

Series Title:

“The Kingdom Of Heaven Is At Hand”
(A Study of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ)

Sermon Title:

“The Signs Of The Second Coming”
(Part 4)

Sermon Text:

Matthew 24:4-14

Introduction:

- *In verses 4-14 Jesus revealed 6 specific signs that will be characteristic of the world at the time of the Second Coming of Christ:*

Sign #1 - Spiritual Deception *(Matthew 24:4-5; Luke 21:8)*

Sign #2 - International Conflict *(Matthew 24:6-7a)*

- *Daniel 11:40-45; 9:27*

Daniel looks all the way to the end and all he sees a world at war!

- *Zechariah 14:1-5; Revelation 6:7-8; 9:13-21; 13:7-10; 16:12-16*
- **“Such things must happen!”** The onset of wars and the rumors of wars is a necessary step leading to the return of Christ – its just one more **labor pain** that signals the approaching **delivery!**

Sign #3 - Natural Disasters *(Matthew 24:7b-8; Luke 21:11)*

- Taken together, it will seem as if the whole world is literally **disintegrating**, for God will withdraw His **providential mercy**, and He will unleash the full **consequence of sin!**
- *Romans 8:19ff*
- **“famines”** - *Revelation 6:5-8; 8:6-12*
- The combined result is that famine and starvation will dominate the earth on an **unparalleled scale!**
- **“earthquakes”** - The Greek word that is used here is the word from which we get our words **seismic** and **mega!**

- **Revelation 6:12; 11:13; 16:18-20**

- **Luke 21:11**

- **“pestilences”** - The Greek word that is used here means “plagues” or “diseases.”

- Technically, a ‘*pestilence*’ is an outbreak of disease on an epidemic level.

“The whole point of Jesus’ words is that His Second Coming will be preceded by an unprecedented period of seven years of suffering and worldwide travail!”

- **Revelation 16:1-10**

- **“terrors”** - The Greek root word is the word from which we get our English words **phobia, fear**.

- It’s a reference to “**horrible, terrorizing** happenings!”

- **“great signs from heaven”** - Revelation 6:12-17; Luke 21:25-28; Revelation 8:1-9; Joel 2:10, 31; 3:15; Isaiah 13:10

We’re living on a disintegrating, disposable, dying planet!

Conclusion:

- The **crucial question** that is before every one of us today is **not when will all of this happen**, but it’s, **am I ready when it does?**

Matthew 24:6 - “But the end is not yet!”but **it will be soon!**