

Understanding the Signs of the Times – Week 2



*“But as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD, I wait for God my Savior... **Micah 7:7***

*“I am God, and there is no one like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, ‘My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure’ . . . Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it” **Isaiah 46:9–11***

*“And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh”. **Luke 21:28***

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

*“My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” **John 14:2-3***

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1) Review Week 1

2) God's Timeline

- Creation: God was the originator of all things, including man.
- The Fall of Man: Sometime shortly after creation man chose to disobey God and fell from innocence into sin. Death, disease, and human misery resulted.
- The Flood: Man's iniquity reached such depths that God destroyed all but eight people in the world's greatest cataclysm, the Flood.
- The Life of Christ: Jesus Christ came to die as a divine sacrifice for man's sin, to lift the curse on man and to prepare man for a future state of bliss where he could enjoy the unlimited blessings originally intended for him by his Creator.
- The Church Age – the coming of the Holy Spirit.
- The Second Coming of Christ; The next major event in God's plan for man.

3) Matthew 24 NKJV

Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. ² And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not *one* stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple (70A.D.)

No Jewish rule from 70 A.D to 1948 – became an independent nation for the first time in 2,000 years, but they did not have Jerusalem yet

In 1967 the six day war - Israel had their land and their city as prophecied.

Prophecy fulfilled - The people of Israel had returned to the land again and again, but they never retook all of Jerusalem... not until June 8th, 1967. On this day, Israel not only had the land, but had her holiest city of Jerusalem, for the first time in almost 2000 years. "The Lord says: I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem," -Zechariah 8:3

The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

³ Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”

⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

⁹ “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. ¹⁰ And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. ¹¹ Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. ¹² And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But he who endures to the end shall be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.