

## The End of Days? If so, So What?

intro: Beverly Hillbillies clip. The clip showed us in a humorous way about determining legitimate signs of if rain is coming. It is not unlike looking at legitimate signs in determining what is the end of days, and are we in them. In the clip, we saw "signs" that seemed to be there, but for whatever reason was not. BTW, in the end, it rained exactly when Granny said. So, signs of nature won over man's contrived knowledge, which we are not negating value in this altogether.

To be looking at the End of Days, let's begin by looking at what the Scripture names, and then we can evaluate the place of these signs in the modern day. In Matthew 24:3, the people ask Yeshua for a "sign of the end of the world." Yeshua responded, "Take heed that no one deceive you." So, we can see 2 things: 1) He is acknowledging the reality of the "end of the world," which means that it's been "coming" since that time. 2) His response also tells us that it would be easy to be deceived. He goes on to warn us of these signs: arising of false messiahs, (given as sign in I John 2:18), wars and rumours of wars, nation rise against nation, famine pestilence, and earthquakes. (Just for starters). We'll be hated by many for His sake. "Iniquity shall abound; the love of many shall wax cold."

**II Timothy 3:1-5:** lovers of themselves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, and despisers of those that are good. Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof. traitors, high-minded, lovers of pleasure, more than lovers of God. Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

As we look at these signs of the end of the world, we need to keep in mind the principle of a thousand years being like one day to Him. (II Peter 3:8) He goes on to say that the "day of the Lord" (judgment) will come like a "thief in the night."

1. Scoffers will walk after their own lusts. II Peter 3:3
2. The earth shall dissolve.
3. Knowledge shall increase Daniel 12:4
4. Giving heed to "seducing spirits" and "doctrines of devils" I Tim 4:1-2
5. Taking the mark of the beast (Revelation 13:17)
6. **Isaiah 2:3**
7. Zechariah 8:23 "Grab the fringes of a Jew"

8. "The gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world." Matthew 24:14

9. Shall gather the dispersed of Israel from all the earth (Matthew 24:31

a. Revelation 20:8- Gog and Magog

10. Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light and light for darkness. Isaiah 5:20

11. Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes and prudent in their own sight. (Isaiah 5:21)

Luke 17:26 tells us that it will be "like it was in the days of Noah, so it will be in the days of the Son of Man."

Going along with guarding against being deceived, we must evaluate the signs as we might determine, how close we may be in the end of days. How many people have postulated that the "end of days" may be in our lifetime or our children's life time?

**We must think about the probability of being accurate in pinpointing this time, which has been coming for over 2000 years to arriving with the next half to 3/4 of a century. That being said, I have told my children that if it doesn't come in my lifetime, it is likely in theirs. So, on what basis to I make the assertion?**

As a student of history, I reject looking at a sign like "wars and rumours of wars" because that has been present in all ages. Imagine the 100 years war in Europe (between England and France from 1337 to 1453)

Let's consider the signs and if it's been present in many different ages.

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What I believe we look for are things that could not have been present before recent days, and if we find that nearly all of the signs in Scripture to be present at the same time. Let's look at signs present. Mind you that this is only speaking of His coming, not of His messianic range.

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***So, I believe it is safe to conclude, that as our mission quest, from last week proclaims, "Time is short, life is precious, and Jesus is coming soon.."***

So, what makes this a vitally important message?

In Matthew 25, Yeshua is referring to those who did good to others (the least of these) and those who did not, and Yeshua says, "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but

the righteous into life eternal." What is this punishment? It's not Facebook Jail. **Matthew 13:41-42.**

In Matthew 28:19-20, Yeshua commands us to go into all nations, make them followers (baptize them), and teach them to follow all things that He commanded us. In Mark 16, it is added to "preach the gospel to every creature."

James admonishes us in these times to be patient, establish our hearts, as the coming of the Lord is coming. He reminds in **John 16:33:**

Paul reminds us Thessalonians to prove all things; hold fast to what is good? **Reference to Snopes (prove all things).**

**In Luke 17:33,** he reminds us:

Above all may we be vigilant for Him, because Time is short, life is precious, and Yeshua is coming soon.