

Time is Running Out!

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Signs of the Second Coming & the End of the World

**Remember to Pray for Wisdom Before You Begin*

- 1.) According to the Bible which is God's Word to us, will the world come to an end someday? 2Peter 3:6 Whereby the world that _____ was, being overflowed with water, _____: 7 But the heavens and the _____, which are now, by the _____ word are kept in store, _____ unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 10 But the day of the Lord _____ come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the _____ also and the works that are _____ shall be burned up. **NOTE: Signs all around us show that we are on the threshold of great and solemn events! It is becoming obvious that we are on the brink! Natural disasters are becoming normal and intensifying like we've never seen before. The morals of our nation are in free-fall! Who would have ever thought that the time would come when stepping into a store or even one of our own churches that we would have to fear a possible mass shooting! Corruption is reeking even in the highest levels of our society and government. Now we have a young generation that is clamoring for radical Socialism, Marxism and maybe even Communism. We have the recent example of the country of Venezuela where poverty is on a mass scale and multitudes have been starving! Is this what we really want for our country? There is virtually no freedom in these types of governments. It's as bad as slavery on a mass scale! We are living in frightening times! There is no moral compass anymore and our planet is rapidly hurtling toward disaster unless our God soon intervenes! And indeed He will though the glorious return of Jesus!**
- 2.) Do we have hope for a better world to come? 2Peter 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his _____, look for _____ heavens and a new _____, wherein dwelleth _____. Isaiah 66:22 For as the new heavens and the new _____, which I will _____, shall _____ before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. **NOTE: No question about it, God has promised a new heavens and a new earth where only righteousness dwells. If we are in Jesus, we have a better life coming – guaranteed! But before things get much better, they're going to get much worse before we get out of this world. Let's see what the Bible says about the signs we are to look for before Jesus comes back and before the world ends. Then we can watch for these signs.**
- 3.) What is one of the first things that Jesus warns us about as chapter 24 of Matthew begins? (more coming up from Matt. 24) Matthew 24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take _____ that no man _____ you. **NOTE: Jesus gives a very emphatic warning about being deceived, and why? Because He knew that deceptions would be so strong, powerful and convincing in the last days that most of the world would be**

deceived and led astray –even the Christian world! The Bible plainly teaches in Revelation that only a remnant will go through to the end. Let’s study God’s Word to know what is truth. We want to be a part of this remnant!

4.) How does Paul describe the conditions of our world just before Jesus returns? 2Timothy

3:1 This know also, that in the _____ days _____ times shall come. **2** For men shall be _____ of their own selves, _____, boasters, proud, blasphemers, _____ to parents, unthankful, _____, **3** Without _____ affection, trucebreakers, false _____, incontinent, _____, despisers of those that are _____, **4** Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of _____ more than lovers of _____; **5** Having a _____ of godliness, but denying the _____ thereof: from such turn _____. **NOTE: What an amazingly accurate description the Apostle Paul gave of the last days. This perfectly describes the conditions in our society today. “Perilous” means dangerous or hazardous, troublous times. Greed and selfishness will reign supreme. There will be no respect for parents or authority. Despisers of those that are good will bring trouble to anybody that wants to do what is right which is becoming more common. “Without natural affection” is seen all over the news now with parents killing their children and children slaying their parents. “Without natural affection” could also refer to same-sex attraction which has become a part of our culture now. The crimes being committed now are becoming more brutal and satanic. Pleasure loving is at an all-time high. Verse 5 depicts another important sign in our religious culture where there will be many who profess Godliness and Christianity but their actual lives show something different – in other words they are hypocrites. Hypocrisy is rampant among Christian churches today. We can turn away from this hollowness and surrender our hearts completely to God. Remember, when the very end comes, there will be only two groups of people –the saved and the lost, the evil and the good, the righteous and the unrighteous.**

5.) According to the Bible will conditions get better in this world before Jesus comes?

2Timothy 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax _____ and _____, deceiving, and being deceived. **2Timothy 3:1** This know also, that in the _____ days _____ times _____ come. **NOTE: There are probably many other scriptures that could be used to show that signs and events are going to intensify as we get closer to the end. Demons and the forces of darkness are going to become more desperate as we near the end because they want to take as many victims with them to destruction.**

6.) Matthew 24:3 indicates a dual or double prophecy. How do we know this? Matthew 24:

1-3 And Jesus went out, and departed from the _____: and his disciples _____ to him for to shew him the buildings of the _____. **2** And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all _____ things? verily I say unto you, There shall _____ be left here one _____ upon another, that shall not be _____ down. **3** And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, _____ shall

_____ be? and what shall be the _____ of thy _____, and of the _____ of the world? **NOTE: In verse 3 the disciples ask, “when shall these things be” [in reference to the destruction of the Jewish temple] and the second question is directed to the signs of Jesus second coming and the end of the world. So, there are plainly two time periods mentioned here. From these questions Jesus skillfully responded by sharing a discourse outlining both events leading to the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 and the events to take place before He comes back to this world.**

7.) What other indicator did Jesus say that we could tell that the end is increasingly approaching closer? Matthew 24:8 _____ these are the _____ of _____. **NOTE: The Greek word for “sorrows” doesn’t come through clearly in the KJV Bible. It is “odin” (o-deen) and similar to pang or throe, especially in childbirth –pain, sorrow, travail. This is interesting because what Jesus is saying here is things will get worse and worse as well as more frequent before it culminates in the return of Jesus and the end of the world.**

8.) What list of events precede verse 8 of Matt. 24 of which indicates there could be an increase of these events and/or they could get worse? [verse 7] For _____ shall rise against _____, and _____ against kingdom: and there shall be _____, and _____, and _____, in divers places. **NOTE: There has been more deaths from war during the twentieth century than all other centuries combined -15 million in World War I and 55 million plus in WW 2 and this is not counting the Korean or Vietnam wars or the Gulf wars and others. The nations all over the planet seem to be literally on edge as there are tensions widespread globally. This only stands to reason as the hearts of men become colder and more selfish there will naturally develop more skirmishes between nations and people groups.**

Famines are a common occurrence that plagues many places around the world. Around 800 million people a year go hungry. And between 40 and 60 million people starve to death each year with many of these being children. *This calculates to 110,000 to 165,000 people per day! It’s a good thing Jesus is coming soon to end all this misery!

Pestilences are disease and biological hazards. Does AIDS, Swine flu, Bird flu, Zika virus, Ebola, flesh-eating bacteria, Mad Cow disease, Hanta virus, Corona virus sound familiar? Scientists have been saying it is only a matter of time before a mass pandemic breaks forth possibly killing millions. Right now, as this part is updated, people can plainly see that the Covid-19 is beginning to escalate out of control. How important in these last days that we live a very healthy lifestyle so that we can maintain a strong immune system to ward off dangerous infections. As Christians we should carefully take care of our body temples and keep them in good health. [see study on “Caring for My Body Temple”] Most of all we should maintain a close walk with Jesus so we can be in His will and be ready should He allow us to pass from this life. *not a recent statistic

Earthquakes have probably been happening since the time of Noah after the worldwide flood. Some might debate about the increase of earthquakes because our seismic technology is likely getting more acute and more instruments are being deployed

around the world –so naturally more earthquakes will be registered and recorded. But, there definitely seems to be an increase in large earthquakes around the world. There are about 4 major earthquake zones in the continental United States excluding Alaska and Hawaii. Each of these zones are potentially dangerous and have produced large deadly quakes in the past. These are the Cascadian Subduction Zone off the Pacific northwest coast of Oregon and Washington [which is a tsunami producer]. The second is around the San Francisco Bay area of California. The third is the Los Angeles basin in southern California. Then last but not least is the New Madrid Seismic Zone located in our mid-west along the Mississippi River between Memphis TN and St Louis MO where a series of extremely violent quakes devastated the region in the early 1800's. Basically, all four of these zones are overdue for more upheaval scientists say. They are ticking time-bombs waiting to leave desolation!

9.) How does the Bible admonish us to watch and be ready? Matthew 24:42 _____ therefore: for ye know _____ what hour your Lord doth come. Mark 13:33 Take ye _____, watch and _____: for ye know not when the time is. Mark 13:37 And what I _____ unto you I say unto all, _____. Luke 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and pray _____, that ye may be _____ worthy to escape all these things that _____ come to pass, and to _____ before the Son of man. 1Thessalonians 5:6 Therefore let us not _____, as do others; but let us watch and be _____. 1Peter 4:7 But the _____ of all things is at _____: be ye therefore _____, and _____ unto _____. Revelation 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast _____ and _____, and hold fast, and _____. If therefore thou shalt not _____, I will come on thee as a _____, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

NOTE: In many of these scriptural references the Greek word for “watch” is to keep awake, i.e. watch (literally or figuratively): --be vigilant, wake, (be) watch(-ful). God’s word gives this admonition over and over and when something is repeated a number of times in the Bible we do well to take it seriously! Even one of Jesus’ most dynamic parables –the ten virgins illustrate the importance of this. The words “sober” and “pray” is mentioned some of the time with this. Being sober has to do with carefully keeping our minds clear with strong rational thinking and how can any sincere Christian ever neglect to pray and stay in communion with their heavenly Father and Savior. Now is not the time to be playing games with God. These are serious times and we need to order our lives accordingly!! Being “watchful” can also be diligently studying God’s Word and being “watchful” of the signs that are taking place around us.

10.) Did Jesus predict there would be false Christs and false prophets? Matthew 24:4, 5, 11, 24 And _____ answered and said unto them, Take _____ that no man _____ you. 5 For _____ shall come in my _____, saying, I am _____; and shall deceive many. 11 And many _____ shall rise, and shall deceive many. 24 For there shall arise false _____, and false _____, and shall shew great _____ and _____; insomuch that, if it were _____, they shall deceive

the very _____. **2Corinthians 11:13** For such are false _____, deceitful _____, transforming themselves _____ the apostles of Christ. **14** And no marvel; for _____ himself is _____ into an angel of _____. **15** Therefore it is no great thing if his _____ also be transformed _____ the ministers of righteousness; whose _____ shall be according to their works. **NOTE: There have been many individuals in certain religious organizations, some of them cult-like who have claimed to be "Christ." And they often have many, many followers. There have also been numerous false prophets claiming to have special messages from God. When in the presence of many false prophets or teachers, they can seem very convincing and may even perform miracles or signs. But be careful, because Satan can perform signs and wonders as well! Everything should be tested with the unerring test of God's Word the Bible. Even false speaking in tongues and false healings are common. But as we have seen from the scriptures above -the Bible has warned us of these things. Revelation has warned us that Satan will deceive the whole world (almost). And the coming "mark of the beast" will basically be "Christian" in its make-up. Satan has had thousands of years to practice and perfect his art of deception. And he will certainly use it in this end time.**

11.) What time period of earth's history does Jesus compare our end-times with? Matthew 24:37 But as the days of _____ were, so shall _____ the coming of the _____ of man be. **38** For _____ in the days that were before the _____ they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, **39** And knew not until the _____ came, and took them _____ away; so shall _____ the _____ of the Son of man be.

12.) What was it like before the [Mega] catastrophic world-wide flood? Genesis 6:5, 11 And GOD saw that the _____ of man was _____ in the earth, and that every _____ of the thoughts of his heart was only evil _____. **11** The earth also was _____ before God, and the earth was _____ with _____. **NOTE: Conditions on planet earth must have been pretty bad for God to bring down a massive judgment in which the whole planet was virtually destroyed. One very prominent creation scientist has estimated that the amount of energy released to form ocean trenches, multiple massive mountain ranges, canyons, creation of continents, etc, was equivalent to ten billion hydrogen bombs going off! The whole face of the earth was changed drastically! Jesus said "as it was in the days of Noah" means our times are quite similar. This alone shows we must be getting very close, because God will bear only so long with the wickedness and perversity of man until He finally has to destroy them. This time it will be by fire!**

13.) What other situation did Jesus liken to the time of the end just before He comes back? Luke 17:28-30 Likewise also as it was in the days of _____; they did _____, they _____, they _____, they _____, they _____, they _____; **29** But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained _____ and _____ from _____,

and destroyed them all. 30 Even _____ shall it be in the day when the Son of man is _____. **NOTE: Keep in mind that there is nothing wrong in these activities in and of themselves that Jesus listed. The point here is that people were doing these things without any regards to God and were probably neglecting to live for Him and to give Him glory. Another issue that brought down the judgment of God on this wicked city was in it going after perverted flesh. Homosexuality was apparently rampant and the people were bold in their wickedness. (see Genesis 19:1-12; Jude 7) Does this sound anything like the bold wickedness of today. These same types of people today are harassing and maligning others who don't live or agree with their lifestyle. Verse 30 of above seems to indicate we may very well see some repeat of the same judgment that struck Sodom of old on certain wicked localities in our time. Don't be surprised should it happen!**

14.) What other phenomena will be seen in the skies or heavens? Luke 21:11b . . . and _____ sights and great signs shall there be from _____. **NOTE: From major solar eclipses to strange things, strange weather phenomena and the list could go on of all the weird signs taking place in the heavens and it seems to have increased in the last ten or fifteen years. One way to see some of these strange events is to go online to YouTube and watch a recent update of "Signs of the Times." A caution should be given here because there are a lot of fake or fraudulent things on the internet. The above source is usually a Christian based organization and should be OK.**

15.) What type of tensions and fear will be seen among the nations of the world? Luke 21:25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth _____ of nations, with _____; the sea and the waves roaring; 26 Men's hearts _____ them for _____, and for _____ after those things which are _____ on the _____: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. **NOTE: All around the world today especially among leaders and prominent influential men and women there is a fear and dread about what is taking place in our world from environmental concerns to looming financial troubles to deteriorating social trends and health issues and the list could go on. People's hearts are becoming very distressed at what they are seeing on the horizon and they are desperately seeking answers!**

16.) Will there be persecution during the end times? Matthew 24:9, 10 Then shall they deliver you up to be _____, and shall _____ you: and ye shall be _____ of all nations for my _____ sake. 10 And then shall _____ be offended, and shall _____ one another, and shall _____ one another. **NOTE: Some might argue that the above text refers to the persecution of the early Christian church. That may certainly be true, but keep in mind that this is a dual prophecy and coupled with other plain scriptures there is a principle that comes out of this that persecution will often happen where true Godliness manifests itself. In the last days just before Jesus comes, He will have a group of people who are so close to Him that they will reveal a holiness and Christ-likeness unlike any other generation before. Why would Christians today be exempt from all others presently**

or in the past to not go through any persecution? Notice the following scripture. John 15:20 Remember the word that I said unto you, the servant is not _____ than his lord. If they have _____ me, they will _____ persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. **2Timothy 3:12** Yea, and all that will live _____ in Christ Jesus shall suffer_____. **Matthew 16:24** Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him _____ himself, and take up his _____, and _____ me. **Acts 14:22** Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much _____ enter into the _____ of God. **NOTE: Search anywhere in the Bible and even in the prophecies and see if you can find where God's end-time people will not go through persecution. Many are saying and teaching that God's people will be raptured out of here (this world) before then, but that cannot be found in God's Word.**

17.) How bad will the final time of trouble and tribulation be? Matthew 24:21,22 For then shall be great _____, such as was not since the _____ of the world to this time, no, nor ever _____ be. **22** And except those days should be _____, there should no flesh be _____: but for the elect's _____ those days shall be shortened. **Daniel 12:1** And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which _____ for the children of thy people: and there _____ be a time of _____, such as _____ was since there was a _____ even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be _____, every one that shall be found _____ in the book. **NOTE: It may not seem like a very positive or politically correct thing to say but the Word of God says it. The greatest time of trouble that the world has ever seen is yet to take place just before the coming of Jesus. But as you can see from the verses above, if you are in Jesus and your name is written in the Lamb's book of life you have nothing to fear because you will be delivered. If God allows some to be martyred (killed) before this time He will give you the grace to bear it at the time it is needed just like countless Christians before you. However, those who go through the final trouble will be delivered. Even though this time will be fierce and the greatest ever realized, we are promised it will be short!**

18.) What is perhaps the greatest and most important sign of the sure return of Jesus and the end of the world as we know it? Matthew 24:14 And this _____ of the kingdom shall be preached in _____ the world for a _____ unto all _____; and _____ shall the end come. **NOTE: God hates sin and suffering with all its heartache, sorrow and death and He is more anxious to end this mess and come back for His children than anyone else. He is also not willing that ANY should perish and be lost. As soon as all have heard the gospel and each one makes their choice –HE IS COMING BACK!! At this point the gospel is penetrating into some of the deepest and most remote regions. The technology is in place to finish this work very swiftly! Even though it may appear to many that there are still vast numbers to be reached and many unentered people groups left and this is true, there will be no problem when the final out-pouring of the Holy Spirit**

takes place and the earth becomes illuminated with the glory of the fourth angel (see Rev. 18:1-4) So the only thing keeping this from happening is God's people willing to hold nothing back and have total surrender of their lives to God, so that a second Pentecost can happen!

19.) We need to be watching the signs around us. What illustration does Jesus use that shows we can know how soon He is coming back? **Matthew 24:32** *Now learn a parable of the ____ tree; When his _____ is yet tender, and putteth forth _____, ye know that summer is _____: 33 So _____ ye, when ye shall see ____ these things, know that it is _____, even at the _____.* **NOTE: When you add up all the above signs that has been graciously revealed by our God, we can be certain we are near the end! With the two or three exceptions of the "Mark of the Beast" as well as the seven last plagues in Revelation and every soul having a chance to accept the gospel, everything else has been or is being fulfilled! Time is running out! Do you want to be ready for Jesus to come? You are encouraged to faithfully study this series of lessons from God's Word and find the answers you've been looking for! There is never a better time than NOW!**

Brief Quiz

Circle one

- 1.) True/False – The coming of Christ is a long way off from now.
- 2.) True/False – Even though some signs like earthquakes, famines and pestilence has been happening for many centuries, an increase in these is a sign that the end is near.
- 3.) True/False – False Christs and false prophets are an important sign of the coming of Jesus.
- 4.) True/False – The time of trouble will not be so bad at the end of time.
- 5.) True/False – God's people will escape persecution at the end before Jesus returns.
- 6.) True/False – There will be great distress among the nations before the end.
- 7.) True/False – Jesus compares the time of Noah and the time of the destruction of Sodom to the time period just before He returns.
- 8.) True/False – We shouldn't worry about end-time deceptions because God will shield us from being exposed to them.

My Response

I see that Jesus has given unmistakable signs that He is coming soon and that we have only a short time to prepare for His soon return. It is my desire to study more of God's Word and to diligently prepare for His soon coming.

Signed _____