

***Note from Pastor Kevin Lea:** I believe Jesus will soon return – quite possibly within our lifetimes. Many people dismissively reply that their great-grandparents said the same thing 75 or 100 years ago, implying that since they were wrong, I am likely wrong as well.*

However, a literal view of biblical prophecy should have prevented people from making “last days” predictions in decades past. Nearly all Second Coming prophecies deal with the restored nation of Israel, the final global government of the Antichrist, and the associated apostate, global church as described in Daniel, Ezekiel, and Revelation, primarily. Too many of these Second Coming prophecies remained unfulfilled – until just very recently.

*So Great-grandmother should not have thought that the end was near before 1948, when Israel miraculously re-formed as a nation. Global government was not a possibility only a few decades ago, but now its formation is being openly orchestrated. In Grandfather’s day, it was not possible for a global leader to rule over a police state that could spy on and control the movements, finances, and allegiance of every human on our planet. However, as this article reveals, we are **very** close to the day when technology will make it easy (and universal) to do so.*

So what are we to do? Should we discard our i-Phones, shut down Facebook and other social media (good luck), and hide in a bunker, hoping in futility that the global police will not find us?

No. Rather, it is my prayer that you understand that the Bible records historical events before they happen so that we would realize that its Author is an all-powerful, all-knowing and everywhere-present God. The Bible was not written by renegade Jews in order to create a new religion, a blend of Judaism and Christianity. Instead, God inspired His apostles and prophets as they wrote to relate the truth of Who He is, His love for us, and His plan to rescue us from sin and death through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ.

God warns us about what will happen in “the last days,” not to cause fear, but rather that we who believe in Jesus would rejoice that His promises are true and that we will soon be with Him in heaven. We can know with full assurance that His Kingdom is coming and that His will is soon to be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

*If you have not received Jesus, I urge you to do so while there is still time. If you do not, you **do** have good reason to fear the coming days on earth, as well as an eternity, separated from a loving God.*