

## When Ye See These Things

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**Luke 21:29-31.** "And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand."

Looking at our world today, how could anyone fail to see the truth of God's Word? In **Matthew 24**, **Mark 13**, and **Luke 21** we see their accounts of the Lord telling what would happen in the last days. Other scriptures also warn of events that will happen in the last days of earth. If we can see them starting to take place, and they are, we should be watching for the Lord's arrival as never before.

I think that it is evident to anyone that wars and rumors of wars are in our days. Some will say, "Oh, there have always been wars." While this is true, the scope of destruction has never been greater than in our day. Small countries in the past were not a threat to world

peace, but now with chemical and nuclear weapons they can pose a great threat. With the suicide bombers, possessed by the devil, killing in the name of religion, there is little peace in our world. This goes along with the saying by Jesus that, "yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service." (**John 16:2**)

**2 Timothy 3:1-4.** "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." That describes today perfectly, doesn't it? Whether you're on the street, in a store, or almost anywhere else, it is easy to see these things in action. No matter what, or how much, people have, few seem to be satisfied, or grateful. In the media, especially on TV, there are more and more attacks on the things of God. Christians are mocked, God is dismissed as a myth, and the Bible is ridiculed as just a man-made book. Only those who are spiritually blind can fail to see the signs that Jesus spoke about.

**2 Thessalonians 2:3** speaks about a "falling away" before the anti-Christ comes. It is here, now, in our day. In years gone by, preachers usually used this verse to point out the decline in church attendance. While this is true, it has another application that is just as true. What is it? It is the falling away from the Word of God. Look at the confusion in our churches today. Instead of being co-workers in the Lord's service, many churches fight other churches. Some teach that it is alright to live in sin; some even approving of things that the Lord said were an abomination. What are they? Same sex marriages, which was, is, and always will be a sin in the eyes of God. Abortion, lying, drunkenness, and everything else that God condemns, is accepted by some who claim to live for God. Changing God's plan of salvation, where a person is to hear, believe, repent, confess, be baptized for the remission of sins, and to live for the Lord, has been changed to just a lip service confession. Man may say that this is alright, but note this, God has not changed his word and never will.

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