

Fullness of Time

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Our Apocalyptic “New Normal”: Most Global Conflict Since WWII, Most Billion Dollar Disasters Ever, And Most Hungry People In History

Our world is witnessing apocalyptic events so frequently that many of us are starting to become numb to it all. Major wars are raging all over the globe, children in Africa are literally dropping dead from starvation as hunger spreads like wildfire, and “billion dollar disasters” are hitting us more frequently than we have ever seen before.

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What does "must shortly take place" mean?

Revelation 1:1 – *The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place.*

The Greek word used for "shortly" (tachos) is used in three passages where this exact phrase is used to describe events that will not occur for a long way off (Luke 18:8; Rom 16:20; Rev 22:6) and does not mean that they will happen in the immediate future.

- The Greek word tachos is the root of where we get tachometer if that helps.
- Strong's Lexicon: a brief space (of time), i.e. in haste: + quickly, + shortly, + speedily.
- The primary meaning pertains to events that happen "in quick succession" or "swiftly" or "rapidly".

Where else do we get the idea that the events related to the Lord’s return will happen in quick succession?

Matt 24:8 – *All these are the beginning of sorrows.*
The Lord’s Olivet Discourse... the signs of His coming will be like birth pangs, increasing in frequency and intensity.

Daniel 9:26 – *The end of it shall be with a flood*
The Prophet Daniel indicated that the events related to the Lord’s return will overwhelm people quickly.

- We also see this in nature called the exponential growth curve which has sometimes been described as a hockey stick... the growth is faster at the end than the beginning.

What can we learn about the timing of Jesus’ first advent to shed light on His return?

Galatians 4:4-5 – *But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.*

Jesus came at just the right time and thus His return will also be when the fullness of time has come.

What made the time right for when Jesus came the first time?

1. There was great anticipation among the Jews that the Messiah would come to deliver them from Roman oppression...
Deuteronomy 18:15 – *The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear*
2. Rome had unified much of the world under its government, building roads to facilitate trade and control of their empire. Also, because the empire was relatively peaceful, travel was possible, allowing the early Christians to spread the gospel.
3. While Rome had conquered militarily, Greece had conquered culturally. A “common” form of the Greek language (Koine, different from classical Greek) was the trade language and was spoken throughout the empire, making it possible to communicate the gospel to many different people.

4. The fact that the many false idols had failed to give them victory over the Gentile conquerors caused Israel to abandon the worship of those idols. At the same time, in the more “cultured” cities, the Greek philosophy and science of the time left others spiritually empty in the same way that the atheism of communist governments leaves a spiritual void.
5. The Gentile religions of the time emphasized a savior-god and required worshipers to offer bloody sacrifices, thus making the gospel of Christ which involved one ultimate sacrifice believable to them.
...The Greeks also believed in the immortality of the soul (but not of the body).
6. The Roman army recruited soldiers from among the provinces, introducing these men to Roman culture and to ideas (such as the gospel) that had not reached those outlying provinces yet.
...The earliest introduction of the gospel to Britain was the result of the efforts of Christian soldiers stationed there.
7. The Law was meant to help people understand the depth of their sinfulness (in that they were incapable of keeping the Law) so that they might more readily accept the cure for that sin through Jesus the Messiah...
Galatians 3:24 – *the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*
8. As there had been about 2,000 years between Adam, the patriarch of us all, and Abraham, the chosen patriarch of faith; it had been about 2,000 since Abraham. Time for the Messianic era!
9. Christ came when He did in fulfillment of specific prophecy. Daniel 9:24-27 speaks of the “seventy weeks” or the seventy “weeks of years.”
Daniel 9:25 – *That from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks*

This command was given by Artaxerxes Longimanus in 445 B.C. (see Nehemiah 2:5). After seven “sevens” plus 62 “sevens,” or 69 x 7 years, the prophecy states, “the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing.

- Here we have an unmistakable reference to the Savior’s death on the cross.
- 69 x 7 = 483 years, 445 BC + 483 = AD 37 (no year zero) ...about the time Jesus went to the cross.
- Converting from 360 lunar to 365 solar calendar... 483 years x 360 = 173,880 days /365 = 476 years... 445 BC + 476 = AD 30 (no year zero)... most scholars believe that Jesus was born in 4 BC so that would be about right starting His ministry at age 30 and ministering for 3.5 years.

Given this insight for the fullness of time regarding Jesus’ first advent, how are we coming up on the fullness of time for His return?

1. Israel is a nation again back in their land
2. The Hebrew language has been restored for common use
3. Israel is hated by all nations
4. There has been great progress toward establishing a world government (UN, WHO, WEF, etc.)
5. Technology is in place for the Mark of the Beast and world-wide control of the masses (Internet, AI)
6. Weapons of mass destruction have proliferated (*unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved, Matthew 24:22*)
7. We have the set up for the *strong delusion* of aliens visiting earth to explain the rapture (2 Thess 2:11)
8. The apostasy of the church is underway in this Laodicean era
9. The stage has been set for an economic reset (inflation, massive debt, CBDCs)
10. The stage is set for WWII; and it will be nuclear
11. The stage is set for world-wide famine
12. We are coming up on 2,000 years since Jesus was here the first time...

Scholars say Jesus went to the cross ~AD 34; so, 2034 may be when He returns to set up the Millennial Kingdom – 7 years Tribulation = 2027 ...and we don’t know how much time there could be between the rapture and Tribulation.

So, we are in the season of the rapture...

1 Thessalonians 5:3-4 – *For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.*

Why will people be saying peace and safety?

Birth pangs are getting intense, and their looking for deliverance from their government... where else are they going to go, they’ve turned from God?

What is significant about the sudden destruction given the context of the rapture?

This is perhaps another verse that reinforces the idea the that rapture could occur in the midst of a nuclear war.

What does it mean to be over taken like a thief?

Suddenly, without warning being robbed of something (peace, life without experiencing death).

What applications do we see from this discussion?

- The Lord’s return will be like a flood, be ready!
- We are in the fullness of time for Jesus to return!