

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

SIGNS OF THE END TIMES

RLJ-910

JOHN S. TORELL

FEBRUARY 1, 2004

PART 2: WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS

THE SECOND SIGN - WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS

We must understand that wars are continuously going on. But for the last 7,000 years **global wars** did not begin until 1914, and the world has now seen two global wars, the last more devastating than the first.

THE THIRD SIGN - FAMINES, EARTHQUAKES, PESTILENCES

There have always been famines, earthquakes and epidemics on the earth. But what Jesus stated here, is that there will be a tremendous increase of these events, to the point that the human race will be traumatized with fear. **Matthew 24:4-8; Mark 13:5-8; Luke 21:8-11**

Men's hearts will fail them for fear. **Luke 21:25-26**

These signs will lead up to a period of time that Jesus called **THE BEGINNING OF SORROWS! Matthew 24:8**

Many Christians living in year 2004 do not want to hear this message that Jesus spoke because it doesn't fit their theology, since they are more preoccupied with building up a current life on earth. **2 Timothy 4:1-5**

Each Christian must come to terms with the stark reality that **we are soldiers in the Army of God, purchased with the blood of Jesus, living a temporary life on this planet, and at some time be rotated out and taken to heaven. When we leave this planet, we are not even allowed to take our physical bodies with us! (2 Timothy 2:1-5)**

No soldier on service (at war) gets entangled in civilian pursuit, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him.

The Bible doesn't tell us how long the period of Sorrows will last but it is a time of persecution, suffering and death. This was the way of life for the first 300 years of the Apostolic Church. **Acts 8:1-8; 12:1-25**

The believers in Christ living now have a romantic picture of the early church, thinking how great it would have been to have lived at that time. We have forgotten the persecution, the suffering and the executions that took place.

A forgotten part of the Christian Church were the French Huguenots, who from 1520 to 1789 (269 years), were arrested, tortured and killed by the millions. John Calvin came from this group, who was to influence the Protestant church in England and the United States. Here are a few more examples:

- The suffering of Swedish Christians from 1650 until around 1880.



8341 Fair Oaks Blvd, Suite B, Carmichael, CA 95608

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 166 Sheridan, CA 95681

Phone: (916) 944-3724 • Toll Free: (888) 708-3232 • Fax: (530) 633-2918 • www.eaec.org

- The suffering of Russian Christians from 1917 until 1990.
- Let's not forget the Christians in Eastern Europe during the terror of the Soviets.
- The suffering of Chinese Christians from 1948 and still going on.
- The suffering of Christians in Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Burma, Pakistan, India, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Indonesia, right now.

Look at what Jesus is telling us:

1. Christians will be arrested, tortured and killed. They will be hated, not loved by the world. (**Matthew 24:9**) Do not worry about what to say! **Luke 21:12-15**
2. This kind of treatment will bring forth betrayal, offence and hate! **Matthew 24:9-10; Luke 21:16-19**
3. False prophets will rise up and preach a different Gospel of happiness, prosperity and great gains that focuses on healing, riches, power and wealth. Jesus never said that His Church would reign politically on this earth before He comes back! **Matthew 24:11-12**

Christians in the United States are currently living in a state of "honeymoon." We are reaping the benefits of the great revivals, which swept America from 1800 through 1950. That sweet time will be over one day unless the current generation turns back en masse to the Lord. The Word of God cannot be broken. **Deuteronomy 28:1-15**

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?