

4. What prophetic message is to reach the entire world before the Jesus returns? Revelation 14:6-7

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*Note: The three angel's message precedes the second coming of Jesus. In fact the three angel's message is what brings about the second coming. The very next thing that happens in Revelation 14 is the second coming of Jesus (see Rev 14:14-16).*

5. Why has Jesus given us these warnings of His coming?  
Matthew 24:33, 44

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*Note: Jesus gave us these signs so that we can be ready for His coming.*

6. How should God's people react to the signs Jesus has given?  
Luke 21:28-31

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7. Should God's people be fearful of the times in which we live? John 14:1-3

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*Note: When you see rising crime, conflict, strife, famines, earthquakes and pestilences, Jesus says, "Let not your heart be troubled." God's message lifts us above what we see and the morning news. Every time we lay a husband or wife to rest, we say in our hearts, "O Jesus, come quickly." We can be hopeful even in the crazy world we live in because Jesus is soon to come.*

TRUE STORY: On May, 23, 1960 in Hilo Hawaii, the sirens began to sound to warn of a coming tidal wave. Many heard the sirens before only to discover that it was a false alarm. Most of the people who were killed ignored the early warning sirens. This tidal wave destroyed 530 buildings and killed 61 in spite of the siren warning system that was established in 1948.

MY CHOICE: I can see that the signs of Matthew 24 are being fulfilled and I want to be ready when Jesus returns?



## Lesson #2 The End of the World

One of the subjects that have been on the minds of people for some time is the end of the world. Movies and radio shows talk about it. What does the Bible say about this important subject?

1. What question did Christ's disciples have for Him? Matthew 24:3

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*Note: According to scripture, the coming of Jesus marks the end of the world. These signs are becoming obvious today. Here are ten signs of Jesus' soon return.*

-Sign #1 False Christ's Matthew 24:4-5

*Note: David Koresh, Marshal Applewhite, Jim Jones, Sun Myung Moon, Louis de Jesus Miranda, and many others have claimed to be Messiahs.*

-Sign #2 International Conflict: Matthew 24:6-7

*Note: In WWI there was 20 Million Deaths. In WWII there were 50 Million Deaths. Here are the countries with Nuclear Weapons Capability 2006: Acknowledged... Britain, China, France, India, Pakistan, Russia, and the United States. Unacknowledged... Israel Seeking... North Korea, Iran, and AL Qaeda. Abandoned... South Africa Belarus, Kazakhstan, Ukraine. There are significant wars/conflicts involving 59 parties in the world today.*

-Signs # 3-5 Famines, Pestilences, and Earthquakes Matthew 24:7

**Famine Note:** Starvation facts: 57 Million die per year. 156 thousand die per day due to starvation. Among today's Population 60% Are malnourished and 20% will end up starving. There are food shortages in 38 Countries

**Pestilence Note:** Does H1N1 Swine Flu, H5N1 Avian Bird Flu, Ecoli Outbreaks, AIDS, Mad Cow Disease, West Nile Virus, and SARS sound familiar? Today these have become household names in the news.

**Earthquake Note:** Notice these statistics from the US Geological Survey, which is the national earthquake information center for major Earthquakes (6.5 or higher) in the world. 1,500's: 1 major earthquake. 1,600's: 1 major earthquake. 1,700's: 2 major earthquakes. 1,800's: 29 major earthquakes. 1,900's: 126 major earthquakes. The last 3.5 years: 176 major earthquakes (compilation date: 03/29/2016) Someone may ask, "Haven't these signs been present in the world since the time of Christ?" Sure they have, but clearly not with the intensity that they occur today (see also Rom 8:22). Earthquake info, <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/eqinthenews/>

-Sign # 6 Increased Violence.

2. With what age did Jesus compare the social conditions of the earth near the end of the world? Matthew 24:12, 37

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3. What was the time of Noah like? Genesis 6:5, 11-12

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*Note: According to the National Center for Policy Analysis there are 10 Million violent crimes committed per year. Children watch an average of three hours of TV a day. By age 12, they have seen over 1,400 murders committed on TV. There are increases of violence 5%, foul language 30%, and sexual content 42%. The media is feeding garbage into our minds.*

-Sign #7 Decrease In Morality 2 Timothy 3:1-4

*Note: The pornography industry is larger than the revenues of the top technology companies combined: Microsoft, Google, Amazon, eBay, Yahoo!, Apple, Netflix and EarthLink. It is bigger than all sports franchises in the U.S combined. It is also brings in more than the combined total revenues than top television broadcasting channels combined such as: ABC, CBS, and NBC. 2006 Worldwide Pornography Revenues brought in \$97.06 Billion.*

*What about divorce rates? Notice this startling statistics on divorce. 1900: 1 divorce per 12 marriages. 1930: 1 divorce per 6 marriages. 1978: 1 divorce per 3 marriages. 2007: 1 divorce per 2 marriages. Today nearly half of all marriages end in divorce.*

-Sign #8 Environmental Pollution Isaiah 51:6

*Note: The World Health Organization estimates that 4.6 million people die each year from causes directly attributable to air pollution. It has been suggested that it is the leading worldwide cause of death and disease, and that it accounts for the deaths of more than 14,000 people daily.*

-Sign #9 Increase In Knowledge Daniel 12:4

*Note: The modes of transportation have dramatically changed over past 100 years. For sixty centuries man could travel no faster than the fastest horse could tow him. It wasn't until the 1700's until the steam locomotive was invented, which sped traveling up a little faster. Now we have automobiles that can go from zero to sixty faster than you can handle. Because of airplanes, trips that used to take months now take hours. Back in the 1700's who would've ever thought that we could go to such places as Mars and the moon?*

*Not only has there been an increase of knowledge in science, there has also been an increase in Bible prophecy knowledge as well. We know more about prophecy today than we ever have. The reason why is simple. Prophecy is being fulfilled right before our very eyes. We can understand prophecy as we see it being fulfilled.*

-Sign #10 Gospel Going To All the World Matthew 24:14

*Note: Today over 1,000 people a day are being baptized around the world. People are hearing the call of God and responding to His loving voice.*