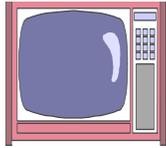


The Signs of the Times

Although the secular media bend over backwards to eliminate Christian views from their news analysis, much of what they report on could be taken right from the pages of the Bible. The



difference of course is the interpretations they give to the events of our time. Without knowing GOD and His Word, they are unable to understand

the significance of the incredible happenings around us. You can be informed about the signs of the times by keeping one eye on the Bible and the other on the events in our world.

"You will hear of wars and rumors of wars...Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines, and plagues in various places." JESUS (Matthew 24, Luke 21)



We are living in the prophetic pages of the Bible where, in every dimension of life, apocalyptic and often evil events are taking place here, there, and everywhere. However, many object and say that none of these signs are new, that there have always been false saviors, floods, famines, droughts, diseases, wars, earthquakes, and wickedness.

For 2000 years the Christian church has told people that JESUS is coming back, and He still hasn't come. So why believe it now?

The Birth Pains: From This World to the Next



"ALL THESE ARE THE BEGINNING OF THE BIRTH PAINS." JESUS (MATT.24)

To understand how these events are signs pointing to the soon return of JESUS CHRIST, it is important to listen to what *JESUS said and didn't say* about these phenomena. He did not say that these kind of events had never occurred before. All of these phenomena were present at the time of CHRIST'S first coming. What He did say was that these events would be like birth pains, and that we would hear of these events happening in various spots around the world.

It is not the existence of these events that points to CHRIST'S soon return, but the increasing frequency and intensity of these phenomena at various places on our planet. The news media then broadcasts these events to every corner of the earth, thus helping to fulfill the prophecies of GOD.

At the beginning of labor, the birth pains are mild and infrequent. As the time for the baby to be born gets closer, the pains become more intense and frequent, until, near the end, they become unbearable and constant. Then, suddenly, the child is born and the pain is replaced by the joy of the birth.

So it will be with the Second Coming of CHRIST.

WARS

Ever since humanity fell away from GOD there has been violence and war on our planet. *War is not something new in our world today. What is new is the intensity, frequency, and widespread occurrence of violent conflicts*



within and between nations. Many more millions of people have been killed in wars and revolutions in the last one hundred years than in the totality of the previous nineteen hundred years of history since JESUS' time. There are over one hundred different wars and revolutions being waged on our planet today. Through the news media we see, hear, and read of these conflicts.

PLAGUES

The birth pains are increasing. Plagues and pestilence are spreading through our world. Forty years ago many people thought that through science the days of plagues were gone forever. Today, there are over forty-five million people dying from AIDS alone (over fifty thousand in Canada). Over the last few years many new plagues like SARS, West-Nile, Bird flue and Mad-Cow have struck our world and nation. Antibiotic resistant bacteria and strange new diseases are multiplying rapidly. The plagues are here and more are coming.

What is true of wars and plagues is also true of the other signs: earthquakes, famines, increase in evil, etc. that JESUS told us to watch for.

"And the Gospel of this Kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come!"
JESUS CHRIST Matthew 24:14

This mission is nearing completion.

WHEN? ONLY GOD KNOWS!

HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD



IN HIS HANDS

No doctor knows exactly when a baby will be born, but he knows from the signs when the time is close.

Similarly, JESUS said no one but GOD knows the day or the hour when He will return. However, He also said that by watching for the signs we could know when His Second Coming is getting close. These signs are being fulfilled today in a greater way than ever before.

"Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?"... JESUS said: "When you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door." (Matthew 24:3,4,33)

JESUS is coming again,

JESUS is coming again, not as a little baby,

but as the KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS!

GOOD NEWS

1. GOD created us in His own image to be His children. He loves us and desires that we should love and obey Him, and love and serve others. (Gen. 1; Matthew 22)

2. All of us have sinned against GOD, others, and ourselves. We are destroying everything and heading towards death and eternal judgement. (Romans 3; Rev. 20)

3. GOD, in His love and amazing grace, sent His SON, JESUS CHRIST, into our world. JESUS gave His life on a cross for all of our sin. He rose again from the dead to give eternal life to everyone who believes in Him. (John 3, Romans 3, 1 John 5)

4. CHRIST will soon return to judge our world and establish His new eternal world for His people. (Matthew 24, Rev. 21)

5. GOD, the FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT, calls upon each of us to repent of our sin and trust in Him. JESUS said: "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near!" (Matthew 4:17)

6. GOD will forgive and give eternal life to all who repent and believe. (John 3:16)

*The Day of Salvation is here!
The Day of Judgement is near!
May it be so!
Come LORD JESUS!*

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