

Mark 13:5-13 The Beginning of the End

1. Beginning of Mark 13 sets the scene

1. And the disciples ask Jesus two questions about the future (v.4)
 1. “**When** will these things be?”
 2. “**What** will be the **sign** when all these things will be fulfilled?”
 1. “*Signs of the Times*”
2. Matthew 24:3 ““Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”

2. Mark 13:5-13

1. **Big (world) Picture:** Three indicators the world is in the beginning of the end (v.5-8)
 1. 3 main signs
2. **Personal Picture:** Personal Response during this time (v.9-13)
 1. 4 encouragements

3. TEXT Read —Mark 13:3-13

4. World Scene / Big Picture

What are the 3 main indicators of the “beginning of sorrows”?

1. Deception
2. Wars (Destruction)
3. Natural Disasters

(the world in 3D = deception, destruction, disasters)

“*the end is not yet...*” “*These are the beginning of sorrows*”

5. Deception v.5-6

3. 2 John 7 “For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.”

6. Deception v.5-6

4. Deceivers - tell lies in such a way that people have a hard time telling they are lies.
 1. Spurgeon “Almost every page of history has been blotted with the names of such deceivers.”
 1. N.T. Theudas (Acts 5:36) Judas Galilee (5:37) Simon Sorcerer (Acts 9)
 2. [1Jo 2:18 NKJV] 18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.
 2. “**Antichrist**” - not just against. But in-place of something, a substitute

7. Deception v. 5-6

“the voice that has the ear of post-Christian culture is celebrity.” R. Cimino

3. [Daniel 8:25](#) —

1. “By his cunning he shall make deceit prosper under his hand, and in his own mind he shall become great. Without warning he shall destroy many. And he shall even rise up against the Prince of princes, and he shall be broken—but by no human hand.” ESV
2. KJ “By peace he will destroy many”

8. Wars / Destruction v.7-8a

1. Wars and rumours of wars / Geo-political trouble / Nation rising up against nation and kingdom against kingdom.

1. Nation = *Ethnos*

9. Wars / Destruction v.7-8a

2. Historical Wars

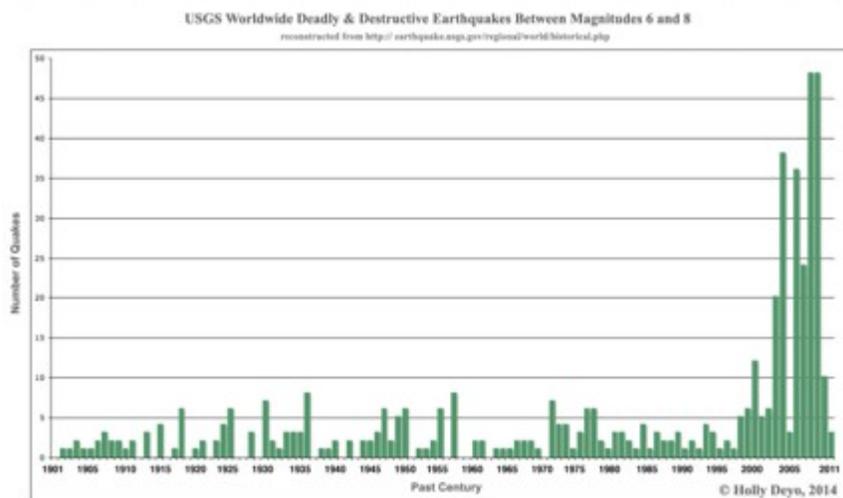
1. (1775-83) *Revolutionary War; America's war of independence* = 37,324
2. (1861-65) *American Civil War in America* took = 650,000
3. (1914-18) *WWI* = 32 Million
4. (1939-45) *WW2* = 82 Million

3. Increased destruction, conflict (increase of ability and intent)

10. Natural Disasters v.8b

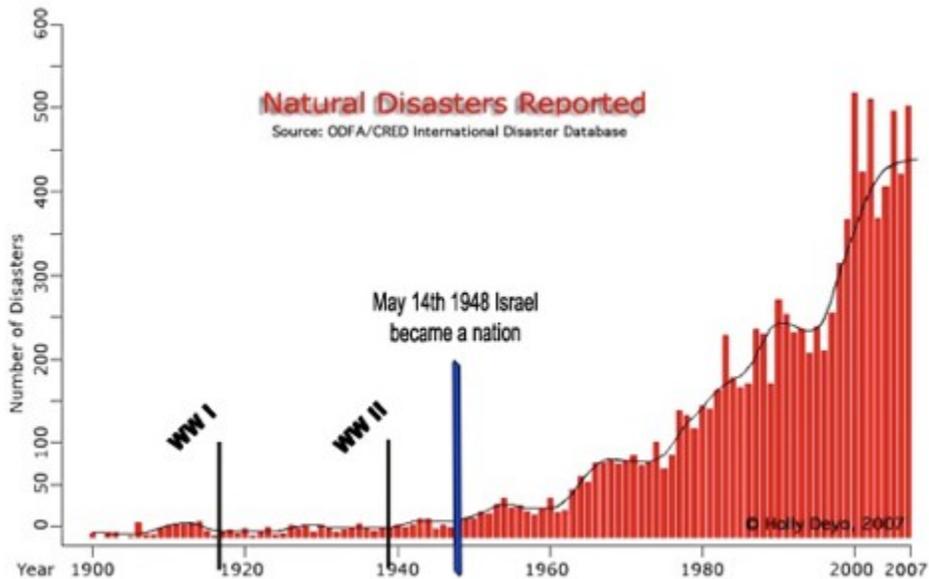
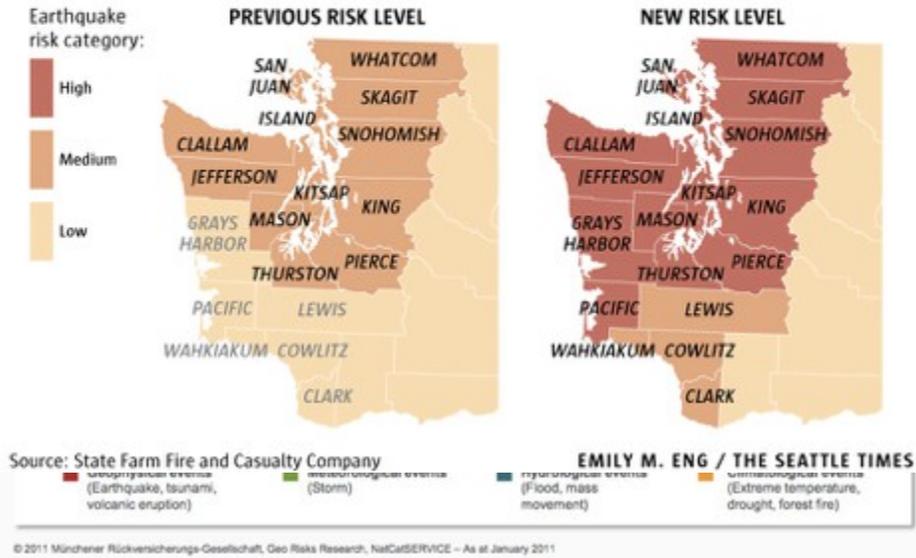
2. There will be earthquakes in various places and famines.

1. Famine is an acute episode of extreme hunger that results in excess mortality due to starvation or hunger induced diseases.



How State Farm sees seismic risk in Western Washington state

In 2014, the company revised its commercial earthquake-insurance rates to recognize the “higher level of risk” in Western Washington, resulting in an overall rate increase of 38.3 percent.



True Vs False Labor

TRUE LABOR

- Regular contractions
- Increase in frequency and intensity
- Cervix dilates
- No relief with sedation
- Abdomen and back pain

FALSE LABOR

- Irregular
- Remain the same
- Unchanged
- Relieved
- Lower abdomen pain

