

# Birth Pangs

## Matthew 24:3-8

Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, **when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?**"

And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

"For **many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,'** and will deceive many.

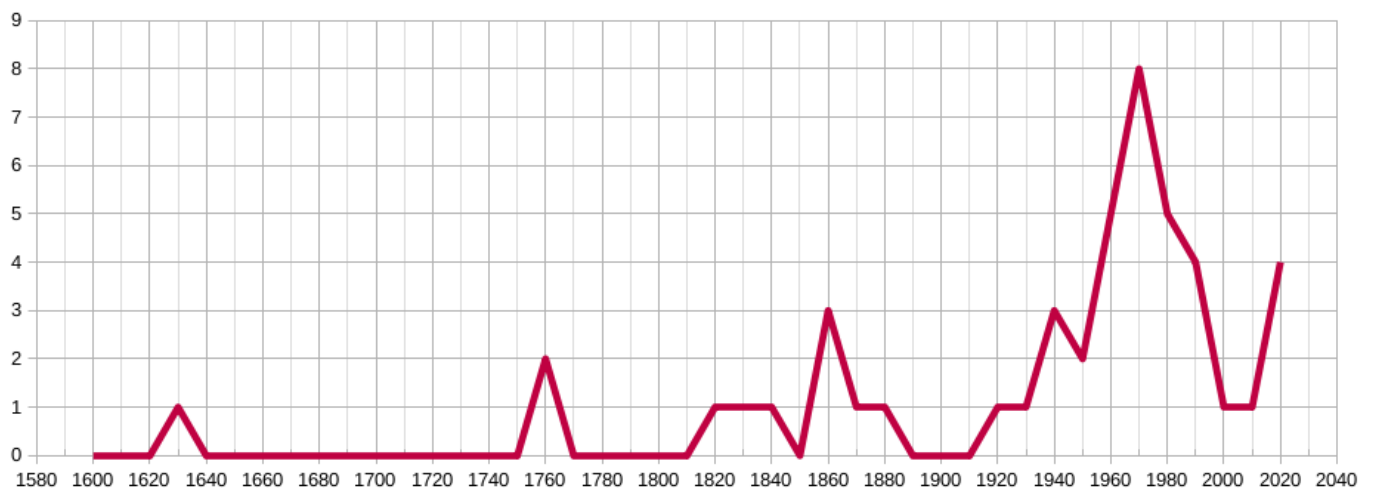
"And you will hear of **wars and rumors of wars**. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

"For **nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom**. And there will be **famines**, **pestilences**, and **earthquakes** in various places.

"All these are the beginning of sorrows.

## Messianic Claimants

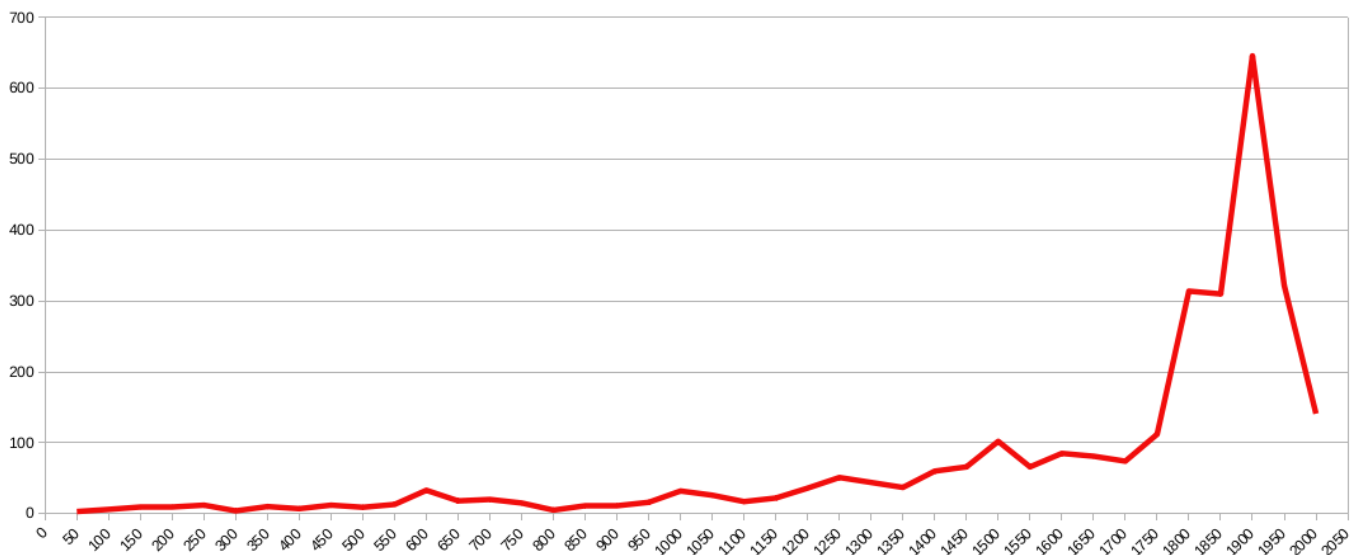
Below is a timeline graph produced using data from Wikipedia article [List of people claimed to be Jesus](#). For purposes of plotting, `date-of-birth + 30 years` is used as the date for each individual, and quantity of individuals is summed inside 10 year intervals.



## Wars

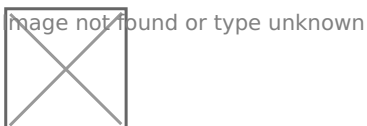
Below is a timeline graph produced from the following Wikipedia articles containing lists of wars. The start-date of each war is summed inside 50 year intervals, and length of war and population affected are not shown. Because start-date is used, the graph may be skewed toward earlier.

- [Before 1000](#)
- [1000-1499](#)
- [1500-1799](#)
- [1800-1899](#)
- [1900-1944](#)
- [1945-1989](#)
- [1990-2002](#)
- [2003-present](#)



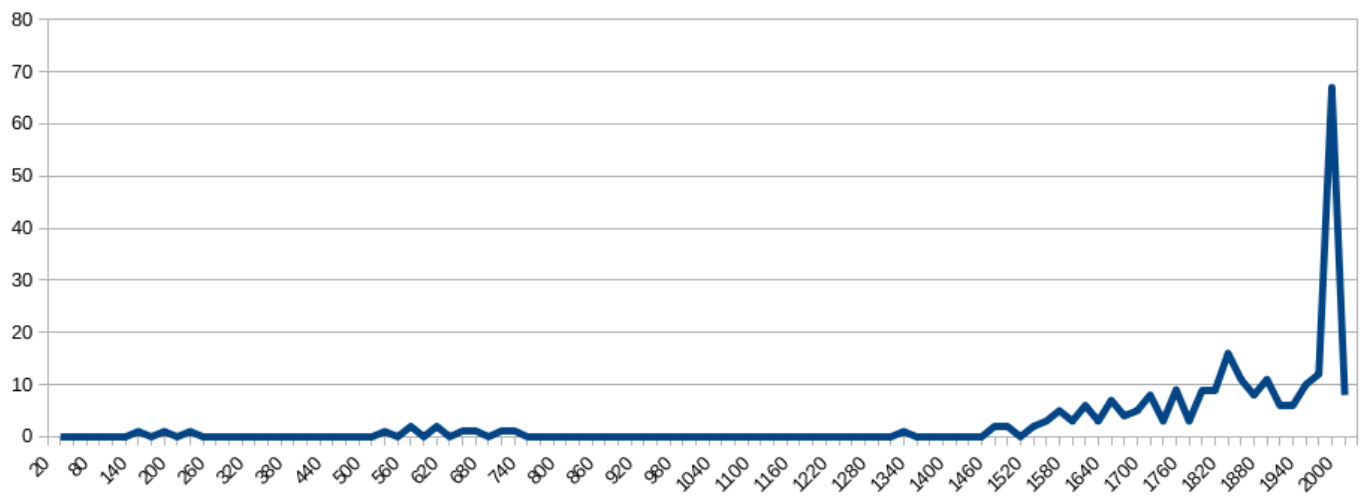
## Famines

The Wikipedia article [List of famines](#) contains the following timeline of famines during the past 160 years:



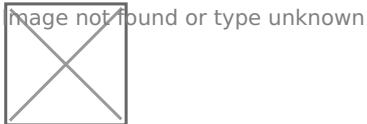
## Pestilences

Below is a timeline produced using data from Wikipedia article [List of epidemics and pandemics](#). This timeline shows quantity of epidemic and pandemic events recorded during 20 year intervals, but doesn't show total populations affected by the event.



## Volcanoes

The Smithsonian article [Has volcanic activity been increasing?](#) contains the following timeline of volcanic activity:



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