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THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

2nd Session

The prophet Daniel was told by the Lord that many of the Bible's end-time prophecies would remain mysterious in their meaning until the time came for them to be understood (Dan 12:8-9). An indication that we are now living in the final days before the Lord's return is to be found in the fact that we can understand prophecies that have never been understood before. Our understanding is based upon **two factors: Historical developments and technological innovations.**

An example of an historical development is the re-establishment of the nation of Israel on May 14, 1948. The Bible is full of prophecies that the Jews will be re-gathered to their land in the End-Times, right before the return of the Messiah (Isaiah 11:10-12). For almost 2000 years, the Jews were dispersed all over the world, with seemingly no hope of ever existing again as a nation. Because of this dispersion, the prophecies concerning the end-time existence of Israel were not understandable. The same was true of the prophecies (Zechariah 12:1-6 & Luke 21:24) regarding the Jewish reoccupation of Jerusalem that occurred on June 7, 1967.

The book of Revelation contains several examples of prophecies that have never been understood until recently. For example:

1. The Magnitude of the Tribulation Slaughter.

Revelation 6—9 says that one-half of the population of the world will die during the initial Tribulation Judgments (1/4 in the seal judgments and 1/3 of those remaining in the trumpet judgments). Such **carnage** has never been possible through natural means until the development of NUCLEAR WEAPONS in 1945 and intercontinental ballistic missiles in 60's.

2. The Asian Army of 200 Million.

The book of Revelation says an army of 200 million will march across Asia toward Israel during the tribulation (Rev 9:13-16 and 16:12). At the time the book of Revelation was written, the total population of the world was only 200 million. It took until A.D 1650 for the world's population to double in size, reaching 400 million. Since then, unprecedented Population growth took place during the twentieth century because of the development of modern medicine. For example, the first antibiotic, penicillin, was not developed until 1927.

3. The Mark of the Beast.

Revelation 13 also says that the Antichrist will control all buying and selling worldwide through a mark on the right hand or forehead of each person. Such control was never a possibility before the invention of laser and computer technology.

These are only a few examples of **signs and prophecies** that we now understand clearly, indicating that we are living in the season of the Lord's return. The picture of the future in Biblical Prophecy centers on 15 Key predictions, many of which involve signs of Christ's return at the end of Tribulation. Some of these signs/prophecies are already fulfilled, so we are probably very close to the end because the rapture will precede Christ's final return to earth.

THE SIGNS

Please read and search the Scriptures under every item for yourself for greater understanding.

1. The Spread of the Gospel Message and Growth of the Church.(Matthew 16:18; 24:14 and 13:31-32)
2. Increase of Wickedness and the Spread of Evil.(Matthew 24:12; 2-Timothy 3:1-5; 2-Peter 3:3-4 and Jude 17-18)
3. Rise of False Prophets and Apostate Religion.(1-Timothy 4:1; Matthew 24:4-5 & 24; 2-Peter 2:1-3 and 2-Corinthians 11:13-14)
4. Continuation of "the Times of Gentiles".(Luke 21:24; Romans 11:25, Romans 11:1& 5; and Daniel 12:6-7)
5. The Return of Israel to the Promised Land.(Ezekiel 20:34; Ezekiel 37:12 & 14; Ezekiel 37:21; Isaiah 43:5-6 and Amos 9:14)
6. Conflict in the Middle East.(Luke 21: 20 & 22; Ezekiel 38:1-2 &5-6; Joel 3:2,9 and 14)
7. The Rapture of the Church.(John 14:3; Revelation 3:10; 2-Thessalonians 4:16-17; 1-Corinthians 15:51-52 and Revelation 20:4-5)
8. Rise of the Antichrist and the False Prophet.(2-Thessalonians 2:3-4, 8; 1-John 2:22; Revelation 13:1-4; Revelation 13:11-12 & 14-18)
9. The Development of a Global System.(The world of the future will combine a global economy, a world government and a universal religion. Read Revelation 13: 16-17; Rev 13:8; Rev 17:1-18 and Revelation 13:8-12. The global economy is already a reality).
10. Sense of False Peace and Security.(Jeremiah 6:14; 1-Thessalonians 5:2-3)
11. The Judgment in the Tribulation Period.(Daniel 12:1; Zephaniah 1:14-15 &18; Matthew 24:21-22; Jeremiah 30:7; Isaiah 24:1 & 19-20 and revelation 6:16-17)
12. Battle of the Armageddon.(Rev16:16; Isaiah 24:1,6; Isaiah 34:2-3; Zechariah 14:12-13 and Revelation 19:20)
13. Triumphal Return of Christ and His Church.(Luke 21:25-28; Matthew 24:30; Zechariah 14:3-4; Isaiah 63:1 & 304; Joel 3:14-16 and Revelation 19:11-16)
14. The Millennial Kingdom.(Rev 19:20; 20:1-3; 5:10; 20:4-6 and Isaiah 2:2-4)
15. The Great White Throne Judgment. (Revelation 20:7-15)

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