



Endtimes Signs

Introduction

When it comes to the endtimes there are several different views concerning just what they are, what they mean and when they will be fulfilled. I am not going to take up that debate in this series. I am though, going to present 50+ endtime signs that are all pointing to the soon return of Jesus Christ.

Now most Christians and I assume many non-Christians know about the most popular and most mentioned endtime signs. Signs like war, earthquakes, famine, signs in the Sun and Moon, a soon coming Antichrist, mark of the beast and false prophets. Yet many I'm sure might be surprised to learn that there are 50 plus signs in the Bible that apply to the endtimes. And by the endtimes I mean, the time we are living in right now.

Many of these signs have been going on even before the time that Jesus walked the earth. Direct reference to these signs were made by Jesus himself, as well as in the writings of the Apostles. Signs like earthquakes, war and famine have been occurring for thousands of years. Other signs have not even appeared yet. So what I am getting at here is that all of the 50 plus signs I am going to discuss in this Endtimes series, will be happening at the same time, our time, right now, prior to the return of Jesus Christ.

With that said, did you know that they have a name for the study of the endtimes. Its called, Eschatology. Eschatology simply means the study of the last things, such as death, the end of the world, the final destiny of the soul and humankind, and the Last Judgment. This would also include the study of the 50 plus signs I am going to be discussing that point to the soon coming return of Jesus Christ.

With each of the signs I will be following the same structure. I will present the sign or

signs that will be discussed. Then share the scripture verse where it is found. Then define the meaning of the sign. Then discuss what it looks like, or maybe I should say, how it is playing out in our society today.

Jesus referred to the signs that he talked about with his disciples as the beginning of sorrows. The New Living Translation says it this way: 'But all this (the signs Jesus referred to) is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come. I read an article a while back that said that the signs Jesus shared with his disciples were only the beginning of birth pains and that as we get nearer to the time of Jesus' return, not only will the birth pains increase in intensity, but they will also come more rapidly. This describes exactly what we are seeing unfold on this planet today. The Kingdom of God is about to be birthed. The return of Jesus is imminent. The birth pains (the signs) are increasing in intensity and rapidity.

The sad story here is that the majority of the world's inhabitants don't have a clue what is going on, nor do they understand what is about to happen. Their very lives, their actions, what they believe and what they fight for, all of that make up the majority of the signs that Jesus and the Apostles talked about. The majority of society does not even realize that, they are the signs! Just like Christians are living epistles.... read by all men, they also are living epistles.... by their actions and by their words they are the living proof that the signs of the endtimes are increasing in intensity and rapidity.

As I close out this introduction I must say that there is good news though. One of the signs Jesus spoke of was that the Gospel (the good news) will be preached in all the world for a witness before the return of Jesus takes place. With modern day technology that sign is pretty much being fulfilled. Knowing this, we need to have compassion for those who are so close to the time that their eternal destiny will be sealed.

Jesus made this statement to the religious leaders of his day. Matthew 16:1-3 'The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but you can not discern the signs of the times?'

I think many on this planet fall into that category. While they may see the dark skies forming on the horizon and understand that it will soon be raining, and while they may see the sunny skies and know that it is a good day to plan an outdoor event, they are not able to recognize the signs that are declaring to the human race that the Kingdom of God

is about to be birthed, about to be ushered in by the imminent return of Jesus Christ.

My prayer is that something you learn from this Endtimes Signs series will ignite your spirit and will motivate you to do all that you can with God's help, to enable your light to shine brighter in the midst of the dense darkness that is blinding the eyes of the many who are about to lose their soul.

'You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it gives light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.' Matthew 5:14-16