

*And if the bugler doesn't sound a clear sound, how will the soldiers know they are being called to battle? 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:8 NLV*

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Prayer Study #213

### **SIGNS OF THE TIMES**

*As He sat upon the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, and James, and John asked Him privately, Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?*

Mark 13:3-4

When is He coming?

*But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels in heaven, but my Father only.* Matthew 24:36

*Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.* Matthew 24:42

*Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.* Matthew 24:44

*And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.* Luke 21:28

### SIGNS OF THE TIME

1. **A Time of Great Deception:** *“For there shall arise false christs and false prophets and shall show great signs and wonders, inasmuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect”* (Matthew 24:24). JESUS Derek Prince was one of the greatest Bible scholars of all time. He once said, “I have frequently commented that one obvious place for the antichrist to arise would be in the Charismatic movement, because most Charismatics seem to think that anything supernatural must be from God. That is not so. Satan is capable of great supernatural signs and wonders.” He also said, “The greatest single danger in this end time is not sickness, nor poverty, nor persecution. It is deception.”
2. **False prophets and false Christs will arise.** *“For many will come in my name, saying, I am Christ and will mislead many”* (Matthew 24:5). *“And many false prophets will arise and will mislead many”* (Matthew 24:11). JESUS

3. **A Great Falling Away:** *“...the love of the great body of people will grow cold because of the multiplied lawlessness and iniquity”* (Matthew 24:12 AMP). JESUS
4. **Persecution of Christians:** *“And ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake, but he that endureth to the end shall be saved”* (Matthew 10:22). *“But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs. Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations on account of my name”* (Matthew 24:8-9). JESUS
5. **Men’s hearts will fail because of fear:** *“And there shall be signs in the sun and in the moon and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring. Men’s hearts failing them for fear and for looking after these things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken”* (Luke 21:26). JESUS
6. **Earthquakes, floods, famines, plagues, diseases will come such as the world has never seen:** *For nations shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in various place”* (Matthew 24:7). JESUS
7. **Wars will increase:** *“But when ye hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified; for these things must first come to pass, but the end is not at once. Then He said unto them, nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom”* (Luke 21:9-10). JESUS
8. **The Gospel will be preached to all nations:** *“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come”* (Matthew 24:14). JESUS
9. **There will be unusual phenomenon in the heavens:** *“And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in the heavens shall be shaken”* (Mark 13:35). JESUS
10. **The days will be like the days of Noah and the days of Lot:** *“And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. And as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; But the same day that Lot went of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed”* (Luke 17:26-30). JESUS
11. **A Great Harvest of Souls at the End of the Age:** *“Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house, and His disciples came*

*unto Him, saying, Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field. He answered and said unto them, He that sows the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world, the good seed are the children of the kingdom, but the tares are the children of the wicked one; the enemy that sows them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so shall it be in the end of the age. The Son of man shall send forth His angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend and them who do iniquity and shall cast them into a furnace of fire; there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear”* (Matthew 13:36-43). JESUS

12. **The Gospel will be watered down with preachers preaching the doctrines of men rather than those of God, such as a Works Gospel that denies the deity of Jesus, a teaching that there are multiple ways to heaven, and an insistence that there is no hell.** *“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly that, in the latter times, some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons”* (1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 4:1). PAUL
13. **Times will be perilous and men will become more and more wicked and godless and turn more and more to things like witchcraft, the occult, the New Age, and Wiccan religions:** *“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, having a form of godliness but denying the power of it; from such turn away”* (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:1-5). PAUL
14. **People will not believe in the signs of the times:** *“Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation”* (2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:3-4). PETER
15. **The nation of Israel will be restored as a political state:** *And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine; they shall also make gardens and eat the fruit of*

- them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall not more be pulled up out of their land, which I have given them, saith the LORD, thy God” (Amos 9:14-15). PROPHEETS*
- 16. The Lord will use His people, especially the Remnant Company, to make His enemies His footstool:** *“The LORD says to my Lord, Sit thou at My right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool” (Psalm 110:1). PROPHEETS*
- 17. People will run to and fro and knowledge will be increased:** *“But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, even to the time of the end; Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased” (Daniel 12:4). PROPHEETS*
- 18. The Spirit will be outpoured on all flesh:** *“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions” (Joel 2:28). PROPHEETS*

### **Redemption Draweth Nigh Gordon Jensen**

Years of time have come and gone since I first heard it told  
How Jesus would come again some day.  
If back then it seemed so real, then I just can't help but feel  
How much closer His coming is today.  
Wars and strife on ev'ry hand, and violence fills our land,  
Still some people doubt He'll come again.  
But the Word of God is true. He'll redeem His chosen few.  
Don't lose hope, soon Christ Jesus will descend.  
Signs of the time are ev'ry where,  
And there's a brand new feeling in the air.  
Keep your eyes upon the Eastern sky.  
Lift up your head. Redemption draweth nigh.