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PROPHECIES BEING FULFILLED TODAY

I think the greatest variety of fulfillment is probably seen in the 2 passages which speak of the last days for the Church. Though some of these characteristics have always appeared in Church history, it is their intensity today which makes the passages so relevant. I Timothy 4:1-3-note the rise of demonism and cults. I cascked several years ago in the almanac and discovered that membership in spiritist churches in the U.S.A had increased 361% over 10 years. The cults had grown about 80% while the established demoninations about 20%. If you could have your Mother send the classified section of the L.A. Times for Saturday, you'll usually find a long column of ads for spiritist churches meeting Sunday in L.A.

II Timothy 3:1-7 also has lots of details which are seen everywhere today. To me, the most significant is in v. 5-the characteristic of powerless religion in the last days. Most people think those days are going to be without religion but the word says just the

Along this same line the letter to the Church at Laodicea (Rev. 3:14 ff.) shows characteristics of Church life just before the rapture. Perhaps some of the characteristics of Matt. 13 could be worked into the picture, although that chapter seems to speak of general features of the entire church period rather than specifics about the last days.

You might be interested to have these facts concerning the Jews' return to Palestine. In 1882 there were 24,000 Jews in the land. In 1900, 50,000; 1922, 84,000; 1927, 150,000; 1936, 404,000; 1947 (at the birth of Israel), 650,000; today, approx. 1,700,000.

Anti-semitism -- cf. Matt. 24:9; Rev. 12:13-17.

A very significant group of signs concern the line-up of the nations. Just before Armageddon we know what alliances will exist in the world; therefore, when we see those things shaping up today, the prelude to the final drama seems to be being played.

The Western alliance-revived Roman empire. Dan 2:40ff. Dan 7:7ff. The Northern powers-Gog and Magog. Szek 38-39.

The King of the South-Dan 11:40. Note importance of Egpt today. The Bastern alliance-Rev. 16:12: Dan 11:44. Note nationalism in east today. Prophecies (contd).

Other miscellaneous items which came to mind--

- 1. Gen 12:3a-treatment of Jews brings judgment in kind. Note Germany which killed 6,000,000 Jews during World War II.
- 2. Luke 21:24--Jerusalem trodden down of Gentiles.
- 3. Isaiah 35.
- 4. Dan 12:4.