

## 1. HOW WILL THE WORLD END?

Acts 1:11; Revelation 1:7

The Bible says: This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so \_\_\_\_\_ in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven. (Acts 1:11) Behold, He is \_\_\_\_\_ with clouds, and \_\_\_\_\_ will see Him, even they who pierced Him. (Rev. 1:7)



Note: In some respects, it will be 'life as usual,' with scoffers denouncing any warning of the end (See Luke 17:26-30; 2 Pet. 3:4). In other respects, the world will be heading towards a chaotic end (See Luke 21:26), as politicians play on societal fears, warning of a climate crisis, overpopulation, alien or AI takeover, nuclear war, or some catastrophic event like an asteroid impact threatening the extinction of the world. Fortunately, the Bible tells us exactly how the world will end. In time, Jesus will return and finally bring an end to this world.

## 2. WHEN WILL THE WORLD END?

Matthew 24:36; 16:3 1 Thessalonians 5:4

The Bible says: But of that day and hour \_\_\_\_\_ knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. (Matt. 24:36) You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the \_\_\_\_\_ of the times. (Matt. 16:3) But you, brethren, are \_\_\_\_\_ in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Thess. 5:4)

Note: Since no one knows the exact day or hour that Jesus will return, the second coming of Christ will come as a surprise, like a thief, to most (See 1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Pet. 3:10). Still, the Bible says that the return of Jesus should not come like a thief to believers. Christians should not be in darkness regarding the end of the world, but rather, we should be able to recognize the signs that show the approximate time that Jesus will return. These signs of the end are given in the words of Christ as well as in the prophecies of the Bible.

## 3. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SIGNS OF JESUS' RETURN AND OF THE END OF THE WORLD?

Matthew 24:6, 7

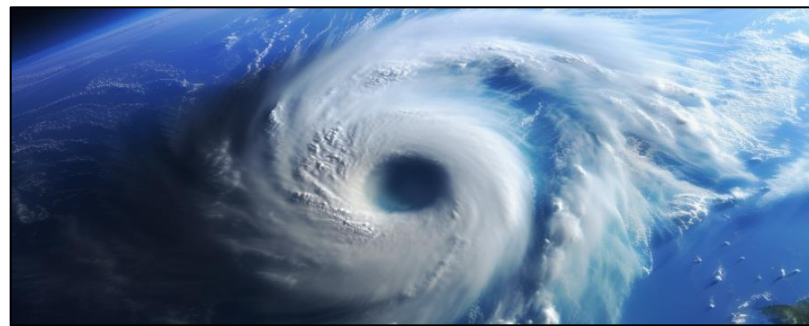
The Bible says: And you will hear of \_\_\_\_\_ and rumors of \_\_\_\_\_. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. \_\_\_\_\_ will rise against \_\_\_\_\_, and kingdom against kingdom. (Matt. 24:6, 7)

Note: When asked for signs of the end, Jesus said wars and threats of wars would continue until the end of time, warning that the increase of wars was a sign that His return was drawing near. When Jesus spoke these words, no one could have imagined the invention of guns, airplanes used for battle, nuclear war, or the rise of global terrorism networks that we see today. In recent history we have been confronted with two world wars, as wars and conflicts continue to plague the globe. This rise and threat of war is a sign of the end.

## 4. WILL THERE BE ANY SIGNS IN NATURE?

Luke 21:11, 25; Revelation 7:1, 2

The Bible says: And there will be great \_\_\_\_\_ in various places...the sea and the waves \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 21:11, 25) I saw four angels...to whom it was granted to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. (Rev. 7:1, 2)



Note: One of the signs that Jesus is about to return is an increase in natural disasters. Long before any talk of climate change, the Bible predicted an increase in natural disasters which would continue to grow worse until the Lord returns. While many turn to science for answers, the Bible has predicted all these things. The book of Revelation speaks of the final conflict when God will finally let loose the winds of destruction to awaken the world to the reality of His imminent return.

## 5. WILL THERE BE ANY SIGNS IN TECHNOLOGY?

Daniel 12:4

The Bible says: But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the \_\_\_\_\_; many shall run to and fro, and \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_. (Dan. 12:4)



Note: The Bible says, as we near the end of time, knowledge will increase. This has a double meaning. While it indicates an increase in prophetic knowledge, there is a reciprocal relationship between biblical and all other knowledge. As biblical prophetic knowledge increased, this has resulted in an information explosion in other areas as well. Over the past several hundred years we have seen the invention of cars, airplanes, phones, computers, electricity, x-rays, and more! This knowledge explosion is a sign that the end is near.

## 6. WILL THERE BE ANY SIGNS IN THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE WORLD?

1 Timothy 3:1, 2, 5

The Bible says: In the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves...having a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ but denying its \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Tim. 3:1, 2, 5)

Note: Paul warned that in the last days many professed believers would have a form of godliness apart from God. Many will claim to be Christians as they promote self-love, pride, and disobedience, engaging in what the Bible refers to as sinful behavior. We see this in part in the rise of political correctness in the church, as professed believers embrace worldly ideals. This is a sign of the end, and will culminate in the corrupt condition of the church in the last days (See 2 Thes. 2:3; Rev. 18:2). As a result, Jesus warned in one of His most tragic statements, that many professed believers would be lost (See Matt. 7:22, 23).



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## 7. WILL THERE BE ANY SIGNS IN THE MORAL OUTLOOK OF THE WORLD?

2 Timothy 3:13; Matthew 24:12, 13; Isaiah 5:20

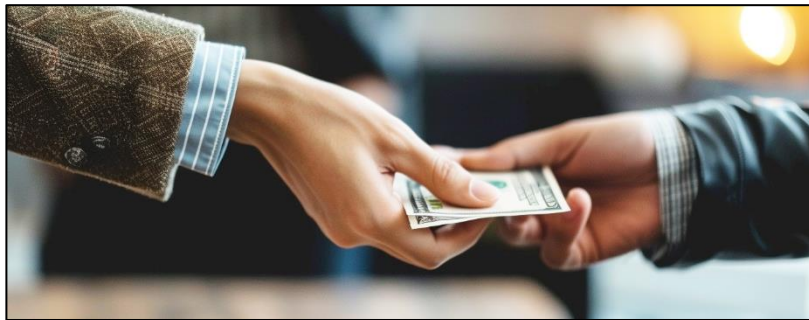
The Bible says: Evildoers and impostors will go from bad to \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Tim. 3:13) Because of the increase of \_\_\_\_\_, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the \_\_\_\_\_ will be saved. (Matt. 24:12, 13) Woe to those who call \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. (Isa. 5:20)

Note: While it is true that things like rape, drugs, crime, and general immorality existed in the past, it was not to the level we see today. In the past, men and women were not even allowed to be seen in the same bed on television. Now kids are exposed to sex and violence all over the internet and movies. Today, the moral standard of society has flipped, where people affirm and encourage things that the Bible refers to as sin. This flipped moral standard and declining moral compass of society is a clear sign that Jesus is about to return.

## 8. WILL THERE BE ANY SIGNS IN THE ECONOMY?

James 5:2, 3; Revelation 18:11

The Bible says: Your wealth has rotted...Your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are corroded... You have hoarded wealth in the \_\_\_\_\_. (Jas. 5:2, 3) The \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth will weep and mourn. (Rev. 18:11)



Note: The Bible warns of economic loss in the context of “the last days.” With the national debt in the trillions, the nation is walking on a thin ice that is just about to break. The Covid pandemic showed how fragile our financial security really is. In an instant the economy was shut down, forcing the government to resort to trillion-dollar bailouts. And with global trade, nations today are so intricately connected that if one nation sneezes, the world catches a cold. In the last days, everything will be torn away, including our financial security.

## 9. WHAT OTHER SIGNS WILL WE SEE BEFORE THE END OF THE WORLD COMES?

Luke 21:11, 25, 26

The Bible says: And there will be...famines and \_\_\_\_\_; and there will be fearful sights...and on the earth distress of nations... men’s hearts \_\_\_\_\_ them from \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 21:11, 25, 26)



Note: Other signs include the increase of famines and pestilences, or viruses, like SARS, Ebola, the bird flu, HIV, Covid, and more. These pestilences have escalated global famines, or food shortages. Jesus also warned of “distress of nations,” which we see in civil uprisings like protests, marches, riots, strikes, and other disturbances. The Bible says that things will become so bad that people will start to look at the future with a haunting fear, as many do today in light of current events.

## 10. HAVEN'T ALL THESE SIGNS ALWAYS EXISTED?

Matthew 24:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:3

The Bible says: All these are the beginning of \_\_\_\_\_. (Matt. 24:8) When they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as \_\_\_\_\_ upon a pregnant woman. (1 Thes. 5:3)

Note: The word “sorrows” is translated as “birth pains” in the NIV. The Bible compares the end of the world with birth pains, or labor pains because, while these signs have always existed, as we come closer to the end we will see an increase. Just as birth pains get closer together and more intense as the baby nears coming, so the signs of Jesus’ return will get closer together and more intense as the end of the world draws near. We are now living in a time when these terrible atrocities are occurring closer together and with greater magnitude than ever before, warning us that the time is near.

