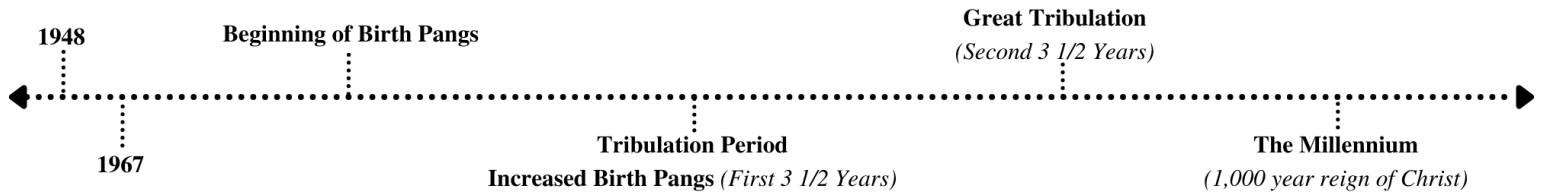


End-Time Trends Related To Globalization – The Increase of Knowledge & Travel

I. Review

- a. The Bible categorizes 4 main distinct time frames or “seasons” related to the end times. The last 7 years of this age is made up of 2 distinct time periods that each last 3 1/2 years. Each season has signs that serve as indicators of that time period.



- i. **The Beginning of Birth Pangs (The Beginning of Sorrows)** –Several decades.
 - ii. **Tribulation, The Increased Birth Pangs (The First 3 1/2 Years)** – Counterfeit world peace & safety
 - iii. **Great Tribulation (The Second 3 1/2 Years)** - Unprecedented Destruction
 - iv. **The Millennium (1,000 year reign of Christ)**
- b. The final 3 ½ year period at the end of this age (The Great Tribulation) will begin with the *Abomination of Desolation* and include God’s 21 judgments series: *7 seals of judgment are opened, 7 trumpet judgments are blown, and 7 bowl judgments are poured out.*
- c. Pressure that arises in the Great Tribulation will come from 4 main factors: 1) God’s judgment against the rebellious, 2) Satan, & the Antichrist’s rage as they persecute Israel & the Global Church, 3) Man’s sin toward one another, 4) Creation’s grown expressed through natural disasters.
- d. There are 6 main purposes of the Great Tribulation. Through the Great Tribulation God will: 1) Purify His people through affliction and the spotless bride will make herself ready. 2) Bring in a great harvest of souls (including the salvation of Israel) 3) Vindicate the righteous while exposing the apostate within the Church. 4) Demonstrate His sovereign power as He protects the saints in the midst of the shaking. 5) Express His justice as He rightly judges sin and those who rebel against Him. 6) Purge the earth of sin and it’s effects on humanity before the millennial kingdom
- e. In previous sessions, we’ve talked about 4 main prophetic categories related to the “signs of the times”:
- i. **Sign Events** – Actual events predicted in scripture.
 - ii. **Sign Trends** – Realities woven through the fabric of the end time drama.
 - iii. **Cosmic Signs (Signs in the Heavens)** – Unusual signs that include dramatic weather and cosmic events.
 - iv. **Personal & Corporate Signs** – Subjective prophetic encounters meant for individuals or specific communities.

II. Globalization at the End of the Age

- a. One of the overarching *sign trends* at the end of the age is the globalization of the world systems. Revelation 13 not only depicts the nations of the earth in submission to the leadership of the Antichrist, but also *global Antichrist worship*. A key forerunner to this global “Antichrist worship movement” (**Revelation 17:3**) will be the unifying of the nations in a one world economy, government, and religion: The Harlot Babylon. Finances, trade, communication, technology, religion, politics, and military action will move from a nation-based expression to a *unified global expression under the leadership of the Antichrist*.

(Revelation 13:3-4,7 NASB), “...And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast [The Antichrist]; 4 they worshiped the dragon [Satan] because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?” 7 It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority was given to him over every tribe, people, language, and nation.”

- b. Daniel saw a vision of four great beasts that represented four historical, successive, anti-semitic empires (**Daniel 7:1-8**). The Antichrist’s global empire will be built upon the foundation of these 4 ancient empires.
- i. The First Beast (**Daniel 7:4**) – Babylonian Empire (606-539 BC) [Modern Day Iraq]
 - ii. The Second Beast (**Daniel 7:5**) – Persian Empire (539-331 BC) [Modern Day Iran]
 - iii. The Third Beast (**Daniel 7:6**) – The Greek Empire (331- 146 BC)
 - iv. The Fourth Beast (**Daniel 7:7-8**) – The Antichrist’s empire foreshadowed by the Roman Empire
 1. Roman Empire’s western and eastern divisions (146 BC – AD 1453)
 2. Antichrist’s end time empire, with a ten-king confederation.
- c. A 10-nation confederation (referred to as ten horns in both the book Daniel and Revelation) will be established in the end-times, and will enable the Antichrist to establish the most powerful political coalition with the largest army and the most resources of any leader in history.

(Revelation 17:12-13 NASB), “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour. 13 These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast.”

- d. How the Antichrist controls an empire (the little horn that humiliates the other ten):

(Daniel 7:7-8 NASB), “After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed, and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. 8 While I was thinking about the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the previous horns were plucked out before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like human eyes, and a mouth uttering great boasts.”

- i. The little horn – The Antichrist is the little horn, this title speaks of him emerging as a political leader who starts out “little” or with a small sphere of influence.
- ii. Coming up among them – The little horn (Antichrist) will come up from among the other 10 horns as a peer and then will “humble or humiliate them” and seize control of the entire confederation.

(Daniel 7:24 NASB), “As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will humble three kings.”

III. The Means to Globalization – The Increase of Knowledge and Travel

(Daniel 12:1, 3-4 NASB) “Now at that time Michael...will arise [increase of angelic activity]. And there will be a time of distress [Great Tribulation] such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time 3 And those who have insight will shine like the glow of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. 4 But as for you, Daniel, keep these words secret and seal up the book until the end of time; many will roam about, and knowledge will increase.”

- a. Daniel prophesied about two major *sign trends* related to globalization – 1) *An increase in knowledge* 2) *An increase in travel (roam about or run to and fro)*. The increase of knowledge and travel will be the means to the globalization of world systems. The increase of communication and technology are included and related to the increase of both knowledge and travel. Increased knowledge through global communication will produce advancements in technology including more efficient worldwide transportation.
 - i. Increasing knowledge and travel are not by nature a bad thing (*we’ll increase in knowledge and travel throughout the millennial reign and beyond*). The wicked rulers of the earth will use knowledge and travel to globalize the world under the reign of the Antichrist as he uses fear, offense, lust, and deception to advance his satanic agenda in the nations.
 - ii. The increase of knowledge and travel will also be a benefit to the praying church in that hour.
- b. In order to give perspective to the *urgency of the hour we live*, I’ve compiled some statistics related to the increase of knowledge, travel, communication, and technology. The purpose of sharing these statistics isn’t to substantiate conspiracies or encourage isolation, but to demonstrate the rapid advancement of these sign trends in recent history.

IV. The Increase of Knowledge

- a. In 1900, knowledge doubled approximately every 100 years. By 1945, the rate of knowledge doubling was down to every 25 years. Currently, it’s estimated that knowledge doubles every 13 months and will soon double every 12 hours. industrytap.com, lodestarssolutions.com
- b. 90% of all scientists that have ever lived are currently alive today. futureoflife.org
- c. 2,700 books are being published every single day. jandj.com, bowker.com
- d. There are over 1.86 billion websites online, and 547,200 new websites are created globally everyday. Techradar.com
- e. Global Internet Access by Year - statista.com
 - i. 2012 – 34.7% of the world had access to the internet
 - ii. 2017 – 46.3% of the world had access to the internet
 - iii. 2022 – 63% of the world has access to the internet
- f. Google hit 2.5 trillion searches in 2020. techjury.net

V. The Increase of Transportation

- a. For thousands of years, until the early 1900s, the horse and carriage were the most modern, effective, and accessible means of transportation. The first steam locomotive was invented in 1804, the first gas engine vehicle was invented in 1885, and the first airplane flight took place in 1903.
- b. In the U.S. There are currently 17 million auto retail sales every year. [statista.com](https://www.statista.com)
- c. The average cruising speed for a commercial passenger aircraft is 547-575 mph.
- d. Cities have implemented subways systems, rail systems, and small electric vehicle rentals in order for citizens to travel quickly and efficiently.
- e. Hyperloop transportation is currently being developed with the potential to move travelers at 760 mph (*The speed of sound is 767.26 mph*). Riding a Hyperloop from Los Angeles to New York City would take about 4 hours (*it currently takes 41 hours to drive that distance*).
- f. 100,000 flights take place every day with over 4.5 Billion passengers per year. [statista.com](https://www.statista.com)
- g. 4.7 Trillion dollars are spent each year on leisure travel. [statista.com](https://www.statista.com)
- h. The first 4 private civilians launched into space orbit around the earth for 3 days in April 2022.

VI. The Increase of Communication

- a. The first printing press was created around 1436. Before this, people relied solely on speech and hand-written messages to communicate.
- b. The first electric telegraph was developed in 1837. The first telephone was invented in 1876. The first human voice was heard on radio in 1906. The first Television was created in 1927. Fast forward to the 1990's when the first *instant message* was delivered.
- c. We currently walk around with a cellphone (*and potentially a smart watch*) that has the capability of worldwide instant communication in the forms of text, audio, and video on various platforms.
- d. 376 billion emails are sent a day and over 2.2 trillion text messages are sent a day (*not including in app messages*). [statista.com](https://www.statista.com)

VII. The Increase of Technology

Stats compiled from [techjury.net](https://www.techjury.net)

- a. There are 1.35 million tech startups each year
- b. Smart devices will collect data from over 30 billion devices by 2030. Every second 127 new devices are connected to the Internet.
- c. Computing and processing capacity of computers doubles every 18 months
- d. Robotics and drone technology are being used and are advancing now more than ever.
- e. Holograms are projected 3 dimensional images that can be interacted with. They've been used for entertainment, medical purposes, military strategy, security, and more.
- f. Biometric technology is in the grasp of common men in women. This includes fingerprint mapping, facial recognition, retinal scans, as well as voice recognition.

- g. Another advancement in technology is virtual reality. This is a type of technology where people use a headset and other sensory devices to interact in a virtual world.
- h. There's also development in augmented reality technology, which enhances what we currently experience. Using cameras on smartphones or smart glasses, different 3 dimensional images are projected to seem as though they are part of our current reality.
- i. Artificial intelligence is also an advancing technology. Artificial intelligence is the development of computer systems able to perform tasks that normally require human intelligence, such as visual perception, speech recognition, decision-making, and translation between languages.
 - i. Google translate increased its efficiency from 55% to 85% after implementing machine learning.
 - ii. It's estimated that by 2025, A.I. will replace 85 million jobs.
 - iii. Worldwide, 37% of organizations have incorporated AI into their businesses.

VIII. Final Thoughts

- a. The increase of knowledge, travel, communication, and technology will inevitably lead to the globalization of the world systems under the leadership of the Antichrist. Through these advancements, the Antichrist will institute the "Mark of the Beast", where the people of the earth willingly reject God and swear allegiance to the Beast in order to buy and sell. The Mark of the beast system will make it incredibly challenging for believers to function in society.

(Revelation 13:16-17 NASB), "And he causes all, the small and the great, the rich and the poor, and the free and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, 17 and he decrees that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name."

- b. Despite the pressure the Beast and his systems bring to the earth, those who "know their God" will be strong, take action, and instruct many. Believers will depend on God's supernatural provision and protection like no other time in history. I imagine that part of the great harvest of souls that comes into the kingdom will include leaders in technology, communication, and transportation getting saved and creating a sort of "end-time underground railroad".

(Daniel 11:32-33 NASB), "And by smooth words he [The Antichrist] will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will be strong and take action. 33 And those who have insight among the people will give understanding to the many; yet they will fall by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder for many days"

Questions For Discussion

1. Do you see globalization already taking place? If so, How?
2. How do you currently see the increase of knowledge and transportation (as well as communication & technology) leading toward globalization?
3. What message of hope can you take away from this teaching despite the negative trends we discussed?
4. What is something that stuck out to you in this teaching?