

## **Living in the End Times**

Lesson #2  
"Signs of the Times"

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From Lesson # 1

- We are living in the "end times" also known as "The New Testament Era" or "The Messianic Era" or "The Last Days."
- Christ's second coming is a matter of Biblical proclamation.
- Christ's second coming will be a glorious return, a contrast to his first coming.
- Christ's second coming will be sudden and at an unknown time.

### **THE SIGNS**

What is merciful about the fact that our Lord has given us signs and told us about them?

**I. Jesus foretells the fall of Jerusalem (Matthew 24:1-3; Mark 13: 1, 2)**

**II. Jesus points to the signs that warn of the end (Matthew 24:4-14)**

A. False Christs (v. 4,5)

See Acts 5:36,37. Who are modern day examples?

B. Wars and rumors of wars (v. 6,7)

What do you think Jesus meant by..." see to it that you are not alarmed...?"

C. Famines and earthquakes (v. 7,8)

What is the connection between these signs and "the beginnings of birth pains"?

D. Persecution and rejection (v. 9-13)

What kind of persecution do we face today?

“the love of most will grow cold...” Some argue that the opposite of love is not hate but apathy. How has this sign manifested itself today?

Notice Jesus encouragement in v. 13. Why would he place it here?

E. Gospel preached (v. 14)

How has this sign been fulfilled?

All of these signs were fulfilled at the time of the early Christian Church as they are today. What might be God’s purpose in having them appear in every age?