

The King Is Coming



Matthew 24

Mark 13

Luke 21

Jesus specifically states in Matthew 24:36 & Act 1:7, that no person knows or will know when He is to return.

**Matthew 24:36 -** <sup>36</sup>“However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows

**Acts 1:7 -** <sup>7</sup>He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know.

It does become important  
that we as Christians  
understand what the Bible  
says about Jesus' return so  
that we know the truth  
and be able to spot the lies

# The Signs in the Heavens

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¶**Matthew 24:29 - 29** “Immediately after the anguish of those days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will give no light, the stars will fall from the sky and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

**Joel 2:31 - <sup>31</sup>31** The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and terrible day of the Lord arrives

**Revelation 6:12 - <sup>12</sup>12** I watched as the Lamb broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake. The sun became as dark as black cloth, and the moon became as red as blood.

Luke 21:11 - 11 There will be great earthquakes, and there will be famines and plagues in many lands, and there will be terrifying things and great miraculous signs from heaven.

You can become so fixated on the future and trying to figure things out that you can cease to live in the present.

If you care more about prophecies than the souls and lives of people there is a problem.

If you care more about the last 18 chapters of Revelation and forget all about the practical instructions given in the first 4 chapters; if you forget to study and live by them, you have missed the point of the entire book of Revelation

# The Signs on the Earth

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¶Jesus and the Bible will give more signs about what happens on the earth than He does about what is going on in the sky

**Matthew 24:4-14** - <sup>4</sup>Jesus told them, “Don’t let anyone mislead you,<sup>5</sup> for many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah.’ They will deceive many. <sup>6</sup>And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don’t panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won’t follow immediately.

<sup>7</sup> Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. <sup>8</sup> But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come. <sup>9</sup> “Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are my followers.

<sup>10</sup> And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other. <sup>11</sup> And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people. <sup>12</sup> Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold.

13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 14 And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.

Luke 21:25-26 - 25 “And there will be strange signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And here on earth the nations will be in turmoil, perplexed by the roaring seas and strange tides. 26 People will be terrified at what they see coming upon the earth, for the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

# Some of the Signs on Earth

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Wars and rumors of war

Natural disasters

# Some of the Signs on Earth

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- ❖ Both Matthew and Luke talk about persecution and hatred of Christians (Matthew 24:9 & Luke 21:12-17)
- ❖ More Christians have died in the past 120+ years than in the previous 1900 years combined

# Some of the Signs on Earth

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- ❖ Sin will be rampant (Matthew 24:12)
- ❖ **2 Peter 3:3-4** - <sup>3</sup> Most importantly, I want to remind you that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires. <sup>4</sup> They will say, “What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again? From before the times of our ancestors, everything has remained the same since the world was first created.”

# Some of the Signs on Earth

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**2 Timothy 3:1-5** - You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times.<sup>2</sup> For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred.<sup>3</sup> They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good.  
<sup>4</sup> They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God.  
<sup>5</sup> They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

# The Signs in the Church

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❖ Revelation chapters' 2-4 deal with very specific churches, seven in fact, and five of those had glaring problems internally, but the churches could not see their faults and here lies the greatest problem and the saddest sign

# The Signs in the Church

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¶ The love of many will grow cold

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# The Signs in the Church

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❖ The Gospel will be compromised by false teachers

❖ **Matthew 24:23-25** - <sup>23</sup>“Then if anyone tells you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah,’ or ‘There he is,’ don’t believe it. <sup>24</sup>For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform great signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God’s chosen ones. <sup>25</sup>See, I have warned you about this ahead of time

# The Signs in the Church

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**1 Timothy 6:3-5** - <sup>3</sup>Some people may contradict our teaching, but these are the wholesome teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. These teachings promote a godly life. <sup>4</sup>Anyone who teaches something different is arrogant and lacks understanding. Such a person has an unhealthy desire to quibble over the meaning of words. This stirs up arguments ending in jealousy, division, slander, and evil suspicions. <sup>5</sup>These people always cause trouble. Their minds are corrupt, and they have turned their backs on the truth. To them, a show of godliness is just a way to become wealthy.

# The Signs in the Church

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❧ True spirituality will decrease

❧ **1 Timothy 4:1-3** - Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons.

<sup>2</sup> These people are hypocrites and liars, and their consciences are dead. <sup>3</sup> They will say it is wrong to be married and wrong to eat certain foods. But God created those foods to be eaten with thanks by faithful people who know the truth.

# The Signs in the Church

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❖ True spirituality will decrease

❖ **2 Timothy 4:2-4** - <sup>2</sup> Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. <sup>3</sup> For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup> They will reject the truth and chase after myths.

# The Signs in the Church

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- ❖ True spirituality will decrease
- ❖ If sin is not preached about, there is no Gospel being preached.
- ❖ If there is no teaching of sin, there can be no true discipleship

# The Signs in the Church

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❖ The Church WILL fulfill its mission

❖ Matthew 24:14 is probably the only unfulfilled prophecy before we enter the Book of Revelation

# The Signs in the Church

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- ❖ The Church WILL fulfill its mission
- ❖ God's Kingdom is still advancing because Jesus will always have faithful followers to carry out His will.

# The Signs in the Church

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- ❖ This also shows God's great mercy and love to wait until the whole world has heard
- ❖ **2 Peter 3:8-10** - <sup>8</sup> But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment

# The Signs in the Church

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¶ 2 Peter 3:11-13 - <sup>11</sup>Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, <sup>12</sup>looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? <sup>13</sup>Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

# Don't Panic

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❖ Luke 21:9 - And when you hear of wars and insurrections, don't panic. Yes, these things must take place first, but the end won't follow immediately."

❖ Listen, don't panic, don't be afraid, God is always in control and He is always there with and for His people.