



*From the Administrative Bishop Daniel W. Hampton*

## **SIGNS OF JESUS COMING**

In last month's newsletter I wrote about the second coming of Jesus as – fact or fiction. I believe we proved, by the Word of God that it is a fact He is coming again. Now the question is the same as the disciples asked in Matthew 24:3; what shall be the sign of thy coming? I will endeavor to point out what I believe are some very obvious signs that we have seen and are seeing in our lifetime. By no means are the ones I will mention in this article the only signs of His coming, but they are very identifiable.

The first sign is **Moral Decadence**. The record of Noah's day reads like this: "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved at His heart . . . And God looked upon the earth, and behold it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, the end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold I will destroy them with the earth." (Genesis 6:5, 6, 12 & 13)

Jesus said, "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark. And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be." (Mathew 24:37-39)

The moral decline of this day and the disregard for decency, respect, modesty, righteousness, honesty, integrity, commitment, and good behavior are very obvious signs we are living in the day Jesus described as the days of Noah. The viciousness, abuse and hatred we are facing today may seem to be at an all-time high but the body of Jesus Christ needs to once again declare what Isaiah said,

“And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever.” (Isaiah 32:17) The Psalmist declared, “Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.” (Psalms 85:10)


Another sign is **COSMIC UNREST**. “And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.” (Matthew 24: 6-8)

Look at the devastation which we have seen in the past few weeks and months, everything from hurricanes, flooding, earthquakes, wildfires, famine, and the list could go on and on. The continual threats of war, as well as the wars being fought all around the globe in so many different places are daily broadcast into our homes by the news media. A few weeks ago Las Vegas was like a war zone and who would have thought something like this could happen here in America?



*“What shall be the sign of thy coming..”*

*Matthew 24:3*



It is time for us to do what is recorded in 2 Chronicles 7:14: “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

I will continue this article next month with other signs of the coming of the Lord. I want to encourage you to lift up your head and look for the appearing of our Lord in the clouds of glory. He is coming and the most important thing for each of us is to make sure we are **rapture ready**.

*Are You Ready?*





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22 - 24.....Thanksgiving Holiday - STATE OFFICE CLOSED

December: Scripture – Luke 2:11

1.....Minister & Spouse & NRR Christmas Dinner - Dream Center

18 - Jan 1.....Christmas Holiday - STATE OFFICE CLOSED

January: Scripture – 2 Corinthians 5:15

1.....New Year’s Day - STATE OFFICE CLOSED

15-16.....Prayer Conference - Mountain View Church of God

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