

Concerning the End of Days, what makes this Time any Different than the 2,000 years before us?

This is a question of great importance that many people wonder about? Though there are many people who believe the End of Days are upon this generation of people, there are also many people who do not believe this is so for one reason or another.

2 Peter 3:3-4

3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

However, the Apostle Peter tells us **these people are willingly ignorant!!**

2 Peter 3:5-7

5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

So what makes this time frame any different than the 2,000 years before us concerning the return of Christ and Daniel's seventieth week of years? Which is the final seven years before all things written concerning Israel and the world and the one thousand year millennial reign of Jesus Christ takes place.

Remember there will be scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation", of which the Apostle Peter says "**For this they willingly are ignorant**".

However, at the same time there are many believers who wonder why this time period is any different than those before us? Since it seems that every generation of people since Christ have thought that the things written concerning Daniel's seventieth week of years, the book of Revelation, and other prophetic writings was going to take place within their generation or life time.

One of the biggest reasons that many people fail to recognize that Daniel's seventieth week of years and the prophecies concerning the end of days could not have happened in their life time, is that it was impossible for any of the prophecies written to be fulfilled concerning the nation of Israel and Jerusalem from the time period of AD 70, when the Roman's sieged Jerusalem and destroyed the second temple as was prophesied by Jesus Christ, until the time that Israel once again became a nation in 1948 AD. This makes this time period extremely different than all others between these two time periods. If the nation of Israel and Jerusalem were not in existence then all of the prophecies concerning the end of days could not be taking place even though there were very wicked times and much tribulation and

persecution suffered by the followers of Christ, the Church of the Living God at the hands of their oppressors. It is essential that all the prophecies concerning the end of days are taking place at the same time that Israel is a nation. Which could not have taken place until 1948 AD.

Let us look at some prophecies concerning Israel. More specifically Jerusalem.

John 11:47-53

47 Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles.

48 If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.

49 And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all,

50 Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.

51 And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation;

52 And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.

53 Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.

Matthew 24:1-3

1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

Let me briefly pause here and address any preterist that may come across this message. The doctrine you are teaching is so full of errors that there is no where to begin. **Therefore you need to pray that God will open your eyes to the truth and give to you an honest and good heart so that having heard the Word you may keep it and produce fruit.** (Luke 8:15)

So after the time of the fall of Jerusalem in 70 AD by the Romans it was impossible to fulfill the many prophecies concerning the end of days until Israel was once again a nation. You can't very well have the prophecies fulfilled if the nation of Israel is not in existence, of which did not become possible until the year 1948 AD when Israel became a nation again. **Therefore all generations between the time period of 70 AD and 1948 AD could not possibly see the prophecies concerning Daniel's seventieth week of years being fulfilled. For example:**

Joel 3:9-17

9 Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up:

10 Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong.

11 Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.

This is a prophecy concerning the battle of Armageddon and the Lord gathering all nations against him to battle at Jerusalem! **The heathen is being called to** “Assemble yourselves, and come,” “gather yourselves together round about”. **Then we see stated** “thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD” referring to the Angels and the saints of God coming with the Lord to the Mount of Olives to the battle of that great day of God Almighty “To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.” (Jude 1:15)

12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.

This is the name given in modern times to the valley between Jerusalem and the mount of Olives, and the Kidron flows through it. The name Jehoshaphat in the Hebrew means, Jehovah-judged —Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary

13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

This same prophecy concerning the battle of Armageddon is expounded upon in Revelation, “And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, **Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.** And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; **and the earth was reaped.** And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, **he also having a sharp sickle.** And another angel came out from the altar, **which had power over fire;** and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, **Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.”** (Rev14:15-20) **The blood from this battle at Armageddon will be 4.5 feet high and flow 180 miles!!!**

14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: **for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.**

15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

These are the same signs that we see in Revelation concerning the sixth seal being opened up “For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?” This also is speaking of the Battle of Armageddon. “And I beheld when he had opened **the sixth seal,** and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs,

when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, **hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"** (Rev 6:12-17)

16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

17 So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

As you can see from verse 17 when this event takes place we will know that **"I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more."**

Another example showing that **all generations between the time period of 70 AD and 1948 AD** could not possibly see the prophecies concerning Daniel's seventieth week of years being fulfilled in their life time, because it was impossible to fulfill the many prophecies concerning the end of days until Israel was once again a nation:

Zechariah 14:1-5

1 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

Again we see here that when this takes place the LORD will fight against those nations **"and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee."** **"His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south."**

These prophecies could not be fulfilled from 70 AD to 1948 AD because you can't have "all nations against Jerusalem to battle" when Israel isn't in existence nor the city of Jerusalem being disputed over while Israel is in existence.

Ezekiel 38:14-16

14 Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the LORD GOD; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it?

15 And thou shalt come from thy place out of the **north parts**, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:

16 And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; **it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.**

Notice that "it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes." This coinciding with what was spoken in Joel and Zechariah respectively. "The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel. So shall ye know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more." "Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west... and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee".

Ezekiel 38:19-23

19 For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;

20 So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

These are again the same signs that we see in Revelation concerning the sixth seal being opened up "For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" This also is speaking of the Battle of Armageddon. "And I beheld when he had opened **the sixth seal**, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, **hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"** (Rev 6:12-17)

21 And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the LORD GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother.

22 And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

23 Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord.

Just as is spoken in the other prophecies. Look at verse 23. “Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD.” This speaking of the same time as mentioned in Joel “For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.” (Joel 3:1-2) Same time as “Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.” (Zech 14:1-2) as well as Isaiah chapter 66:15-16 “For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many.” (Isaiah 66:15-16)

This is also referring to the sixth and seventh vial of the wrath of God. “**And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.**” (Rev 16:12-21)

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generations between the time period of 70 AD and 1948 AD could not possibly see the prophecies concerning Daniel's seventieth week of years being fulfilled.

Another reason that makes the time period in which we live today extremely different than that of the 2,000 years before us is concerning the land of Judea or what is known as the West Bank.

Matthew 24:15-22

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

This topic of the land of Judea or the West Bank is continuously in the news! This land is under heavy dispute between the United Nations on behalf of creating a Palestinian state and the nation of Israel.

Let me share with you from the United Nations website information concerning this situation. Found at <https://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2012/ga11317.doc.htm>

General Assembly Votes Overwhelmingly to Accord Palestine

‘ Non-Member Observer State’ Status in United Nations

Objective to ‘Breathe New Life’ into Peace Process, Says Palestinian President;

Israel’s Delegate Counters, Without Direct Negotiations, Peace Remains ‘Out of Reach’

Voting by an overwhelming majority — 138 in favour to 9 against (Canada, Czech Republic, Israel, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Panama, Palau, United States), with 41 abstentions — the General Assembly today accorded Palestine non-Member Observer State status in the United Nations.

“The moment has arrived for the world to say clearly: enough of aggression, settlements and occupation,” said Mahmoud Abbas, President of the Palestinian Authority, as he called on the 193-member body to “issue a birth certificate of the reality of the State of Palestine”. Indeed, following Israel’s latest aggression against the Gaza Strip, the international community now faced “the last chance” to save the long elusive two-State solution, he said, adding: “the window of opportunity is narrowing and time is quickly running out”.

Palestine came before the Assembly because it believed in peace, and because its people were in desperate need of it, he said, speaking ahead of the vote. Its endeavour to seek a change in status

at the United Nations did not aim to terminate what remained of the long stagnant peace negotiations; instead, he said, it was aimed at trying to “breathe new life” into the process. Support for the resolution would also send a promising message to millions of Palestinians “that justice is possible and that there is a reason to be hopeful”, he stressed.

The text upgraded Palestine’s status without prejudice to the acquired rights, privileges and role of the Palestine Liberation Organization in the United Nations as the representative of the Palestinian people, in accordance with the relevant resolutions and practice. The Palestinian Liberation Organization was recognized as an observer entity in 1974. By other terms of the resolution — the adoption of which coincided with the observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People and with the Assembly’s annual debate on the Question of Palestine — Member States echoed the “urgent need for the resumption and acceleration” of the peace negotiations.

Israel’s representative, also taking the floor before the vote, emphasized that the “one-sided” resolution did not advance peace, but instead pushed the process backward. “There is only one route to Palestinian statehood. There are no shortcuts. No quick fixes,” he said. The route to peace ran through direct negotiations between Jerusalem and Ramallah. “Israel is prepared to live in peace with a Palestinian State, but for peace to endure, Israel’s security must be protected,” he added.

The report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (document A/67/35) states that the reporting period, 7 October 2011 to 6 October 2012, was characterized by the deadlocked political process and the deteriorating socio-economic situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. According to the report, there has been no breakthrough in efforts towards resuming direct Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, owing to Israel’s consistent refusal to freeze its settlement activity and adhere to the long-standing terms of reference of the peace process.

The report states that the Committee continued to work for the realization of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to self-determination, and a negotiated settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in all its aspects, resulting in an end to the occupation and the independence of a sovereign, viable, contiguous and democratic Palestinian State based on 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital, and a just solution for the Palestine refugees based on General Assembly resolution 194 (III).

Do you remember from scripture what begins Daniel’s seventieth week of years?

Daniel 9:25-27

25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Another reason the time period in which we live in is different than the 2,000 years before us is in regards to a third temple being built in Jerusalem. Notice what is spoken of here in verse 27 “in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation”.

Revelation 11:1-2

1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

2 **But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.**

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

2 Thessalonians 2:8-10

8 **And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:**

9 **Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,**

10 **And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

Daniel 12:11-13

11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, **there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.**

12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

13 **But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.**

The anti-christ can not sit in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God causing the sacrifice and the oblation to cease in the middle of the week of seven years if there isn't a temple for him to sit in. Nor can he cause the sacrifices to stop if they have not yet begun. Nor can there be animal sacrificing without the temple. As concerning the 1,335 days which is a 45 day difference from the time “that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up”, at this time we can only speculate as to what this means.

Hebrews 9:1-7

1 Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.

2 For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.

3 And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;

4 Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;

5 And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.

6 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.

7 But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

So in order to fulfill what Jesus spoke of concerning Daniel the Prophet “**When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes**” (Matthew 24:15-18); **there must first exist the nation of Israel, there must be a dispute concerning the land of Israel, Jerusalem, and the land of Judea (the West Bank), there must be an agreement made concerning the disputed land, and there must also be a temple erected by the Jews after an agreement is made concerning the disputed land of which will lead to the abomination of desolation by the anti-christ in the midst of the week or three and one half years into Daniel’s seventieth week of years.**

At this present time almost all of the vessels, utensils, and priestly garments have been recreated by the Temple Institute in anticipation of the rebuilding of the third temple. **You can view these images at https://www.templeinstitute.org/vessels_gallery_a1.htm**

These are some of the main reasons that we that are alive today are looking at a completely different view point concerning the end of days than those who lived before us between the time period of 70 AD and 1948 AD.