

## **SIGNS OF THE TIMES**

**(Daniel 12:9)**

**Daniel 12:4, 8-10; Luke 21:5-36** The prophet Daniel was given end time prophecy to write but did not understand them at the time. He was told that the time would come when the WISE would understand but the wicked would not. The Apostles asked Jesus about the end times and He told them but like Daniel they did not fully understand either.

**Daniel 12:9; Luke 21:24** The angel reference to “the time of the end” refers to “the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled” when Jesus was referencing to the end times to His Apostles. Not until the Holy Spirit would fill believers and enlighten them to the scriptures would people begin to understand them.

### **SCOFFERS**

**I Thessalonians 4:13-18; II Peter 3:3-4** The doctrine of the Rapture and Second Coming have been ridiculed for thousands of years. Today many denominations do not believe in the Rapture: Lutherans, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Congregationalists, Methodists, Catholics. Also, many bible teachers such as Hank Hanegraaf (bible answer man) and R. C. Sproul (Ligonier Ministries- Calvinist) do not only disbelieve the Rapture but do not believe in the Tribulation period.

### **APOSTASY**

**II Peter 3:17** **Apostasy-** (defection, departure, rebellion). There is little doubt that the falling away is happening so fast today that it is impossible to keep up with all the 'defections' from bible truth and doctrine. Whole denominations accepting homosexuality in the pew as well as the pulpit. Sin is not preached in most denominations and programs and good times replace bible preaching and teaching.

### **FALSE TEACHERS**

**II Peter 2:1-2; II Timothy 4:3-4** We are living in this time of the end. Today those who go to church do not want to hear about truth, hell, judgment and the destruction of the own family in hell if they do not get born again. Preachers are giving their people false hope and false doctrine every Sunday. Doctrinal standards are not taught to church members so they think everything goes and there is no accountability to God or no reason to be witnesses for Christ to family or other lost people.

### **SPIRITUALISM**

**I Timothy 4:1** Spiritualism is any forms , rituals or attempts to contact the dead. Today more and more “churches” or drawing away true believers with hopes of having different types of “experiences” with the dead or even with the Lord Himself. There are fire rituals, seances, prayers for the dead and different types of praying that will bring 'spiritual' experience to those who dare to participate.

### **PERILOUS TIMES**

**II Timothy 3:1-3** This prophetic verse of scripture speaks volumes of what is happening in our world every day. Our churches are filled with lost members who have every characteristic listed in this one verse. There is so much evil in our world (humanism) even believers are calloused to the affects of it.

### **TREASURE**

**James 5:1-6** What a description we have here of the world today. Selfish people who work and defraud and heap up for themselves riches for toys and pleasure. They resist the cries of the needy of the world. Believers who refuse to support their church and missionaries fall into this category as well.

### **LAODICEAN CHURCH**

**Revelation 3:14-16** One of the last signs of the end times is this picture of the last stage of the professing church. Boasting of their riches and having need of nothing Jesus tells them of their spiritual poverty. Sad to say to a large measure this is what the professing church in America is today.

### **THE FIG TREE SIGN**

**Matthew 24:32-33** This great prophecy of the fig tree is very important to the end times prophecies. The fig tree is symbolic of the nation Israel (**Jer. 8:13; Hos. 9:10**). The reestablishment of the nation in 1948 opened the way for the restoration and re population of Israel. This prophecy speaks of the closing of “the times of the Gentiles” and also the closeness of fulfilling “the signs of the times.”