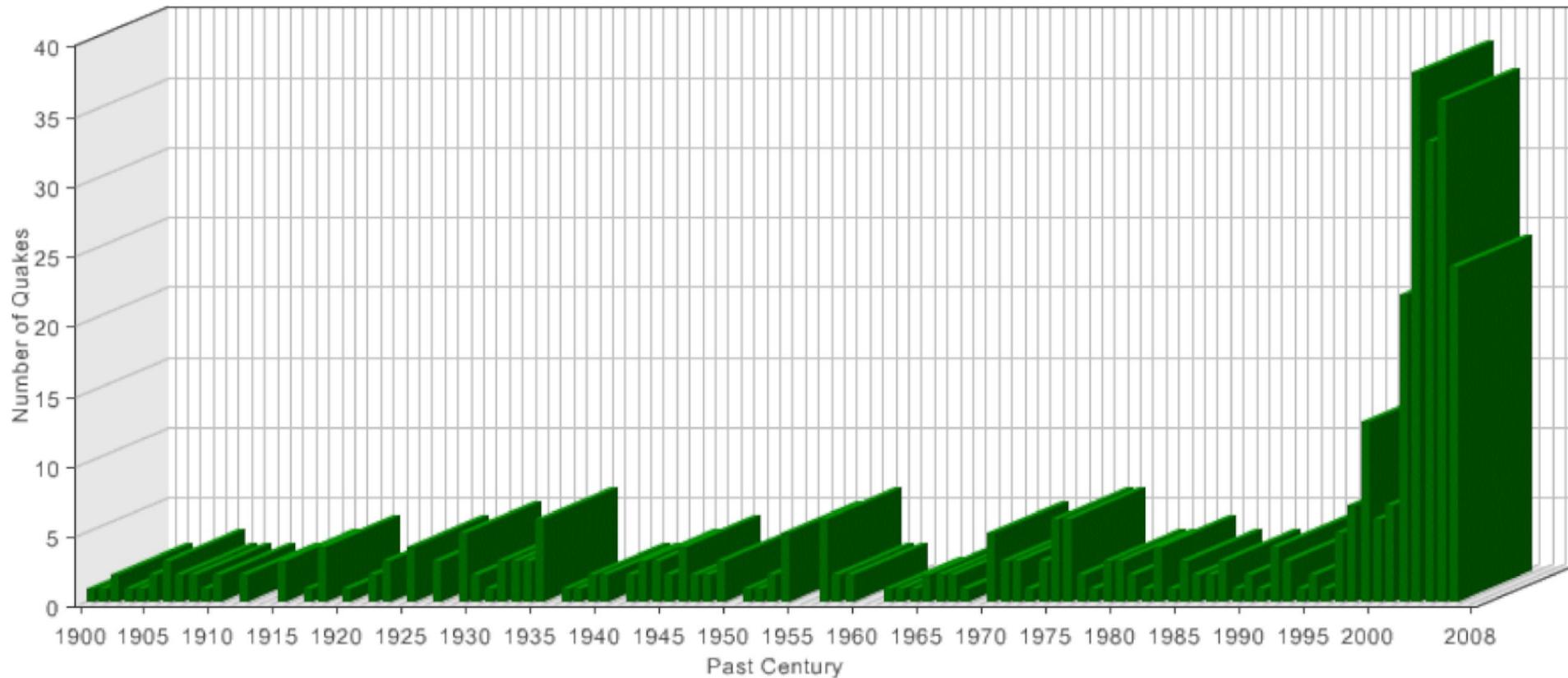
Matthew 5:8

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◇ Earthquakes in Divers Places

Matt 24:30

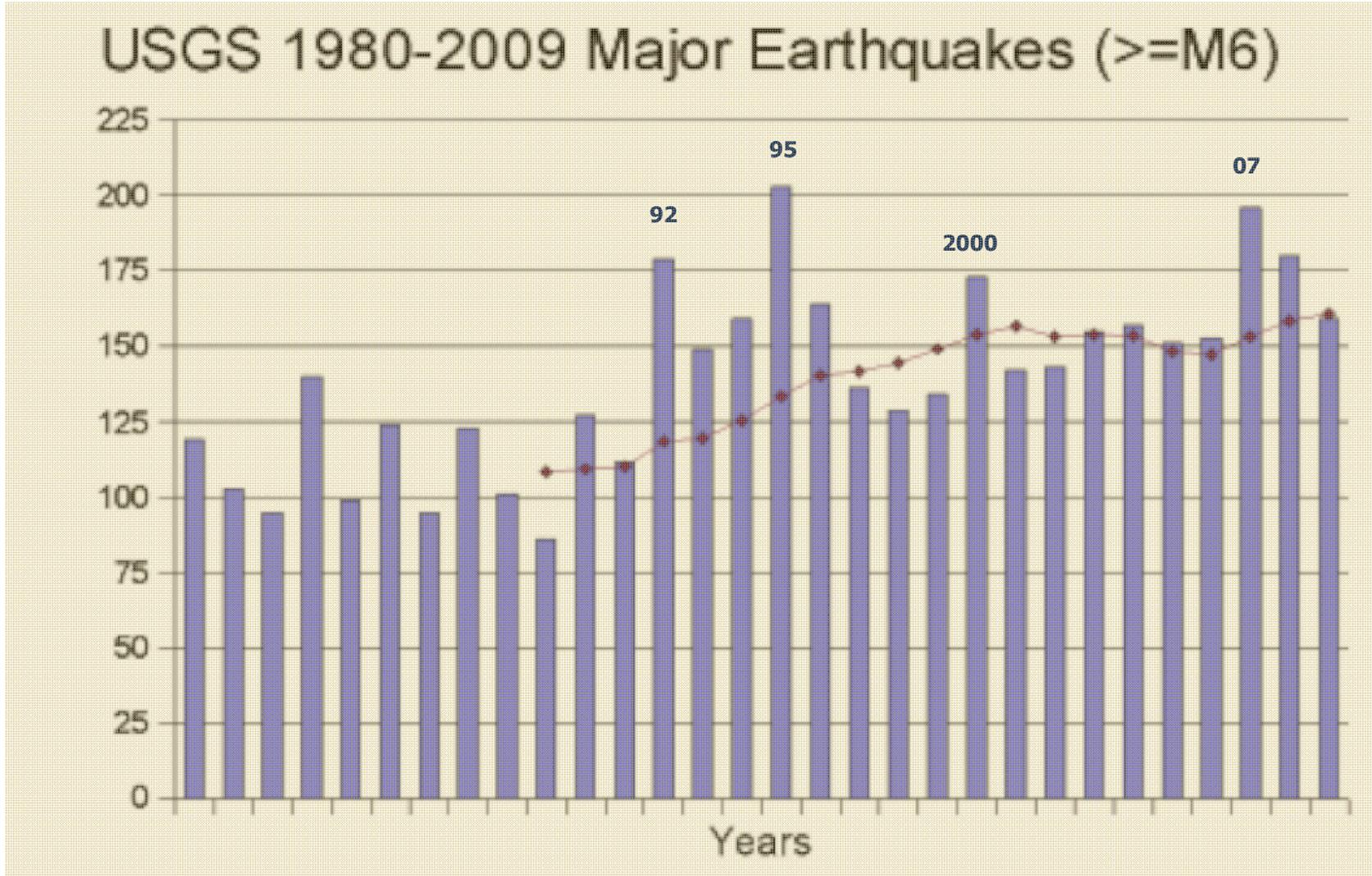
Deadly & Destructive Earthquakes Between Magnitudes 6 and 8 Since 1900



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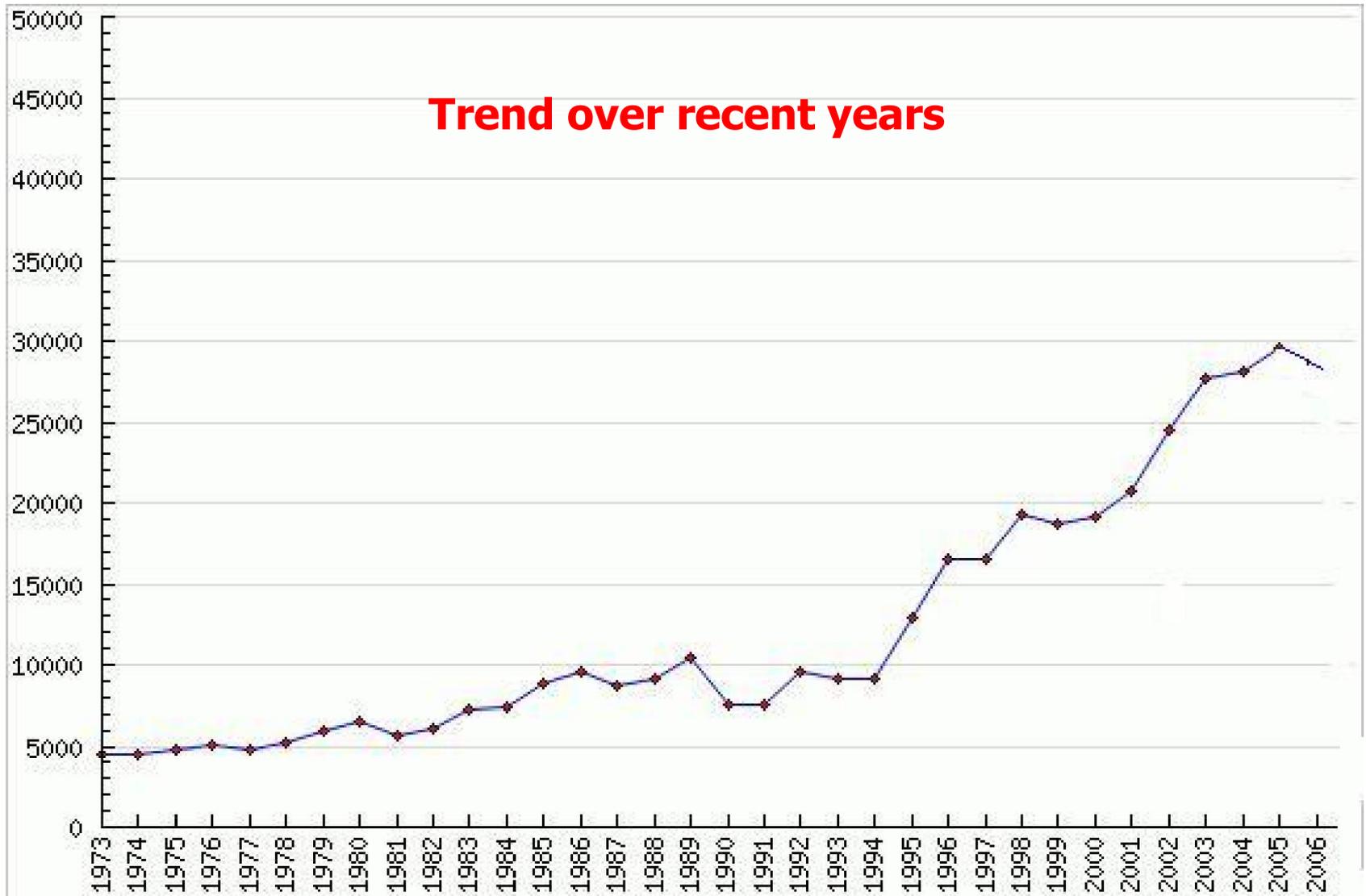
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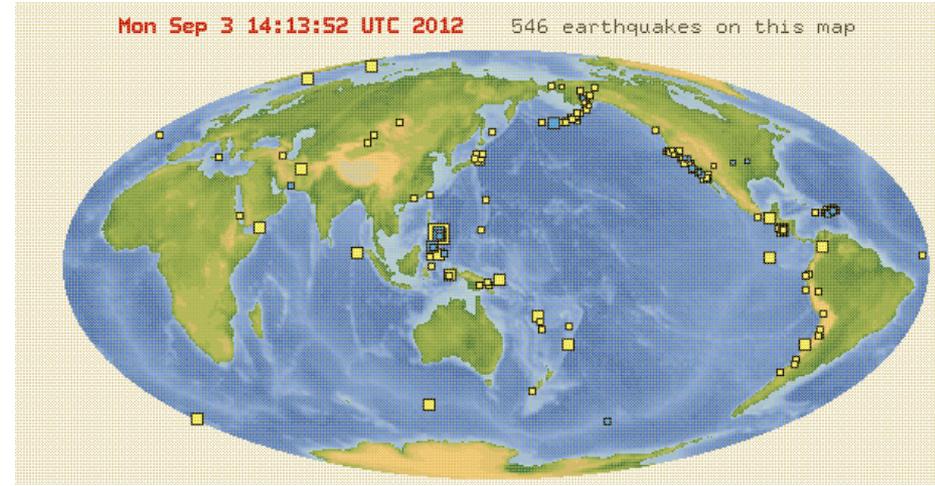
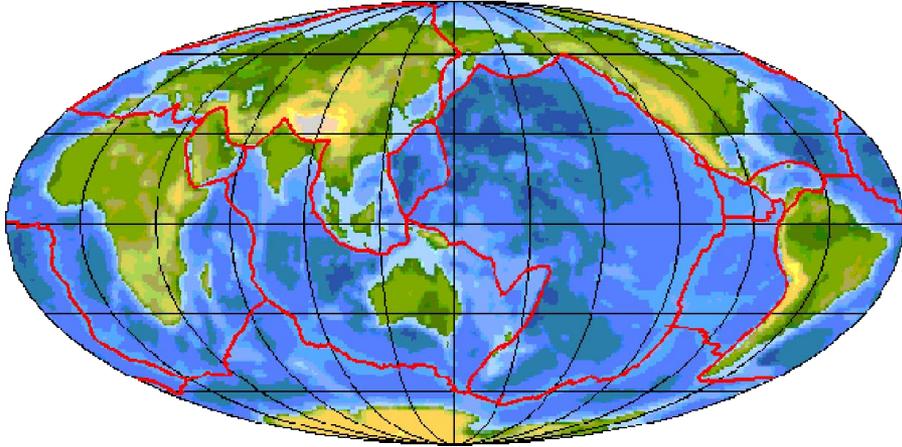
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Figurative

Albert Barnes (1798-1870) sees the earthquake as a shifting of power and governments that brings unease to the world.

Today

- Social upheaval worldwide
- Civil unrest & rebellion
- Governments toppled
- People in high places fall

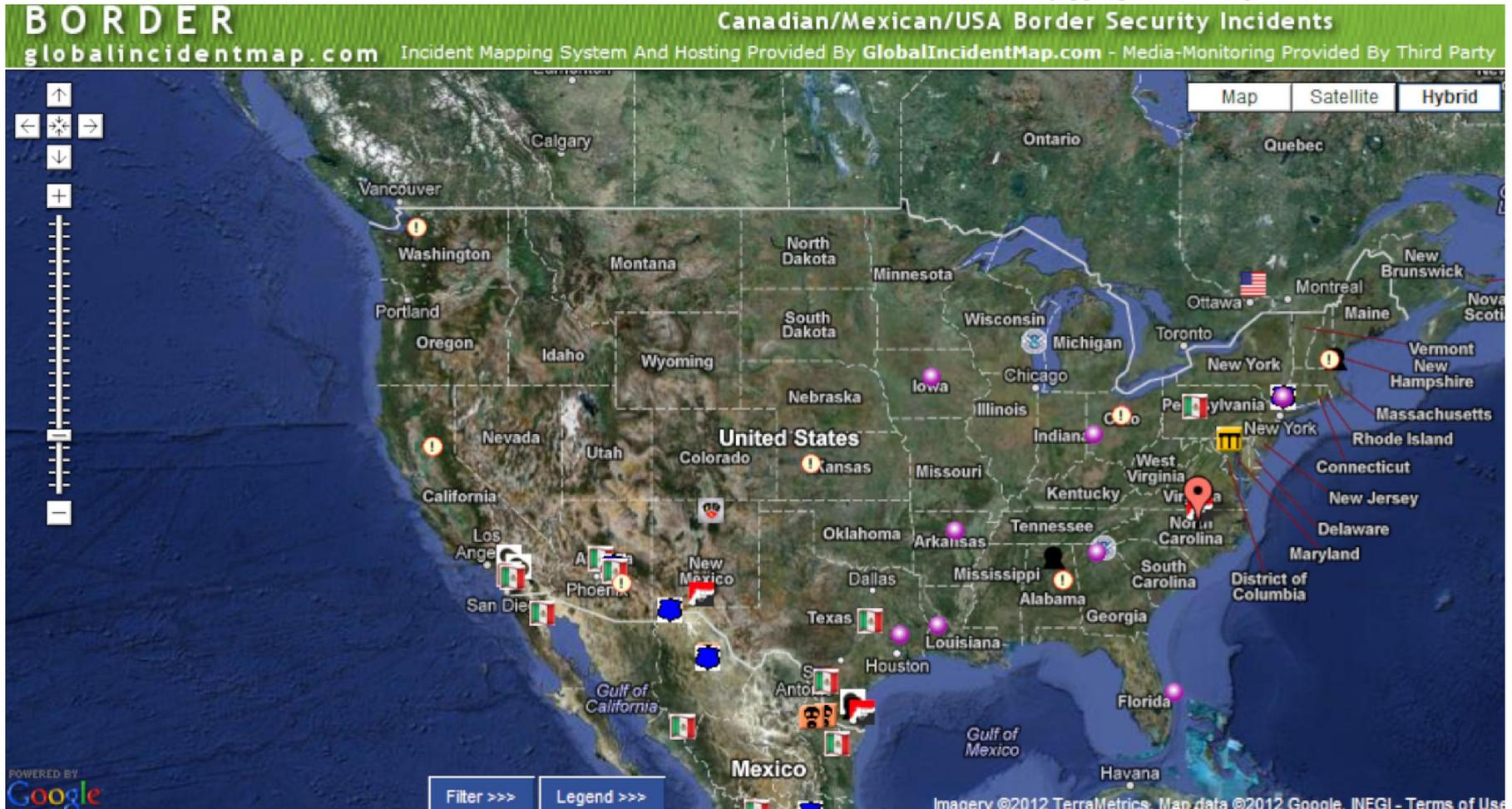


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Iniquity Shall Abound

31 And again, because iniquity shall abound, the love of men shall wax cold; but he that shall not be overcome, the same shall be saved.

Matthew 24:10-11



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Gang Activity



Iniquity Shall Abound

Drug Interdiction



...in the last days

... as it was in the days of Noah

Matthew 24:44

- they were eating and drinking,
- marrying and giving in marriage
- grandchildren followed after the world
- earth was corrupt before God; and filled with violence

...as it was in the days of Lot

Luke 17:28

they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded

In the selfsame day *they* entered the ark *and* all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened . . .

Genesis 8:36-41

29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

Luke 17:29

Days of Noah & Lot – 2 Peter Chapter 2

- △ **False prophets & teachers**
- △ **Destructive, false doctrines**
- △ **Deny God & Jesus**
- △ **Immoral ways**
- △ **Speak evil of the Truth**
- △ **Teachers profit from telling fables**
- △ **Immoral, lawless conduct**
- △ **Follow lusts of the flesh**
- △ **Despise God's authority**
- △ **Bold and arrogant**
- △ **Disrespect & insult things above**
- △ **Deceitful**
- △ **Adulterers**
- △ **Use immoral bodily lusts to trap those trying to change**
- △ **Servants of corruption who promise liberty**

17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved forever.

...in the last days

9a. Verily, verily I say unto you, Darkness covereth the earth, and gross darkness the minds of the people, and all flesh has become corrupt before my face.

9b. Behold, vengeance cometh speedily upon the inhabitants of the earth – a day of wrath, a day of burning, a day of desolation, of weeping, of mourning, and of lamentation – and as a whirlwind it shall come upon all the face of the earth, saith the Lord.

10a. And upon my house shall it begin, and from my house shall it go forth, saith the Lord.

10b. First among those among you, saith the Lord, who have professed to know my name and have not known me, and have blasphemed against me in the midst of my house, saith the Lord.

D&C 105:9a-10b

...in the last days

7c. Behold, I, the Lord, have made my church in these last days, like unto a judge sitting on a hill, or in a high place, to judge the nations; for it shall come to pass, that the inhabitants of Zion shall judge all things pertaining to Zion; 7d. and liars, and hypocrites shall be proved by them, and they who are not apostles and prophets shall be known.

8a. And even the bishop, who is a judge, and his counselors, if they are not faithful in their stewardships, shall be condemned, and others shall be planted in their stead; for, behold, I say unto you that Zion shall flourish, and the glory of the Lord shall be upon her, and she shall be an ensign unto the people, and there shall come unto her out of every nation under heaven.

8b. And the day shall come, when the nations of the earth shall tremble because of her, and shall fear because of her terrible ones. The Lord hath spoken it. Amen.

Doctrine & Covenants 64:7c-8b

How Bad Will It Get?

5 The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.

6 Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate; therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

Isaiah 24:5-6

I tell you that he will come, and when he does come, he will avenge his saints speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, shall he find faith on the earth?

Luke 18:8



Physical Signs

- * **Wars & Rumors of wars**
- * **Earthquakes in divers places**
- * **Famine & pestilences**
- * **Iniquity abounds**
- * **Days of Noah & Lot**



Spiritual Signs

- * **Spiritual & ideology warfare**
- * **Upheaval in church & society**
- * **Harmful teachings/
false doctrines**
- * **Love of money &
worldly pleasures**
- * **All Godly things rejected**

Our Hope

12 Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed; neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame; for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

13 For thy maker, thy husband, the Lord of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; the God of the whole earth shall he be called.

14 For the Lord hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God.

15 For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.

16 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer.

3 Nephi:10:12-16

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Ezekiel 17:22-23

God's First Covenant With Abraham

12 And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now your eyes, and look from the place where you are, northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward;

13 And remember the covenant which I make with you; for it shall be an everlasting covenant; and you shall remember the days of Enoch your father;

14 For all the land which you see, will I give to you, and to your seed for ever; and I will make your seed as the dust of the earth; so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, your seed shall also be numbered.

15 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it, and in the breadth of it, for I will give it unto you. Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which was in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the Lord.

Genesis 13:12-15

God's Covenant Second With Abraham

19 And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said,

20 Thus saith the Lord, I have sworn by myself, that because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only Isaac from me;

21 That in blessing I will bless thee; and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand which is upon the seashore.

22 And thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice. Genesis 22:19-22

7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. Galatians 3:7-8, 16

Joseph's Blessing By Jacob

22 Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall;

23 The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him,

24 But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel;)

25 Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb;

26 The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills; they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.

Genesis 49:22-26

Joseph's Land

13 And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the Lord be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath,

14 And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon,

15 And for the chief things of the ancient mountain, and for the precious things of the lasting hills,

16 And for the precious things of the earth and fullness thereof, and for the goodwill of him that dwelt in the bush; let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him that was separated from his brethren.

17 His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns; with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth; and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh.

Deuteronomy 33:13-17

Jacob's Blessing On Ephraim & Manasseh

20 And Israel stretched out his **right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head**, who was the younger, and his **left hand upon Manasseh's head**, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn.

21 And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day,

22 The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

23 And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him; and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head.

24 And Joseph said unto his father, **Not so, my father; for this is the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head.**

25 And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it; he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly **his younger brother shall be greater than he**, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.

26 And he blessed them, that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh; and he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

Genesis 48:20-26

Latter Day Covenant

4c. Therefore, be ye strong from henceforth; fear not for the kingdom is yours: and for your salvation I give unto you a commandment, for I have heard your prayers, and the poor have complained before me, and the rich have I made, and all flesh is mine, and I am no respecter of persons.

4d. And I have made the earth rich, and, behold, it is my footstool: wherefore, again I will stand upon it; and I hold forth and deign to give unto you greater riches, even a land of promise;

4e. a land flowing with milk and honey, upon which there shall be no curse when the Lord cometh; and I will give it unto you for the land of your inheritance, **if you seek it with all your hearts:**

4f. and this shall be my covenant with you, Ye shall have it for the land of your inheritance, and for the inheritance of your children for ever, while the earth shall stand; and ye shall possess it again in eternity, no more to pass away.

D&C 38:4c-4f

In The Last Days

2 And it shall come to pass in the last days when the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it;

3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem;

4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

2 Nephi 8:18-20

Isaiah 2:2-4

Micah 4:1-2

In The Last Days

And the Lord said unto Enoch, As I live, even so will I come in the last days – in the days of wickedness and vengeance, to fulfill the oath which I made unto you, concerning the children of Noah: and the day shall come that the earth shall rest, but before that day, shall the heavens be darkened, and a veil of darkness shall cover the earth; and the heavens shall shake, and also the earth; and great tribulations shall be among the children of men, but my people will I preserve; and righteousness will I send down out of heaven; and truth will I send forth out of the earth, to bear testimony of my Only Begotten; his resurrection from the dead; yea, and also the resurrection of all men; and righteousness and truth will I cause to sweep the earth as with a flood, to gather out my own elect from the four quarters of the earth unto a place which I shall prepare; a holy city, that my people may gird up their loins, and be looking forth for the time of my coming; for there shall be my tabernacle, and it shall be called Zion, a New Jerusalem.

In The Last Days

(D&C 36:12c-14a continued)

And the Lord said unto Enoch, Then shall you and all your city meet them there, and we will receive them into our bosom, and they shall see us, and we will fall upon their necks, and they shall fall upon our necks, and we will kiss each other, and there shall be my abode, and it shall be Zion which shall come forth out of all the creations which I have made; and for the space of a thousand years shall the earth rest. And it came to pass that Enoch saw the days of the coming of the Son of man, in the last days, to dwell on the earth in righteousness, for the space of a thousand years.

Doctrine & Covenants 36:12c-14a

To The Elders

3a. And now, behold, I give unto you a commandment, that when ye are assembled together, ye shall instruct and edify each other, that ye may know how to act and direct my church how to act upon the points of my law and commandments, which I have given;

3b. and thus ye shall become instructed in the law of my church, and be sanctified by that which ye have received, and ye shall bind yourselves to act in all holiness before me, that inasmuch as ye do this, glory shall be added to the kingdom which ye have received.

3c. Inasmuch as ye do it not, it shall be taken; even that which ye have received.

4a. Again I say, hearken ye elders of my church whom I have appointed:

4b. ye are not sent forth to be taught, but to teach the children of men the things which I have put into your hands by the power of my Spirit;

4c. and ye are to be taught from on high.

4d. Sanctify yourselves and ye shall be endowed with power, that ye may give even as I have spoken. D& C 43:3a-4d

In The Last Days

Behold, the day has come, when the cup of the wrath of mine indignation is full. Behold, verily I say unto you, that these are the words of the Lord your God; wherefore, labor ye, labor ye in my vineyard for the last time: for the last time call upon the inhabitants of the earth, for in my own due time will I come upon the earth in judgment; and my people shall be redeemed and shall reign with me on earth; for the great millennial, which I have spoken by the mouth of my servants, shall come; for Satan shall be bound . . .

Doctrine & Covenants 43:6d-7c

And then shall the heathen nations be redeemed, and they that knew no law shall have part in the first resurrection; and it shall be tolerable for them; and Satan shall be bound that he shall have no place in the hearts of the children of men.

Doctrine & Covenants 45:10a

In The Last Days

12c. and with one heart and with one mind, gather up your riches that ye may purchase an inheritance which shall hereafter be appointed unto you, and it shall be called the New Jerusalem, a land of peace, a city of refuge, a place of safety for the saints of the most high God;

12d. and the glory of the Lord shall be there, and the terror of the Lord also shall be there, insomuch that the wicked will not come unto it; and it shall be called Zion.

13a. And it shall come to pass, among the wicked, that every man that will not take his sword against his neighbor, must needs flee unto Zion for safety.

13b. And there shall be gathered unto it out of every nation under heaven; and it shall be the only people that shall not be at war one with another.

13c. And it shall be said among the wicked, Let us not go up to battle against Zion, for the inhabitants of Zion are terrible, wherefore we can not stand.

14. And it shall come to pass that the righteous shall be gathered out from among all nations, and shall come to Zion singing, with songs of everlasting joy.

Doctrine & Covenants 45:12c-14

What Is Required Of God's People?

21 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant, which I made unto thy father Enoch; that, **when men should keep all my commandments, Zion should again come on the earth, the city of Enoch which I have caught up unto myself.**

22 And **this is mine everlasting covenant, that when thy posterity shall embrace the truth, and look upward, then shall Zion look downward,** and all the heavens shall shake with gladness, and the earth shall tremble with joy;

23 And **the general assembly of the church of the firstborn shall come down out of heaven,** and possess the earth, and shall have place until the end come. And this is mine everlasting covenant, which I made with thy father Enoch.

Genesis 9:21-23

What Is Required Of God's People?

2a. Behold, I say unto you, Were it not for the transgressions of my people, speaking concerning the church and not individuals, they might have been redeemed even now;

2b. but, behold, they have not learned to be obedient to the things which I require at their hands, but are full of all manner of evil, and **do not impart of their substance, as becomes Saints, to the poor and afflicted among them, and are not united according to the union required by the law of the celestial kingdom;**

2c. and **Zion cannot be built up unless it is by the principles of the law of the celestial kingdom,** otherwise I cannot receive her unto myself;

2d. and my people must needs be chastened until they learn obedience, if it must needs be, by the things which they suffer.

**Doctrine & Covenants 102:2a-2d
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What Is Required Of God's People?

3b. And behold, none are exempt from this law who belong to the church of the living God; yea, neither the bishop, neither the agent, who keeps the Lord's storehouse; neither he who is appointed in a stewardship over temporal things;

3c. he who is appointed to administer spiritual things, the same is worthy of his hire, even as those who are appointed to a stewardship, to administer in temporal things; yea, even more abundantly, which abundance is multiplied unto them through the manifestations of the Spirit;

3d. nevertheless, in your temporal things you shall be equal, and this not grudgingly, otherwise the abundance of the manifestations of the Spirit shall be withheld.

Doctrine & Covenants 70:3b-3d

... for if ye are not equal in earthly things, ye cannot be equal in obtaining heavenly things;

Doctrine & Covenants 77:1f

So what should be our response?

27 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads, for the day of your redemption draweth nigh.

28 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud, with power and great glory.

29 And he spake to them a parable, saying, Behold the fig tree, and all the trees.

30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

Luke 21:27-31

So what should be our response?

12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you;

13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the Spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you; on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

1 Peter 4:12-14

So what should be our response?

22 Blessed are ye when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from among them, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

23 Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy; for behold your reward shall be great in heaven; for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

Luke 6:22-23

So what should be our response?

1a. Verily I say unto you, my friends, Fear not, let your hearts be comforted, yea, rejoice evermore, and in everything give thanks, waiting patiently on the Lord;

1b. for your prayers have entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth, and are recorded with this seal and testament:

1c. the Lord hath sworn and decreed that they shall be granted; therefore, he giveth this promise unto you, with an immutable covenant, that they shall be fulfilled, and all things wherewith you have been afflicted, shall work together for your good, and to my name's glory saith the Lord.

Doctrine & Covenants 95:1a-1c

So what should be our response?

3c. and for the fullness of times, in the which I will gather together in one all things, both which are in heaven and which are on earth; and also with all those whom my Father hath given me out of the world;

3d. wherefore **lift up your hearts and rejoice**, and gird up your loins, and **take upon you my whole armor**, that ye may be able to withstand the evil day, having done all ye may be able to stand.

3e. Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with **truth**, having on the breastplate of **righteousness**, and your feet shod with the preparation of the **gospel of peace**, which I have sent mine angels to commit unto you, taking the shield of **faith** wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked;

3f. and take the helmet of **salvation**, and the sword of my Spirit, which I will pour out upon you, and my word which I reveal unto you, and **be agreed as touching all things** whatsoever ye ask of me,

3g. and **be faithful until I come**, and ye shall be caught up, that where I am ye shall be also. Amen.