

WELCOME

A person stands on the dark, silhouetted peak of a mountain, looking out over a vast, hazy landscape of rolling green hills and distant mountain ranges under a cloudy sky. The scene is captured in a soft, atmospheric light, likely during dawn or dusk.

God gives life

⁷ And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

¹² Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

7 x “I am” of Jesus in John:

“I am the bread of life.” (John 6: 35)

“I am the light of the world.” (John 8: 12)

“I am the door.” (John 10: 9)

“I am the good shepherd.” (John 10: 11)

“I am the resurrection and the life.” (John 11: 25)

“I am the way, the truth and the life.” (John 14: 6)

“I am the true vine.” (John 15: 1)

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷ She said to Him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

John 11: 25-26 (NKJV)

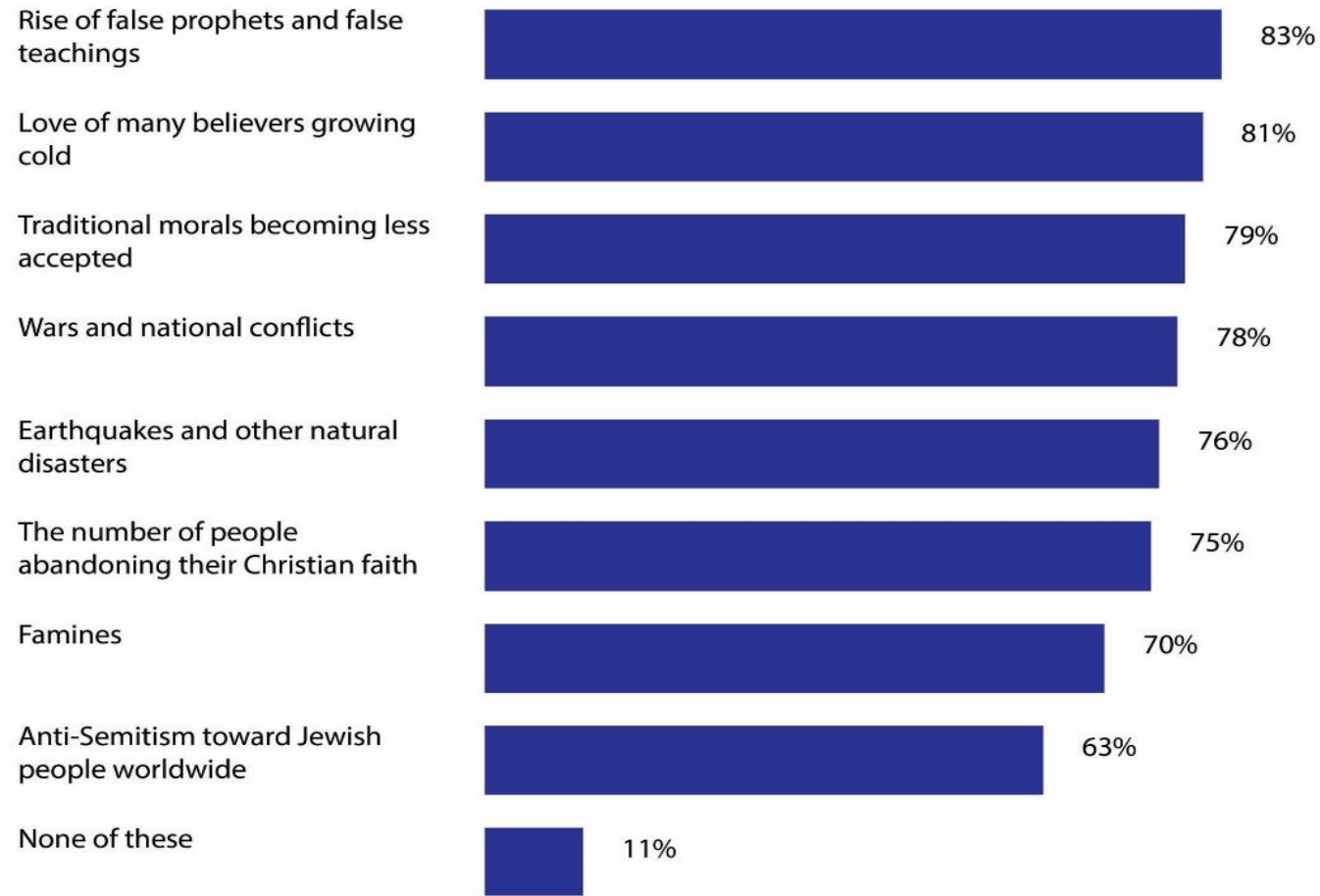
³ And this is eternal life, that they may know
You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ
whom You have sent.

³⁰ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Signs of Jesus' Return?

Are any of these types of current events "birth pains" that Jesus was referring to when he was asked by his disciples when he would return?

Among pastors at evangelical and historically black churches



Notes: Respondents could select more than one answer, 1% said not sure

The last days of history:

- Last days of preparation
- The rapture
- The tribulation
- The great tribulation
- The Antichrist
- Christ's glorious appearing from heaven to judge and to wage war
- The millennium
- The final judgement
- The new heaven and the new earth

⁴ And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Revelation 20: 4 - 6(NKJV)

⁵ But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

Revelation 20: 4 - 6(NKJV)

Premillennialism:

a literal thousand-year reign of the saints after Christ returns and establishes the kingdom.

Postmillennialism:

a literal thousand-year reign of the saints prior to Christ returns.

Amillennialism:

does not affirm a literal one thousand-year reign.

¹¹ And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.



1 John 5: 11-12 (NKJV)

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SEE YOU NEXT TIME!