

# WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT THE SIGNS BEFORE CHRIST'S RETURN

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## WHEN WILL HE COME?

1. What did Jesus' disciples ask?

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2. Is the date of Jesus' return known?

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3. Are we in darkness regarding the Jesus' coming?

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Matthew 24:3

Matthew 24:36

1 Thessalonians  
5:1-4

## SIGNS THAT ANNOUNCE JESUS' RETURN

4. What signs did Jesus predict?

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5. What will be the prevalent social conditions?

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6. What will be the moral condition of humanity?

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7. What will happen with science?

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8. What signs would be seen in the stars?

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Matthew 24:6, 7

James 5:1-5

2 Timothy 3:1-5

Daniel 12:4

Matthew 24:29

## WHAT MUST I DO?

1. Be aware of the signs of the times.

2. Watch and be prepared.

Luke 21:28-31

Matthew 24:42, 44

**I believe that Jesus will come very soon. I decide to prepare myself to be ready and go with Jesus to the New Earth.**

SIGNATURE

THE FAITH  
OF JESUS

## ▶ ADDITIONAL STUDY ◀

**THE TIME OF HIS ADVENT.** We do not know the exact moment of his coming (Matthew 24:42, 44). Determining the time of his coming is something that only God can do (Acts 1:7). His coming will be surprising (Luke 12:40; 21:34). As a thief in the night (2 Peter 3:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:2). But we are not in darkness because Jesus gave unmistakable signs (Matthew 24:33; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4).

**SIGNS THAT ANNOUNCE JESUS' RETURN.** Rise of immorality (Luke 17:26, 27; Micah 7:1-3). Fear and anguish (Luke 21:25, 26; Matthew 24:21, 22). Natural disasters (Luke 21:11). False christs (Matthew 24:5, 23, 24). Generalized apostasy (Matthew 24:11; 2 Peter 3:3, 4). Preaching of the gospel worldwide (Matthew 24:14).

**PREPARATION FOR JESUS' RETURN.** Waiting and speeding up our preparation (2 Peter 3:12). We have to always be prepared (Luke 12:40) We have to be diligent to be found without spot (2 Peter 3:14).

According to the Holy bible, we do not know the exact day nor hour of Jesus' return. However, just as there were clear prophecies about Jesus' first advent, there are clear signs for the Second Advent. The fulfillment of the signs indicate *the time of the end* and the imminence of Jesus' return.

### Cosmic Signs

- a) **GREAT EARTHQUAKE.** "And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth" (Revelation 6:12, 13). This earthquake happened on November 10, 1755; it destroyed Lisbon and shook Europe and northern Africa.
- b) **DARKENING OF THE SUN.** (Isaiah 24:23; Joel 2:30, 31; Mark 13:24; Matthew 24:29). This extraordinary event happened on May 19, 1780. The day started normally, but midmorning a strange darkness covered a great part of the United States.

The celebrated astronomer Herschel said: "It was a marvelous natural phenomenon, and this story will always be read with great interest and no philosophy will ever be able to explain it."

- c) **FALLING STARS.** (Matthew 24:29; Revelation 6:13). This remarkable sign happened on the night of November 13, 1833. An eyewitness said that the stars fell so abundantly that you could read the newspaper by their light.

### Knowledge Shall Be Increased

Daniel predicted that in the time of the end "knowledge shall be increased" (Daniel 12:4). This clear sign is fulfilled dramatically before our eyes. "Human knowledge doubles every fifteen years, and in less than two generations man has gone from horse-drawn carriages to remote-control missiles".—Billy Graham, *The World Aflame*, p. 225.

### A Glorious Dawn Approaches

The exact fulfillment of the signs announced by Jesus and the prophets indicate to us that the long and devastating night of pain and death will soon come to an end. We can see glimpses of the radiant dawn of the new world offered by Jesus to "all who love his coming".