

Why I Think the Tribulation and Second Coming of Christ May Be Close

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- (1) **Israel became a nation in 1948 after many centuries. She is a key player in the prophetic landscape. Many believers think this is the start of the prophetic clock.**
- (2) **II Timothy 3:1-5 talks about a world culture of extreme selfishness and chaos in a godly wrapper. This passage says this will describe “the last days”. This seems to reflect our world today.**

3:1 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. 2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God- 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them. NIV
- (3) **Matthew 24:4-8 describes an increase in religious deception, wars, famines and upheavals in nature. These things all seem to be increasing in our day. This is “the beginning of birth pains” – getting ready for events leading to the Second Coming.**

4 Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. 6 You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. 7 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of birth pains. NIV
- (4) **In the books of Daniel and Revelation there are various kingdoms mentioned who come against Israel. These are the nations of the North, South and East in relation to Israel. Certainly the current nations of Russia, the Arab block and the Oriental nations fit that description. To see them move against Israel could be an event in the near future.**
- (5) **A 10 nation confederacy out of which the one world system blossoms could be a reality that is not too distant. The 10 toes of Daniel 2 and the 10 horns of Daniel 7 could easily be realized in a revived Roman Empire headquartered in Rome.**
- (6) **A one world political/economic and religious system doesn't seem to be a stretch to me when you consider:**
 - The amazing advances in media & communication that have united the world,
 - The globally connected financial systems, and
 - The religions of the world seem to be minimizing differences.
- (7) **In Daniel 12:4, 9 Daniel is told to “seal up the prophetic works until the time of the end”. This means that the Book of Daniel will become more understandable as we get close to the Second Coming of Christ. We are able to understand the Book of Daniel more and more in recent years – therefore the Second Coming may be fairly close. In Revelation 22:10 John is told “Don't seal up the words of the prophecy of this book because the time is near”. I feel we have an increasing emphasis and understanding of the Book of Revelation today – more than we ever have had before.**