



#3 The Biblical Signs that
Christ's Return is Near
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In last week's study we looked at the fact that Christ has promised to return. This study we will examine some of the scriptures that give us clues in world events so we can be prepared for the glorious second Coming of Christ. HINT: Since there are many scriptures perhaps some in your group can look them up in advance and be prepared to read them at the appropriate time in the study

1. READ: James 5:4-8
 - a. What is happening in these verses regarding employers and employees that is a signal that the Lord's return is near?
 - b. Where do you see this happening in our world today?
2. READ: Luke 21:9
 - a. What will happen in the world as a wakeup call to true believers?
3. READ: Luke 21: 25-26
 - a. What are some of the nations of the earth that are in 'anguish and perplexity' (NIV)?
 - b. What do you think the "heavenly bodies will be shaken" could mean?
4. READ: Daniel 2:4
 - a. What examples can you give of the increase in knowledge in this generation?
 - b. How has knowledge increased through the years?
5. READ: 2 Peter 2:3 and 2 Timothy 4:3-4
 - a. In what ways do you see these verses being fulfilled in contemporary society and even among believers or those who attend a church?
6. READ: 2 Timothy 3:1-5
 - a. Since Timothy is writing to believers, what is your reaction to these verses?
 - b. What do you think he means in verse 5?
7. READ: 2 Timothy 3:4
 - a. What examples can you give to support Timothy's claim that in the last days there will be a craving for pleasure?
 - b. In what ways do we live in a world hooked on pleasure?
8. READ: Matthew 24:12, 2 Timothy 3:13, Ezekiel 7:23
 - a. What are the signs of the end times in these verses?
 - b. What are the results of these actions in people's lives?

9. READ: Luke 21:11
 - a. Can you think of some of the great natural disasters that have happened in the last few years? What are a few that stick out in your mind?
 - b. Do you think these disasters are increasing? Yes or No? Please defend your answer.

10. READ: Matthew 24:14
 - a. What will happen before Christ returns?
 - b. How close do you think we are in bringing the gospel to the ends of the earth? Consider the impact of the electronic and digital media and internet in broadcasting the gospel.

11. READ: 1 Timothy 4:1 and Revelation 16:13-14
 - a. In what ways do you see a rise in spiritism in our world?
 - b. How are these verses a warning to believers?

12. READ: Matthew 24:24
 - a. What warning does Jesus give to believers here?
 - b. How can we guard against being deceived?

13. READ: Matthew 24: 32-34
 - a. What example and what warning is given by Jesus?

14. READ: Luke 24:28
 - a. What is the good news here?
 - b. How can we learn not to be frightened by these signs that the bible gives us but learn to rejoice that the Lord is coming again?

PRAYER REQUEST:

Please pray for our new series This Ain't Vegas beginning October 16, that people would be encouraged to take their faith beyond the four walls of our church, their homes...into the market place, the work place and their schools.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT SUNDAY EVENING OCTOBER 16th at 6 PM

We are screening a documentary entitled **18+**

This film follows the life of a thirteen year old boy addicted to pornography. This is a must see film for parents, grandparents, caregivers and those interested in calling on the government to limit access of pornography to children. This film is not suitable for children HOWEVER we are providing childcare so that every adult can avail themselves of this important, disturbing and powerful information.

Do not miss this event!