

# Signs

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## Matt 24:1-3

1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

3 And *as he sat upon the mount of Olives*, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, *when shall these things be?* and *what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?*

## 1 Thess 5:1-6, 9-11

1 But of *the times and the seasons*, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

2 For yourselves know perfectly that *the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night*.

3 For *when they shall say*, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, *as travail upon a woman with child*; and they shall not escape.

4 But ye, brethren, *are not in darkness*, that that day should *overtake you as a thief*.

5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: *we are not of the night, nor of darkness*.

6 Therefore *let us not sleep, as do others*; but *let us watch and be sober*.

9 For *God hath not appointed us to wrath*, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, *we should live together with him*.

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11 Wherefore *comfort yourselves together*, and *edify one another*, even as also ye do.

## What is a sign?

### Definition:

A sign is a thing representing something else: something that indicates or expresses the existence of something else not immediately apparent.

- a prophetic marker or indicator
- not readily noticed or interpreted by everyone
- usually spiritually discerned and noticed by those who are looking

## Why are signs important?

*Signs may be classed according to seven somewhat overlapping functions: 1. to impart knowledge; 2. to protect; 3. to motivate faith; 4. to recall significant events; 5. to witness to the covenant; 6. to confirm; and 7. to illustrate by means of prophetic action.*

- signs gives hope to the believer
- signs warn of impending events
- signs gives proof of God's control of history and His divine purposes
- signs serves as tools of evangelism and evidence of the work of the Spirit

## Prophetic End-Time Signs

1. Signs in the heavens (weather and atmospheric changes)
2. Signs in the earth (nature and animal kingdom)
3. Signs in mankind (behavior patterns and ethics)

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**Just as it is with driving, there are signs given that either (1) give directions or instructions, (2) gives information, or (3) command warnings.**

## The Day of the Lord

### Joel 1:15

Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

- As you read throughout the scripture, especially the New Testament, this terminology and similar terms are used to refer to the pending judgment of the unjust. Example: 2 Peter 2:9, "*The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:*" and Phil 1:10, "*That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;*"
- Peters speaks of it in more detail in 2 Peter 3:10-12:

10 But the day of the Lord will 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 earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

**We must be concerned about the Pre-Day of the Lord Signs!  
We believe in a Pre-tribulation rapture and a Pre-millennial Second  
Coming of Christ.**

## Signs in the heavens

### Luke 21:25-28

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25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

## Luke 21:11

And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and *fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.*

## Matt 24:29-30

29 Immediately *after the tribulation of those days* shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

30 And *then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven*: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see *the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*

## Signs in the earth

### Matt 24:4-8

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and *pestilences*, and *earthquakes*, in divers places.

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8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

## Signs in mankind

### 2 Tim 3:1-7

1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

### 1 Tim 4:1-3

1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

### 1 Tim 4:6

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6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.