

# DISCOVERY 2000

## Signs of Christ's coming - messages of hope

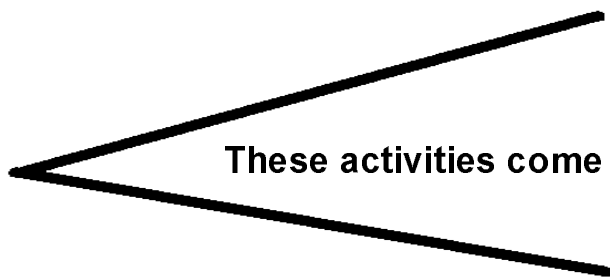
**Why doesn't the Bible give the exact time?** Matthew 24:36

- people would put off preparation - no guarantee that we will live till then. Be ready!
- people still wouldn't believe or would believe for the wrong reason.

### What are the signs about?

**The battle for the minds of people**

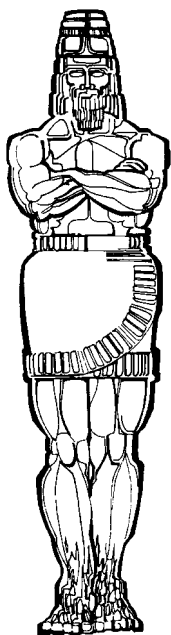
- Satan doing his worst
  - to distort the picture of God Revelation 12:12 (1182)
  - to deceive
  - to discourage
- God doing His best to reveal himself



**These activities come to a crescendo as the end approaches**

**Signs - when you see all these things**

**1. The prophetic periods** Daniel 2, 7, 8 (857)



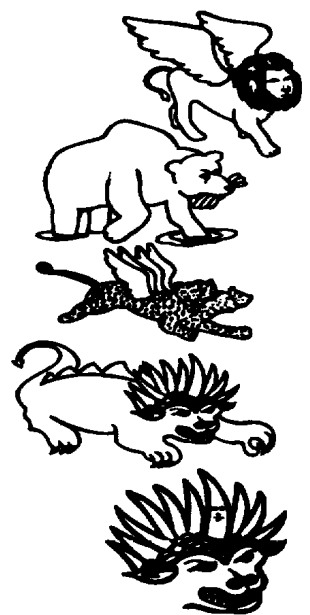
Babylon

Medo - Persia

Greece

Rome

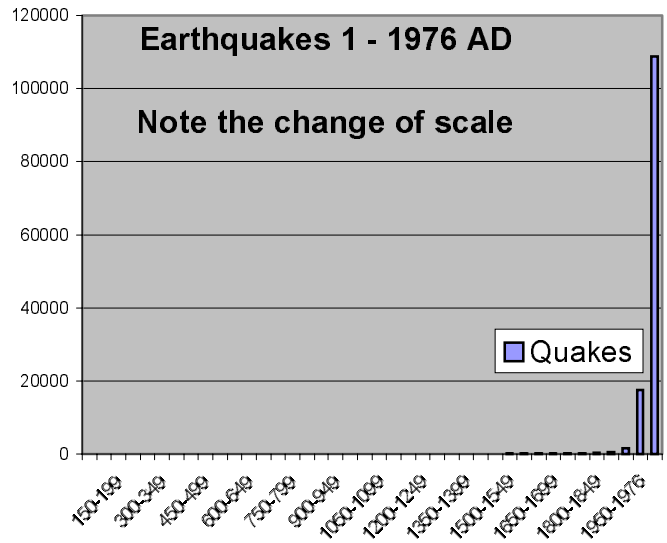
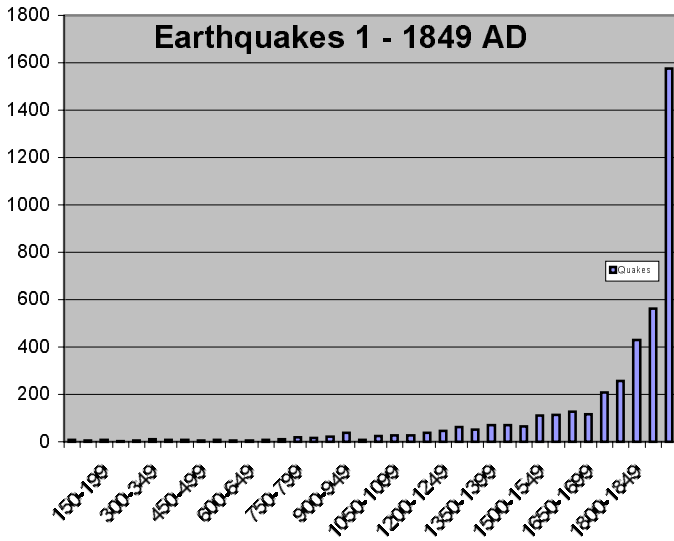
Weak & Strong Nations



- **Outcome - God is going to create a new earth**

## 2. In the natural world

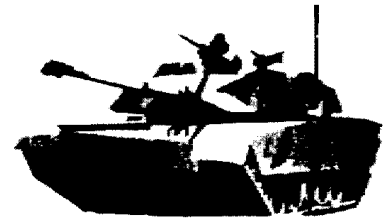
- sun moon and stars Matthew 24:29 (961)
- earthquakes Luke 21:11 (1019)
- Natural disasters



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## 3. Political world

- wars Matthew 24:6 Revelation 11:18 (1182)
  - show character of Satan
  - God gets the blame
- peace movement 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3 (1137)
  - designed to lull us into a false sense of security.



## 4. Moral

- lawlessness increase Matthew 24:12 (960)
- love grow cold Matthew 24:12 2 Timothy 3:1-4 (1144)
  - **Outcome - Hang on to the end - you will be saved**

## 4. Religious issues - the key to the conflict

- form of religion 2 Timothy 3:4, 5
- scoffers 2 Peter 3:3,4 (1167)
- false religion
  - setting dates Luke 21:8 (1018)
  - persecuting Luke 21:12 - an opportunity to witness!
  - working miracles Matthew 24:5, 24 - don't be deceived
- The gospel to all the world Matthew 24:14
  - **God wants everyone to be in His kingdom**
  - **Everyone has the opportunity to choose sides**

**The signs tell us:** Be encouraged - Jesus is coming again Luke 21:18