

## DO I REALLY LOVE JESUS IN THESE “LAST DAYS”???

“**THE LAST DAYS**” - a biblical term that speaks of the “LAST” CLOSING, GOD-ORDAINED DAYS leading to the end of this FALLEN world-system; and the beginning of a new age; with Christ REIGNING on earth (Isaiah 11:4-9; Isaiah 2:2; Daniel 9:24) AFTER HIS GLORIOUS RETURN (II Thess. 1:10; Rev. 19:11-16; Psalm 24).

- “**the Last Days**” began with the the FIRST ADVENT (COMING) consisting of the atoning Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ.
- Paul also warned Timothy that “**the Last Days**” (II Timothy 3:1) would be “PERILOUS” (i.e., “hard to put up with”)
- The author of the Book of Hebrews, also considered it “**the Last Days**” when he wrote that epistle.

*“God, having spoken to the fathers long ago in [the voices and writings of] the prophets in many separate revelations, and in many ways, has IN THESE LAST DAYS spoken unto us by His Son ...”*

*—Hebrews 1:1-2 AMP, KJV*

THE BIBLE SAYS A LOT ABOUT “**THE LAST DAYS**”—MOST OF ALL, THAT WE ARE TO BE LOOKING (II Timothy 4:8) FOR **THE IMMINENT RETURN OF CHRIST**. FOR AS JESUS SAID, WE WOULD NOT KNOW THE EXACT “**TIME**” (MOMENT) OF HIS RETURN, BUT WE WOULD, **NONETHELESS**, KNOW WHEN THE “**SEASON**” [OF HIS RETURN] WOULD BE UPON US.

*“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its young shoots become tender and it puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near; so you, too, when you see all THESE THINGS [taking place], know for certain that He is near, right at the door.” —Matthew 24:32-33*

Jesus also told us that we are to read “the Last Days” and the **SIGNS** of His return like a **PREGNANT** woman in increasing labor pains to bring forth a child (In Matthew 24:8, “[the beginning of] **SORROWS**” is the Greek word for “birth pains [in child delivery].” Meaning, just as we know that the child in the womb is coming when the contractions get **MORE INTENSE & MORE FREQUENT**, so we are to know that His return is drawing closer as the **SIGNS** get **MORE INTENSE & MORE FREQUENT**.

So then, what are “**THESE THINGS**” (or “**SIGNS**”) to let us know the “**SEASON**” OF CHRIST’S RETURN is surely upon us?

- 1). Israel becoming a nation again (Ezekiel 37) (fulfilled in 1948 after WWII)
- 2). The building of the **THIRD TEMPLE** in Israel—the very one the Anti-Christ will walk into and **BLASPHEME** (Matt. 24:15; II Thess 2:4; Daniel 9:27), as the Jewish people will **FIRST** be deceived into thinking he is their “long-

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awaited Messiah” (John 5:43) ... (((**PLEASE FOLLOW -  
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PREPARATIONS for building the THIRD TEMPLE**)))

- 3). Exponential increase in wars, rumors of wars, earthquakes, famines, and global diseases (Matthew 24:7-8)
- 4). Increasing conflict between Russia (Magog), Iran (Persia), and Israel, resulting in a WAR (WW III) of unimaginable proportions (Ezekiel 38-39)
- 5). Exponential increase in technology and “The Information Age.” (Daniel 12:4)
- 6). Exponential violence, wickedness, and bloodshed (Matt. 24:37: Gen. 6:5)
- 7). Exponential increase in self-love, narcissism, and sexually immoral pleasure seeking (II Timothy 3:2-4)

### **BUT THAT’S NOT ALL. THERE ARE ALSO LAST DAYS “SIGNS” ABOUT THE CHURCH!**

- 8). The greatest number of people “FALLING AWAY” (II Thess. 2:3) from the faith than ever before (“Falling away” is “THE apostasy” in the Greek)
- 9). A Church characterized by “godly talk” but with NO POWER (II Timothy 3:5)
- 10). A LUKEWARM church (Rev. 3:14-16), where the congregation wants to rule instead of submitting to biblical leadership/eldership (In Revelation 3:14, the word, “**LAODICEA**,” actually means “rule by the congregation” or “**Dictated by the congregation**,” and this same Laodicean church will not want to hear convicting messages, but will rather choose out “smooth messages” (**Isaiah 30:10**) to tickle (entertain) their “itching ears” (II Timothy 4:3)—making it easier for false teachers who will use Jesus to preach for money (II Peter 2:1-3)
- 11). A SLEEPING CHURCH when Jesus returns (Matthew 25:5), and those DOUBTING HIS RETURN like the rest of the non-believing world (II Peter 3:3), and therefore getting sucked into the IGNORANCE IS BLISS “COPING CULTURE” OF THE WORLD (Matt 24:48-49) while OVER-ABSORBED IN THE WORLD’S ALLURING CULTURE (Matt. 24: 38-39)
- 12). **IN SUMMARY, IS IT ANY WONDER JESUS SAID THAT WHEN HE RETURNED, WOULD HE EVEN FIND A “CHRISTIAN FAITH” THAT WAS UNRECOGNIZABLE BY HIM???** (Luke 18:8)

### **HOWEVER....GOD HAS ALWAYS HAD A REMANT OF CLOSE FOLLOWERS.**

- **JOSHUA AND CALEB** - “had another spirit” in contrast to the worldly spirit of fear that was causing the nation of Israel to want to return to Egypt rather than face they giants of the promised land (Numbers 14:24)
- **THE 7,000 WHO HADN’T BOWED TO FALSE GODS** - In the days where Elijah thought he was the only one (I Kings 19:18)
- **THE “FEW NAMES” IN SARDIS** - who were still walking in POWER (Rev. 3:4)