

IS JESUS COMING SOON (Revelation 3:11)

Mark 13:32-37 In these six verses Jesus gives several commands to His church. He says that we are to be careful, watchful, and prayerful. The servants He speaks to are the church, every person has a specific work to do, and He commands those in charge to watch out for those they are responsible for.

Matthew 24:32-33 As we try to determine how close Jesus coming for His church is, the only prophecy that had to happen in order to be absolutely positive that the end times have started is the re-gathering of the nation of Israel back to their land. Many wonder if they are indeed what Jesus was referring to when He uses the 'fig tree' as an analogy in these verses. If we study **Jeremiah 24** we can see that God uses figs as a picture of Israel throughout this entire chapter.

CURRENT SIGNS OF THE TIMES

II Timothy 3:1-5 No one that is alive today can doubt that we are living in perilous (dangerous) times. Things that were not long ago considered ugly, taboo, and filthy are now considered normal. Homosexuality, adultery, pornography, polygamy, and foul, filthy language are seen on T.V., the internet, movies, in our businesses and politicians, in our neighborhoods and yes, in our churches.

Isaiah 5:20 The warning from Isaiah has gone unheeded to those who will deny the bible and will live only to satisfy the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life.

Genesis 12:3 Anti Semitism is on rise throughout the world once again. Some mainline churches have unwittingly taken to Replacement Theology which is to say that God has replaced Israel with the church. Some churches like the Presbyterian church have turned against taking a stand for Israel and have stopped dealing with any business that is related to Israel or run by Jewish people. They also have sided with the Arabs in their plight against what they say is Israeli occupation of their land.

Matthew 24:7; Luke 21:25 There can be no disputing that over the past twenty years there have been so many natural disasters in the world that it has been unprecedented. Earthquakes, fires, volcanoes, hurricanes, tsunamis, drought, diseases such as cancer, Aids, Ebola, Bird Flue, West Nile, famine, etc. Although there is plenty of food to feed the world we lack the money and politics to do it.

Daniel 2:41-44; 9:27 The book of Daniel is the companion book to Revelation. Daniel unlocks the prophecies in Revelation. The Ten Nations or Kingdoms of **Rev. 17:12-13** will come from what we know today as the European Union. Today the E. U. and the Quartet of Nations (U.S.A., Russia, E.U., and U.N.) have one goal in mind and that has been to bring a lasting peace between Israel and the Arabs. This set up is making the way for the Antichrist to break onto the scene with a peace treaty.

Daniel 7:23-25 During the past several years world leaders such as George Bush Sr., George Bush Jr., President Obama, Pope John Paul, Pope Benedict and many others have spoken to the nations of the world and promoted a coming One World Order. Certainly this is a good sign of Jesus soon coming.

Daniel 12:4 For us to say that "knowledge has increased" during our life time would be the greatest understatement ever stated. In the last fifty years we have gone from dialing the phone and getting an operator to connect us with someone to a society filled with personal computers, I phones for everyone, super sonic planes, space travel, micro waves and every modern device for home and entertainment.

II Timothy 4:1-4 The church is certainly facing a crisis in denying the great commission and not preaching against sin. The new age movement, the purpose driven movement, the seeker sensitive experience movement, and the word of faith name it and claim it movement are all teaching false doctrine to believers and none believers alike and they are falling for it.

Matthew 24:36-39; Luke 17:26-29 Jesus gives warning to the church to be watching for the signs of His coming. Our world, certainly our American church looks at these verses as proof of His soon coming.