

Sign One – Global Climate Crisis

Long before any talk of global warming, Christians have been saying that one of the signs of Jesus' return would be changing weather patterns. When asked about signs of the end, Jesus said there would be "great earthquakes in various places...the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken" (Luke 21:11, 25). In my lifetime, I have seen the fulfillment of these words. With record numbers of tsunamis, earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, drought, and more, many are wondering, what's going on with the weather? In a desperate attempt to explain the changing weather patterns, scientists point to climate change, but conveniently ignore the fact that Christians have been warning of a coming weather crisis for the past two thousand years as a sign of the end of the world? God is sending signs all around us while the world continues to ignore them.

Sign Two – Pestilence and Plagues

History has been riddled with plagues and epidemics, but these things have increased over time. Today, as viruses become more and more resistant to drugs, we continually see stronger strains appear, causing deadly pandemics that ravish the globe, but did you know that the Bible warned of such things as a sign of the end of the world? When asked about the signs of the end of the world, Jesus told his followers that "there will be...famines and pestilences" (Luke 21:11). While there have always been pestilences and viruses, the present increase, not only in the numbers but also in intensity, is alarming. In recent history, we have seen SARS, Ebola, the bird flu, mad cow disease, HIV, and the more recent coronavirus, to name

a few. In the past people used to deny that there was an increase in these epidemics, but they can no longer deny it, so they turn to science who finds a way to explain away the increase while ignoring the obvious; that the Bible long ago predicted the increase in these things at the end of the world.

Sign Three – Wars and Terrorism

In the end times, Jesus said, "you will hear of wars and rumors of wars" (Matt. 24:6). While we have always had wars, the fact that Jesus mentioned wars as a sign of the end is significant. The point is, wars will increase in intensity as we near the end of the world. Again, this is not only in numbers but in intensity. Throughout history, wars have been fought on horses, with swords, and eventually guns. When Jesus spoke these words, no one could have imagined there would be wars in the sky, or nuclear war, or the rise of global terrorism networks in which people mass murder in the name of God, but this extreme radicalism was long ago predicted by Jesus when He said, "the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service" (John 16:2). Today terrorists violently kill masses, claiming they are doing it for God, just as Jesus predicted thousands of years ago.

Sign Four – Decline of Morality

One of the most obvious signs of the end is the decline in morality. The Bible predicted that in the end, "evil men and imposters would grow worse and worse" (2 Tim. 3:13). I'm always confused by people who say that morality today is no worse than it was in the past. While it is true that things like rape, drugs, crime existed in the past, it was not even close to the level they occur today. When I was growing up, we never heard of school shootings. Now high schools have metal detectors and child care. In

the past, men and women were not even allowed to be seen in the same bed on television. Now even kids are exposed to sex and violence all over the internet and in movies. Perhaps the reason many cannot see the decline in morality is because they have a new standard of morality, but those who hold the Biblical standard of morality know that the world is morally declining and the fact that the moral compass of our nation has flipped is a sign that Jesus is about to return.

Sign Five – Rising Technology

Within the past few hundred years, there has been a phenomenal rise in technology, and it continues to skyrocket out of control. Today we can hardly keep up with the latest electronic device before it is outdated. Of course, this information age was predicted long ago. In a vision referring to "the time of the end," Daniel said, "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase" (Dan. 12:4). Think of how long the earth has been here. Isn't it amazing that only the past few hundred years have given birth to such inventions as cars, computers, telephones, electricity, x-rays, television, cameras, and so much more! As prophesied, information has increased just before the end, and yet not only has knowledge increased, but many running "to and fro" is a reference to travel. Within the past three hundred years, we have gone from horseback to rockets that take us to the moon! This increase in technology and travel is just another sign that we are near the end.

Sign Six – Global Unrest

As we near the end, Jesus said there would be "on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity" (Luke 21:25). One of the signs of the last days is the dissatisfaction we see, leading to revolt and rebellion. Today, we

consistently see groups in nearly every country, rising up in retaliation against the government over a variety of causes. Many nations across the world are facing civil uprisings in protests, strikes, marches, riots, and other disturbances. As dissatisfaction mounts, civil unrest continues to grow to measures that we have never seen before in history. In recent years we have seen the Indian anti-corruption movement, Chilean Student Protests, Irish Protests, Arab Spring Protests, Turkish Protests, Brazilian Protests, and, more recently, the Hong Kong Protests, to name just a few. This rising distress of nations is exactly what Jesus warned would occur just before the end of the world.

Sign Seven – Increased Intensity

While all these things have always been throughout history, the Bible says that as the end draws near, these things will occur more often and with more intensity. The Bible compares the end times with “labor pains upon a pregnant woman” (1 Thes. 5:3). Just as contractions get more intense and closer together before a baby comes, the violent outbreaks in the world have become more intense and closer together as time has progressed. Sure, these things have always existed, but science has determined that there are more earthquakes and natural disasters today than any other time in history. We are living in a time when terrible atrocities, wars, terrorism, natural disasters, school shootings, and more are occurring closer together with greater ferocity than ever before. The growing intensity of war, weather, technology, virus, unrest, immorality, and more are signs that the world is coming to a rapid end. The Bible says that this sudden spike is a sign that the end eminent and we should be prepared. Please don't ignore the signs.

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