

# THE END TIMES: SIGNS

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## “SIGNS” Signaling the End of the World

**Matthew 24:1-5** As Jesus was leaving the Temple grounds, his disciples pointed out to him the various Temple buildings. <sup>2</sup> But he responded, “Do you see all these buildings? I tell you the truth, they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!” Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives. His disciples came to him privately and said, “Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will signal your return and the end of the world?”<sup>4</sup> Jesus told them, “Don’t let anyone mislead you, <sup>5</sup> for many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah.’ They will deceive many.”

### 1. The “SIGN” of Deception

**1 Timothy 4:1-2** Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons. <sup>2</sup> These people are hypocrites and liars, and their consciences are dead.

- **Know your Bible**

**2 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

- **Test the Spirits**

**1 John 4:1** Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world.

- **Walk in the Spirit**

**Ephesians 5:17-21** Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. <sup>18</sup> Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>19</sup> singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

### 2. The “SIGN” of Wars & Rumors of Wars

**Matthew 24:6-8** And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don’t panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won’t follow immediately. <sup>7</sup> Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. <sup>8</sup> But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.

### 3. ISRAEL: The “SUPER SIGN”

**Ezekiel 37:11-14** Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones represent the people of Israel. They are saying, ‘We have become old, dry bones—all hope is gone. Our nation is finished.’” <sup>12</sup> Therefore, prophesy to them and say, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I will open your graves of exile and cause you to rise again. Then I will bring you back to the land of Israel.’ <sup>13</sup> When this happens, O my people, you will know that I am the LORD. <sup>14</sup> I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live again and return home to your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done what I said. Yes, the LORD has spoken!”

## The "LESSON" of the Fig Tree

**Matthew 24:32-35** "Now learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near. <sup>33</sup> In the same way, when you see all these things, you can know his return is very near, right at the door. <sup>34</sup> I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass from the scene until all these things take place. <sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear.

Memorize 2 Timothy 3:16