# TIMES AND SEASONS Matthew 24:36

The O. T. speaks of nearly 500 prophecies and the N. T. speaks in 1 of every 25 verses about the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Within these prophecies God gives an abudance of signs to be looking for in order to know how soon Jesus will come for His bride.

I Thessalonians 5: 1-6 The scriptures make it clear that no one knows the day or hour Christ will return but it also makes it clear that those who have the Holy Spirit can understand the nature and times that will mark the very soon appearing of our Savior and Lord.

#### SIGNS IN SOCIETY

Matthew 24:37 One of the first signs Jesus spoke of was that of the character of our society. He said that he would return in a time when the world's character was like that of the times of Noah. Genesis 6 describes society in Noah's time as a world full of immorality, evil and violence.

**Luke 17:28-29** Jesus also said that His second coming would happen in a time like Lots era. The cities surrounding Lots life were full of homosexuality and every evil kind of sin imaginable.

II Timothy 3:1-5 Paul tells believers that during the last days before the Lord comes for His church that society would be selfish, evil, immoral, hypocritical, self-reliant and self- religious.

### SIGNS OF TECHNOLOGY

**Daniel 12:4** The bible talks of the last days as being a time that would depend on massive armaments and highly sophisticated communications, scientific technology that would enable world leaders instant access to every person on the planet in order to be able to control the world. We are living in that time! Think of this: in the 20<sup>th</sup> century people began on horseback and ended in rockets to the moon and visiting the stars and planets with technology taking pictures and samples of planets.

**Luke 21:25-26** There is little doubt that Jesus was talking about mans ability to use the powers of nuclear weapons and scientific technology that nations now have that are being held secret from people because of what mankind is now capable of doing to each other.

## SIGNS IN WORLD POLITICS

**Daniel 2:36-41** Daniel prophesied of all the kingdoms of the earth before the Lord would set up His own Kingdom. He told of the Roman Empire being revived and this, as well as every other kingdom before it, began to be reformed in the European Union. Daniel also told of the last ten great nations of the anti-Christ which have already been determined.

Matthew 24:32-33 No prophecy is more important than this one prophecy from Jesus regarding the "fig tree prophecy". (Hosea 9:10) There is no denying that this prophecy is regarding the regathering of the nation of Israel into their own land once again. This happened in 1948 and Jesus said that the generation that sees this happen can be certain that they are in the very last days!

Ezekiel 37: 1-12, 21-22 After speaking of the heathen nations (Ez. 35- 36) that desolate and continue to harass Israel, God tells us through Ezekiel that Israel will be regathered back into their own land.

Ezekiel 38:1-16 The prophet talks of evil times when Muslims and Russia go against Israel.

**Zechariah 12:2-3** In the "end times" the eyes of the world politically and religious wise will be on Israel. Prophecy tells us that all the nations of the world will come against Israel. Are we there yet???

### SPIRITUAL SIGNS

**I Timothy 4:1-2** Paul tells us that in the "latter times" religious activity will switch and focus on Satanism, witchcraft, drugs, feelings, occultism and New Age movements.

**II Timothy 4:3-4** Paul also said that churches would become apostate, denying the blood of Christ, twisting the scriptures, denying the deity of Christ and changing bible doctrine to suit their fancy.