

Spring 2018: A Time Like No Other

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AS OF SPRING 2018, it has been ...

- 6,000 years since biblical Creation.
- 120 jubilees since biblical Creation.
- 120 years since the First Zionist Congress, the first major step in reestablishing the State of Israel.
- 100 years since the Balfour Declaration, the second major step in reestablishing the State of Israel.
- 70 Jubilees since the Nation of Israel was established at the Exodus.
- 70 years since the Nation of Israel was reestablished in 1948.
- 1,948 years since Jerusalem was destroyed and the Jews dispersed in 70 AD.
- 50 years since the Jews' prophetic return to Jerusalem in the spring of 1967 (Dan. 9:25).
- 49 years since the Jews began to 'rebuild' Jerusalem in the spring of 1969 (Dan. 9:25).

In Scripture, the numbers 6,000, 120, 100, 70, 50, and 49 denote a conclusion or end point pertaining to humanity and God's plan of redemption.

In addition to the convergence of timelines, every other sign of Jesus' return is present and accounted for in the spring of 2018:

- The Middle East is a tinder box waiting for a spark (Matt. 24:6).
- Jerusalem is at the center of world controversy (Zech. 12:2).
- Damascus is being reduced to a pile of rubble before our eyes (Isa. 17).
- Russia, Iran, and Turkey are in alliance against Israel (Ezek. 38).

- A Mideast peace plan is soon to be revealed. Even North Korea is suddenly and unexpectedly engaging in peace negotiations (1 Thess. 5:3).
- Persecution of Christians and Jews is escalating (Matt. 10:22).
- Overheated economies are setting the stage for hyperinflation (Rev. 6:6).
- People are mocking the notion of Jesus' imminent return (2 Pet. 3:4).
- Evil behavior, e.g. random violence, is on the increase (2 Tim. 3:1-9).
- The world at large is oblivious to the imminence of Jesus' return (Matt. 24:37-39).

We're also seeing an increase in the frequency and intensity of seismic and meteorological phenomena, such as ...

- Earthquakes.
- Volcanism.
- Sinkholes and geysers.
- Freak storms.
- Floods, fires, and droughts.
- Extreme temperatures.

To sum it up, spring 2018 is seeing a convergence of biblical signs and timelines like no time previous or foreseeable!

Spring is a time of "birth pains" in Scripture (Job. 39:1-4; Isa. 66:7, 8).

Spring also marks the end of the rainy season in Israel, the time when flowers cover the land, birds awaken early to sing, and fig trees form their early fruit (See Song of Solomon 2:8-13).

Concerning the timing of Jesus' return, the Bible says:

- There is an appointed time (Acts 17).
- We will see it coming (Heb. 10:25; 1 Thess. 5:1, 4; Matt. 24:32, 33).

- Only God knows the day (Matt. 24:36, 44).

So keep looking up!