



IS THE END NEAR?

Msg. 2: The Signs of the Times (Part 1)

I. Introduction: Matthew 24:3-4

A. The Disciples Questions:

1. Verse 3a: When will these things be?
2. Verse 3b: What will be the sign of Your coming?
3. Verse 3c: When is the end of the age?

B. The Admonishment of Jesus:

1. Verse 4: “And Jesus answered and said to them:
_____ that no one
_____ you.”
2. The implication: Jesus’ teaching in Matthew 24-25 was to help the disciples (and us) discern the times.

II. The Signs Of The Times: Matthew 24:5-14

A. Sign #1: _____

1. False Messiah’s in the First Century
2. False Messiah’s in the 20th and 21st Centuries

B. Sign #2: _____ and _____ of wars

1. Verses 6-7a: “And you will hear of wars and rumors of ward. See that you are _____; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom...”
2. Wars among nations have been common place throughout the history of mankind.
 - a. “...This century was the bloodiest in all history...” A Century of War, John V. Denson
 - b. List of wars since 1900

c. Wars yet to come: Ezekiel 37-39

3. Jesus assured His disciples:

- a. War would be _____ among men until His return.
- b. Wars and rumors of wars are _____ the final sign of the end.
- c. As a believer, a child of God, we are to walk in _____ and we are _____ to be _____!

C. Sign #3: _____,

1. Verse 7b: “...And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.”
2. World Catastrophic Events
 - a. Famines: In the 21st Century there has been a _____ increase in recorded famines in the first 9 years when compared to the last two centuries (19th and 20th).
 - b. Pestilences: The World Health Report of 2004 stated in 2002, _____ of all deaths in the world were caused by infectious and parasitic diseases.
 - c. Earthquakes: Natural disasters are on the _____!
3. Verse 8: “All these are the beginning of sorrows.”
 - a. Beginning of Sorrows: _____ - _____
 - b. As birth-pangs increase as the delivery of a baby approaches, so have the signs of the time been _____, as we see the day of Christ’s return drawing nigh.
 - c. The next event in God’s time schedule is the _____ of the church! There is _____ prophecy to be fulfilled before then!
 - d. _____?