

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Scripture Citations

*Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the **signs of the times**. ⁴ A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and **no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.**” (Matthew 16:3-4)*

³²“*But of that day and hour **no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.***” (Mark 13:32)

¹⁰*But the **day of the Lord** will come as a **thief in the night**, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.* (2Peter 3:10)

Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.** ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also **be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. (Matthew 24:42-44)

Daniel Chapter 12:1-4

- ¹“*At that time **Michael shall stand up**, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; and there shall be **a time of trouble**, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time **your people shall be delivered**, every one who is found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever. ⁴ But you, Daniel, **shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end**; many shall run to and fro, and **knowledge shall increase.***”

Ezekiel 2: 9-10

- ⁹Now when I looked, there was a hand stretched out to me; and behold, **a scroll of a book** was in it. ¹⁰Then He spread it before me; and there was **writing on the inside and on the outside**, and written on it were **lamentations and mourning and woe.**

Revelation 5: 1-5

- ¹And I saw in the **right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.** ²Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “**Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?**” ³And **no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth** was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.
- ⁴So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. ⁵But one of the elders said to me, “**Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.**”

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

- “I watched till **thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated**; His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire; ¹⁰A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. **The court was seated, and the books were opened.**

- ¹³“I was watching in the night visions, and behold, **One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.** ¹⁴Then to Him was given **dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.**

Matthew 24:3-15

- **v5, v11 – false Christs/prophets** (more cults now than ever before)
- **v6 – wars, rumors of wars** – (more wars per year than ever) – most significant centering around the **mideast**, Israel, original **Babylon** in Iraq – but **“end is not yet”**
- **v7 – famines** (Africa), **pestilence** (AIDS, SARS), **earthquakes** (more than ever) – **tornados** (May set record by far in U.S.)
- **v8 – “beginning of sorrows”** – since the crucifixion? Or, since 9/11
- **v9 – “deliver you up to tribulation and kill you”** – Christians are not going to be raptured away before all of the tribulation occurs (pre-wrath – sixth seal – Rev. 6:12-17)
- **v9 – “hated by all nations”** – Christians are already becoming the **one religion** receiving the **most discrimination/persecution**
- **v10-11 – “many will be offended... betray one another... hate one another”** -- caused by persecution – **“lawless will abound... love of many will grow cold”**
 - **“Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first.”** (2Thessalonians 2:3)
- **v14** – the gospel will be **“preached in all the world”** – close due to technology
- **v15 – “abomination of desolation”** – right after this is when the **Great Tribulation** occurs
 - ¹¹“And from the time that the **daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days.** ¹²Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days. (Daniel 12:11)
 - **“That Day will not come unless... the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.”** (2Thessalonians 2:3-4)

2Timothy 3:1-4,7

- ¹But know this, that **in the last days perilous times will come:** ²For men will be:
 - **lovers of themselves,**
 - **lovers of money,**
 - **boasters, proud,**
 - **blasphemers,**
 - **disobedient to parents,**
 - **unthankful, unholy,**
 - **unloving, unforgiving,**
 - **slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,**
 - **traitors, headstrong, haughty,**
 - **lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,**
 - **having a form of godliness but denying its power...**
 - **always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.**
 - These human traits have always been with us, but they exist globally more than ever before

