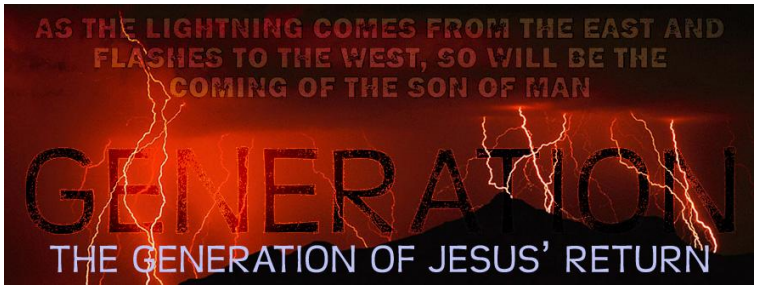


# Session 3

## How do we know?

**I. Review**

**A. Transitional Generations**

**B. Can we know if we are in the last generation?**

**C. Should we know?**

**II. How do we know?**

**A. Mark 13:28**

1. Parable of the fig tree
2. This Generation will not pass away

**B. Two Primary sign posts**

1. Great Comission
2. Israel

**C. Mark 13**

1. Individually, many of the signs have taken place throughout history
2. We need to take notice when collectively they begin to come forth

**D. The Great Comission**

1. Every nation, people group, language
   a. People Groups[i]
      (1) 16,639 Total
      (2) 7,043 Unreached
      (3) 2006: Identified 639 of these groups that had populations 100,000 or more
         (a) 366 of them targeted
         (b) 234 of the having church plants
      (4) 73 left! [ii]
   b. Languages
      (1) One language dies every 14 days
2. How long?
   a. Strategic efforts and actions
   b. 15 years
   c. 40-60 years

d. Or …

**E. Israel**

1. **Why is Israel important?**
   a. Satan's loophole? Israel - Matt 23:37-39
   b. Ezekiel 37
      (1) Rebirth of political Israel
         (a) 1948 - Sovereignty as a nation
         (b) 1967 - Sovereignty over Jerusalem
      (2) Rebirth of spiritual Israel[iii], [iv], [v]
         (a) 1948 - 12 Jews who believed in Jesus as Messiah
         (b) pre-1967: no Messianic Congregations in Israel
         (c) 1975: 6-8 Messianic Congregations in Israel
         (d) 1987: Estimated 3000 Messianic Jews in Israel
         (e) 1999: 35+ Messianic Congregations in Israel
         (f) 1999: Estimated 5000 Messianic Jews in Israel
         (g) 2011: 150+ Messianic Congregations in Israel
         (h) 2011: Estimated 20,000 Messianic Jews in Israel
         (i) USA:
            (i) 1999: 100,000 Messianic Jews
            (ii) 1999: 150+ Messianic Congregations
            (iii) 2011: 300+ Messianic Congregations not including home group churches
         (j) Worldwide
            (i) 1987: 150 Messianic Congregations
            (ii) 1999: 100,000 - 1 Million(?) Messianic Jews
            (iii) 1999: 250+ Messianic Congregations
            (iv) 2010: 400+ Messianic Congregations?
   c. The Temple
      (1) Much activity around the temple
      (2) The Antichrist puts an end to the sacrifice – Dan 11:31
      (3) The Antichrist declares himself to be god – 2Thess 2
      (4) The Dome of the Rock?
   d. The Return of Jesus is centered around the Battle for Jerusalem
      (1) Zech 14
      (2) Ezek 39-40
      (3) Rev 19:11-20:3

**F. What other signs?**

1. Natural signs in the earth
   a. Earthquakes
      (1) 2011 vs 2012
   b. Fire
      (1) California

(2) Arizona
(3) Texas

c. Drought
(1) 63% of the USA

d. Famine
(1) See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_famines
(2) During the 20th century, an estimated 70 million people died from famines across the world.

e. Storm - Severe
(1) Tornados
(a) 1000 in 2011
(b) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_famines
(2) Hurricanes
(a) 2005 $100 billion plus
(3) Tsuami
(a) 2004 – 300,000
(4) Floods
(5) Hail

2. Knowledge – Daniel 12:4
a. 2004 Doubling every 18 months
b. 2012 Human knowledge doubles every 11 hours
c. Knowledge will increase more in the 40 years than the prior entire 4000 years.

3. Travel – Daniel 12:4

4. Harlot Babylon
a. Universalism – Religion
b. Economics
(1) Harbinger
(2) Global infrastructures
(a) Increasing calls for a New World Order
(3) Banking
(a) http://www.foxnews.com/world/2011/10/24/vatican-calls-for-new-world-economic-order/
(b) http://www.augustforecast.com/2009/01/08/chorus_call_for_new_world_order/
c. Reducing sovereignty of nations

5. Islam
a. Growth – 1.5billion (21%)

6. Paul pointed to signs that were known to be coming as a form of comfort that Jesus had not yet returned.
a. 2 Thess 2:1-12
(1) The Coming of Jesus and our being gathered to Him won't happen until these things take place:
(a) Great apostasy, rebellion, falling away - must take place first.

(b) And the man of lawlessness must be revealed
  (i) Who opposes God
  (ii) Exalts himself against every god
  (iii) Takes his seat in the temple of God
  (iv) Proclaims himself to be God
  (v) He cannot come until that which restrains is out of the way.

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[i] http://www.joshuaproject.net/

[ii] http://call2all.org/Articles/1000125994/call2All/About_Us/E_zine_Archive/The_Final_73.aspx

[iii] http://roshpinaproject.com/2011/12/14/300-messianic-jewish-congregations-in-usa-and-canada/

[iv] http://jewishisrael.ning.com/page/statistics-1

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