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The Time of the Signs

If we are living in the end-time of man's occupation and misrule of planet earth, what would you expect the "signs of the times" to be? And can you do anything about it?

That master newscaster of all time, Jesus Christ, predicted today's news with uncanny accuracy. Also, through the prophets of Israel he inspired an open window view of those momentous events and conditions that would be signs of the tumultuous end of our age.

by James McBride

We live in that end-time, in the "time of the signs".

Earth's billions, if we have eyes to see, now live in the time when these predicted signs would burst on the world.

Against astronomical odds, all these events - predicted from two to three thousand years ago - will take place together *within a single generation*. A cluster of events that has never happened until now. Only a very few of the following predicted signs have not yet happened.

Can you discern which ones? Keep this list handy and tick them off when you see them take place!

- Increased capacity to make war through technology
- Widespread and horrific bloodshed between and within many nations
- A movement to conformity of religion worldwide, with enforced observance of Sunday and other paganized religious holidays as Christmas, Easter etc
- Gross deviation from Bible teachings
- Appearance of a globally acclaimed religious leader
- Heavy influence from eastern religions, the occult, astrology
- Expectation of peace, with no real peace
- A Jewish State in Palestine
- A peace treaty in the Mid East
- Continuing overt hatred of Jews by Arabs
- Talk of, and then action on, the building of a place for sacrifice in Jerusalem
- The restoration of sacrificial worship in Jerusalem
- Military invasion of Israel by international forces
- Famines due to upset weather, wars, pollution, population pressure
- Large-scale and life-threatening man-made pollution
- Economic decline and megadeaths because of disease
- Destructive natural convulsions: quakes, floods, fires, heat, cold
- Asteroids etc devastating huge areas of the earth
- The moral and economic decline of the Anglo-Saxon nations
- Serious health problems in these nations, including birth defects
- And massive inner-city problems
- Decline in agricultural output
- Massive military defeat of Britain and the USA with over two-thirds of the population dead or exiled
- A mass deportation of Jews from the land of Israel
- Unwise, weak and vacillating leadership in the democracies
- The appearance of a powerful and dynamic leader in Europe

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- The neglect of justice: bad laws, unbalanced judgments, favour to the rich, neglect of lone parents, the sick and the poor
- Decline in civil values and human character
- Disrespect for the elderly, for parents and for the young
- Increased leisure/unemployment
- Notable corruption at all levels of society
- Homosexuality becomes high profile and influential
- Increased criminal activity including murder and assault
- A short-lived union of ten European nations, led by a united Germany, in a military alliance against the Anglo-Saxon nations
- The call for a strong leader to solve massive world problems
- International military co-operation
- A movement towards establishing a world government
- Europe a vast international trading place
- A move towards an economically controlled society worldwide
- The growth of anti-semitism
- Burgeoning scientific development and fast communications
- Civil strife in Eurasia - China, the CIS states, India etc - leading to massive and destructive, possibly nuclear, war there. Accompanied by terrible famine, disease, wild animals on the rampage
- The rise of Islamic militancy and anti-Western sentiment, with a huge federation of Islamic nations, centered in Iran-Iraq
- Many claiming to be a Messiah
- Superficial religiosity without true religious substance
- The ability by mankind to destroy all life on earth
- Spectacular events in the skies diseases affecting domestic animals

Remember! All these events are predicted to occur *within the one generation that sees the return of Jesus Christ to this earth.*

A glance at these predicted situations will make clear that we are surely - *right now* - in the time of the signs prophesied throughout the Scriptures. Most of them are preoccupations of our daily news!

Unprecedented troubles yet lie ahead for the world. And more specifically for those nations descended from the Biblical patriarch Jacob. The near future harbors the "time of Jacob's trouble".

You, too, will be caught up in the coming world holocaust. Now is the time to "get right with God". Now is the time to make sure you will survive the coming "Day of the Lord" and become a part of God's coming Kingdom.

"Seek you the LORD all you humble of the land who do his commands... perhaps you may be hidden in the day of the wrath of the LORD" [Zephaniah 2:3]

Remarkable prophetic odds

Dr. Peter Stoner estimated the odds against just 48 of the 300 or so Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah being fulfilled in one person. He calculated the odds at *1 in 10 to the power 157.*

He calculated that if you were to count at 250/min it would take 190 million years to count a line of electrons one inch long. A cubic inch would take 190m x 190m x 190m years to count. Stoner says that if we took one electron, marked it and stirred it into that one cubic inch, then ask a blind person to find it - his chance of success would be the same as any one man fulfilling even 48 of the 300 Old Testament Messianic prophecies! (Science Speaks, 1958)

The odds against all these prophesied end-time events here listed taking place in one generation is equally great, and equally astonishing. Yet they are taking place before our eyes!

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