

Signs of Jesus' Return

Indications of the Approaching Second Coming

Luke 21:28

***Christians cannot know the day of the Lord's return.
But, we can be alert to the season of His return.***

No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. **Matthew 24:36**

***When someone begins to set the day or the year,
we know they have lost their Biblical perspective.***

When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. **Luke 21:28**

God doesn't pour out His wrath without a warning

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

1 Thessalonians 5:2

But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. **1 Thessalonians 5:4-6**

[Jesus] Read the Spiritual times

- Luke 12:56
- Matthew 16:3

Indications in the World of the Approaching Second Coming of the Lord

1. Intense wickedness in the world

As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.
Matthew 24:37

The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. **Genesis 6:5**

Jesus compares Second Coming—Luke 21:26-29

- Days of Noah
- Sodom and Gomorrah

God hates hands that shed innocent blood. **Proverbs 6:17**

2. Apostasy in Religion

having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.
2 Timothy 3:5

“Woe to you when men call evil good, and good evil.”
Isaiah 5:20

“However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?” **Luke 18:8**

3. Turbulence in nature

“Nation will rise against nation, kingdom against kingdom, there will be famines and earthquakes in various places... all of these are the beginnings of birth pains”
Matthew 24:7

“We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.” **Romans 8:22**

that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. **Romans 8:21**

Indications in Israel of the Approaching Second Coming of the Lord

these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' **Ezekiel 37:11**

1. The Jewish people would be dispersed throughout all the land

Then the LORD will scatter you among all nations, from one end of the earth to the other. There you will worship other gods--gods of wood and stone, which neither you nor your fathers have known. **Deuteronomy 28:64**

Among those nations you will find no repose, no resting place for the sole of your foot. There the LORD will give you an anxious mind, eyes weary with longing, and a despairing heart. **Deuteronomy 28:65**

You will live in constant suspense, filled with dread both night and day, never sure of your life. **Deuteronomy 28:65**

- **Jews despised and persecuted**

"I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. **Genesis 12:2**

I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." **Genesis 12:3**

2. God would preserve the Jews

I am with you and will save you,' declares the LORD. 'Though I completely destroy all the nations among which I scatter you, I will not completely destroy you. I will discipline you but only with justice; **Jeremiah 30:11**

*"This is what the LORD says, he who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar-- the LORD Almighty is his name: **Jeremiah 31:35***

Only if these decrees vanish from my sight," declares the LORD, "will the descendants of Israel ever cease to be a nation before me." **Jeremiah 31:36**

*This is what the LORD says: "Only if the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the earth below be searched out will I reject all the descendants of Israel because of all they have done," declares the LORD. **Jeremiah 31:37***

"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when this city will be rebuilt... The city will never again be uprooted or demolished." Jeremiah 31:38, 40

3. Regathering of the people

"In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the remnant that is left of his people from Assyria, ...Egypt, ...Babylonia, ...from the islands of the sea. Isaiah 11:11

He will raise a banner for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel; he will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth. Isaiah 11:12

"Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved" Romans 11:25, 26

"Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. Ezekiel 36:22

I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD, Ezekiel 36:23

"For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. Ezekiel 36:24

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you Ezekiel 36:25-27

4. The reestablishing of the nation

"Get ready; be prepared, you and all the hordes gathered about you, and take command of them. After many days you will be called to arms. In future years you will invade a land that has recovered from war, whose people were gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate. Ezekiel 38:7-8

The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases. Proverbs 21:1

"Before she goes into labor, she gives birth; before the pains come upon her, she delivers a son. Who has ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Isaiah 66:7-8

5. The restoration of the land

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; Isaiah 35:1

6. The re-occupation of the city of Jerusalem

Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. Luke 21:24

7. The re-focusing of world politics on Palestine

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"Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man." Luke 21:34-36

"Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35

As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. John 9:4

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29