

HEADLINE NEWS ALERTS – SIGNS OF THE TIMES FROM THE BIBLE

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In this series, we will be looking at Bible prophecy's pertaining to the end times and the second coming of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. We will discover that the Bible is just as current as the daily news, even more so. I hope they will be a blessing. Please feel free to print and share them with your friends.

While we cannot, nor will we even attempt to place an exact time on the Lord's return; we can however heed the words of Christ Himself: *"So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors"* (Matthew 24:33).

1) HEADLINE FROM THE BIBLE: We Now Have The Technology To Institute The Mark Of The Beast.

"And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." Revelation 13:17

We know from Revelation 13 that all those refusing the mark of the beast will not be able to buy or sell. Even the staples of life such as grocery's, gasoline, car and mortgage payments, rent, utilities – will not be possible without this mark.

How could this happen? In order to keep people from buying and selling, there would have to be a cashless form of electronic currency. With such a system established, banks could easily freeze the funds of any person refusing to participate in this program simply with the tap of a key stroke on a computer. In the past this would have been impossible, but now the technology is available to enforce this today.

Think about it – already most people use credit and debit cards instead of cash. Very seldom will you find a merchant who lacks the ability to process plastic. The Mark of the Beast will require some sort of mark or chip implanted in the hand or forehead; most likely readable with some sort of scanner. It is quite possible cash, along with all forms of credit/debit cards, will become obsolete. You will simply have all that information contained in this one mark, or implanted chip

Moreover, upon implantation of this chip, theft will become a thing of the past. There will be no more stolen, or losing of one's money or credit/debit cards. Do you see how attractive this form of electronic currency will be?

Be that is it may, there is a definite downside to this. Not only will this chip allow you access to your bank accounts, the same technology exists to use it as a 'tracking device'. Everywhere you go the United States government (or possibly a one-world-government) will be able to locate you simply by searching on a GPS signal. If you have a 'smart phone' you already can be tracked. Animals are implanted with a

similar device which stores information in the event they are lost. Sound foolish?...the Bible says it will happen. This is one of many signs pertaining to the end times. *“And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh”* (Luke 21:28).

2) HEADLINE FROM THE BIBLE - Earthquakes in Diverse Places

“.....and earthquakes in divers places.” Matthew 24:7

One of the increasing signs indicating the end times is both the magnitude and frequency of earthquakes world-wide. In the year 2000 for example, there were 1505 recorded earthquakes of 5.0 to 9.9 magnitudes. In contrast, for the year 2011 there were 2494 – almost 1000 more 11 years later. Interestingly, between 1890 and 1900 there was only one recorded major earthquake around the globe. Seismic events occur at an alarming frequency around the world on a daily basis – the earth is undergoing seismic changes unparalleled in history.

The property damage and loss of life from these events is absolutely alarming. In 2010, approximately 316,000 people lost their lives in an earthquake of 7.0 magnitudes in Haiti. Likewise, in Japan 2011, 15,000 were killed resulting from the combination of an earthquake and tsunami. On a lesser degree with fortunately no loss of life and little damage; places that normally don't have significant earthquakes such as Kentucky and Tennessee have had recent activity.

Jesus warned of an increase in seismic events occurring just prior to His return to earth. Are you ready for His return? The signs certainly are in favor of the Lord's reappearance. *“And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh”* (Luke 21:28).

3) HEADLINE FROM THE BIBLE – Pestilence

“...and pestilences.” Matthew 24:7

“Pestilence” is defined as a contagious or infectious epidemic disease that is virulent and devastating (Marriam – Webster).

Infectious diseases have been around since the dawn of history. In Western Europe, 1347 – 51, the Black Plague killed about half the population as it spread throughout Europe. Carried by rats and fleas, the Black Plague got its name because of the black splotches on the victims' bodies. Later, in 1918 – 19, the Influenza killed more than 20,000 worldwide. Most people died of this pestilence due to the lack of medication, which developed into pneumonia.

A more recent and on-going disease is that of AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). This terrible pestilence began in the 1970's and continues to the present. Aids destroy the immune system which disables the body's ability to fight sickness.

According to Aids.gov, gays and bisexual men are the most severely infected with HIV and 1 in 5 people who have it are not aware they are infected. Since the first reported instance of an HIV infection in 1981, 1.7 million people have been estimated to have been infected with HIV. As of 2012, it is estimated that approximately 1.9 million people have died of this dreadful disease.

In addition to the AIDS epidemic, there is the H1N1 swine-flu virus, SARS, TB, Hantavirus, Hepatitis, Mad Cow and Chronic Wasting disease, Ebola nad West Nile virus, Malaria, Meningitis and Encephalitis, Foot and Mouth disease and Dengue Fever to Common Influenza, Locusts, Designer Viruses, Insect and Water-Borne diseases, human engineered plagues and antibiotic resistant superbugs.

In addition, cancer kills about 160,000 every year! Our sources of food become more and more tainted with illness causing bacteria. New strains of 'super bugs' are appearing out of nowhere to threaten the entire human race. The list goes on and on, but the all-important fact is – we are seeing the rise of viral, infectious diseases worldwide. Without a doubt, pestilence is one of the signs Christ foretold shadowing the end times.

4) HEADLINE FROM THE BIBLE – Stressful Times

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.” II Timothy 3:1

The word “perilous” denotes a time of great suffering – a time when people's lives will be filled with excessive stress. No other time in the history of mankind has there ever been a more stressful time to live in. People are losing their jobs, homes, and other personal properties. Families are being torn apart by the enemy – ripped from the fabric of morality and decency. Husbands are leaving their wives for 'greener pastures', and visa-versa. Dads and Moms forsake their children, lending too much time to advance their careers. Children are facing peer pressure at school leading to withdrawal and suicide.

Likewise, our nation teeters on the brink of ciao as elected officials fight over a plan to save us from economic collapse. Immorality is rampant and slithering into every facet of life. Ethical considerations have been cast aside for the 'politically correct'. Mass murder of the unborn has been legalized on the grounds of 'choice'.

Moreover, the very Christian foundations which made this nation great are crumbling underneath our feet. The constitution is being attacked and deemed outdated. The Ten Commandments are being stripped from the walls of government buildings. 'In God we Trust' is undergoing a dramatic and shameful erasing. Socialism and Communistic values are being freely introduced as our freedoms are being confiscated. What was right is becoming wrong – what was wrong is becoming right! Perilous times aren't knocking at our doors; they have moved in and made themselves at home!

As a result of these perilous times, one fourth of all drugs dispensed in the United States are antidepressants, anti-anxiety, or tranquilizers! Stress has a direct correlation to drugs, alcohol abuse, obesity, smoking, and suicide. Consequently, stress contributes to heart disease, high blood pressure, strokes, and other illnesses.

We are indeed living in “perilous” times! Stress and anxiety affects at least 75% of the general population to some degree according to the National Health Interview Survey. At least half of those affected have symptoms of moderate to severe stress related occurrences.

So what can we do as Christians? We can stay close to the Lord, saturate our hearts and minds with His Word, pray without ceasing, and keep our eyes trained on the skies – for our redemption draws very near!

5) HEADLINE FROM THE BIBLE – Knowledge Shall Increase

“...even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.” - Daniel 12:4

For the past 150 years, general knowledge has increased dramatically. Billy Graham was quoted as saying, "ninety percent of all the engineers and scientists who have ever lived are alive today." Air travel, space travel, DNA research and human cloning are all examples of the rapid increase in knowledge in our generation. Advances in medical research and development have seen rapid growth. The treatment of sickness' and diseases has increased the life span of human existence.

During the past 50 years, technology has exploded like a super nova! The introduction of the computer age has literally changed and plotted the direction of the world. Practically every facet of our lives is run and controlled by 'electronic brains'. Almost every household has at least one computer connected to the internet. The knowledge of the entire world is available with the tap of a few key strokes. Our automobiles, trains, planes, satellites, cell phones, medical devices, and bank transactions are controlled by the technology of the CPU unit. Knowledge and advancement of electronic technology continues at supersonic speeds.

In addition to an increase in world knowledge, Daniel foretold of an intensification of Biblical knowledge, *"But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase"* (Daniel 12:4). In the past, God has kept certain prophetic knowledge “sealed up” as a secret. When the prophecies of end time events were given to the prophet Daniel, no one understood the rise and fall of empires foretold in the book bearing his name. Books such as Revelation were enigmatic predictions of things yet to come. Up until fairly recently, people could not understand many of the mysteries of the Scriptures, but now God has opened our eyes to the wonders of coming events. They are literally occurring before our eyes!

One of the signs of the end times is an increase of knowledge – both world and Biblical knowledge. We are witnessing both of them on a daily basis. That means our Savior is poised to return anytime! Are you ready? Have you placed your trust in the only person who can save you from God's wrath to come?

6) HEADLINE FROM THE BIBLE – People Shall Be Lovers Of Themselves

"...This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." - 2 Timothy 3:1-5

These five verses of prophecy would certainly be current in today's newspapers, even though they were written over 2000 years ago. Perhaps there is no passage of Scripture anywhere in the Bible that more accurately describes the current condition of our world. For the sake of space, I've divided this lesson over the course of three days.

1) *"lovers of their own selves"* – The Greek language carries the connotation of one that is 'selfish' – someone who is self-centered and has no regard for the welfare of anyone else. Our modern terminology would be 'it's all about me' – 'get all you can, and can all you get'. It doesn't matter how, or who you have to step on to get what you want.

2) *"covetous"* – Lovers of money and great wealth – laying up treasures on earth instead of laying up eternal treasures in Heaven. While wealth and riches is not a sin in and of its self, the 'love' of money is.

3) *"boasters"* – Placing value on oneself above that of others. 'Look at me, I'm better than you are' mentality. Christ exhorts us to esteem others better than ourselves.

4) *"proud"* – To make a 'show' of oneself. I don't need God – look at what I have done! Pride was the original sin of Lucifer. He was lifted up with pride and deemed himself superior to his Creator. As a result, he was banished from Heaven. In like manner, God will bring down the heart and soul that is lifted in pride.

5) *"blasphemers"* – Blasphemy is saying injurious things about someone in an attempt to cause them harm. When referring to God, it means to speak irreverently against His person, attributes, or nature. Today we hear God's name taken in vain – used as a common curse word. God is scoffed at and mocked with no sense of conviction, but His patience will not last forever. He will judge blasphemers at the appointed time. "Thou shalt not use the Lord's name in vain."

6) *"disobedient to parents"* – To be disobedient to ones parents is to withhold honor and respect. The generation we have raised since we allowed prayer and the Bible to be removed from our schools and society, are without doubt the vilest and disrespectful generation of all time – an ungodly and pleasure induced offspring.

7) *“unthankful”* – Perhaps one of the greatest misfortunes of the age in which we live is that of unthankfulness, even among God’s people. We are swift to use God as a form of ‘material Santa Claus’, but seldom give thanks for His blessings. So often we approach God only when we are in trouble and need His assistance, rather than giving Him thanks for blessings He provides us every day. For every prayer of need, we should offer ten prayers of thanksgiving. The moment our heads rest on our pillows at night we should be thanking Him for the blessings of the day and a warm bed to lie in.

8) *“unholy”* – Having no reverence toward God and His ways. One who shows no respect and cares nothing for the holiness of the Lord. *“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind”* (Matthew 22:37).

9) *“without natural affection”* – According to the Greek language used here, this refers to a lack of loving affection toward ones children. This can be exhibited by allowing them to do anything they desire, rather than providing correction in a firm, but loving manner. Parents today simply aren’t doing their children a favor by neglecting affectionate love – both positive affirmation and correction.

10) *“trucebreakers”* – This refers to those who go back on their word. They agree to certain terms, but refuse to abide by their contracts, both written and oral. Sadly, we see this epitomized in governmental leaders. Long past are the days when ones word and a handshake were all that was required to form a binding agreement between two parties!

11) *“false accusers”* – The word ‘slanderer’ is often used for the Greek word rendered ‘false accusers’. It means to say and do things toward others in an attempt to cause them harm, destroy their character, and bring unwarranted reproach upon them. Satan is the “accuser of the brethren, thus enticing God’s people to do the same. No one, especially God’s children, should take part in destroying someone’s character simply to advance their own.

12) *“incontinent”* – Those who lack restraint or abstinence, especially in the area of sexual activity. This denotes a person who indulges in lasciviousness and immoral desires and exercises no control over their actions. It also refers to those who allow themselves to over indulge – such as drunkenness and gluttony.

13) *“fierce”* – Refers to one who is ungentle, harsh, severe. True Christianity produces a meek and gentle person, but the world produces brawlers, people of cruel and hateful dispositions.

14) *“despisers of those that are good”* – Never before has there been more disdain and malice toward Christians, especially those diligently striving to live according to godly principles and do that which is right. To the wicked haters of God, the Lords people have become a by-word – an offence and plague among humanity. Every time you turn on the news, someone is attacking and belittling the Christian faith. However, Christians will soon be a group of the past; for they shall be called out of this world in the rapture to meet their Lord and Savior in the air. *“Then we which are alive and remain shall be*

caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thessalonians 4:17).

15) *"traitors"* – Those who turn and betray their country, family and friends. It's almost impossible to find someone trustworthy – someone who will not 'stab you in the back' when your back is turned.

16) *"heady"* – Means someone who is reckless, hasty and irresponsible in their actions without giving thought to their outcome. The old adage 'engage brain before speaking' would apply here!

17) *"high-minded"* – Literally someone who is 'lifted up with pride'; such was the case when Satan's prideful heart tried to rise above the Sovereignty of the Almighty – "I will ascend above the clouds and be God". Pride, coupled with jealousy was the original sins bringing chaos into God's perfect world. The Lord abhors pride and gives many warnings of its consequences.

18) *"lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God"* – This sign of the end times is perhaps the most prevalent in our society. People are insanely given over to the philosophy: 'if it feels good, do it'. The Greek language conveys primarily those who indulge freely in the area of sexual gratification. Rather than a pure love for God and His principles, they delight themselves in carnal and unholy lusts. All forms of deviant desires born of evil hearts, void of holiness and constraint, are practiced in our present society. Things so wicked, vile and evil; it is an embarrassment just to speak of them.

19) *"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."* – Many people claim to have Christ in their lives, but their soul is black as coal with sin and iniquity. They go about proclaiming to be saved, but have no resident Savior in their hearts. These are those who will hear the sad words of Christ at the Great White Throne Judgment: *"Depart from me, I never knew you."*

We are given a solemn warning about such individuals who repeatedly practice the sins listed in 2 Timothy 3:1-5, *"from such turn away"*. Do not under any circumstances keep company with these wolves in sheep's clothing. Flee from their presence and never partake of their wickedness. They are a bad influence and God's judgment is their final destiny.

As we have seen, 2 Timothy 1-5 reads like a contemporary headline in our daily newspapers. It was written over 2000 years ago as a warning of signs pointing to end time events and the second coming of Christ.

7) HEADLINE FROM THE BIBLE – Wars And Rumors Of Wars

"...And ye shall hear of wars and rumours 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" (Matthew 24:6-7).

Wars and rumors of wars have been a part of history since the dawn of time. Since Cain killed his brother Abel in a jealous rage, blood shed has stained the soil upon which we walk. What's significant,

however; is during the last 100 years we have seen a dramatic change in the frequency, duration, and intensity of wars.

Some of the major wars include: 1) WW1 (1917-1918), 2) WW2 (1941-1945), 3) Korea War (1950-1953), 4) Vietnam War (1961-1975), 5) Operation Urgent Fury-Grenada (1983), 6) Operation Just Cause-Panama (1989), 7) Operation Desert Storm-Iraq (January/February 1991), 8) Operation Restore Hope-Somalia (1993), 9) Operations in Europe-Kosovo/Bosnia (1995), 10) Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan (2001-present), 11) Operation Iraqi Freedom-Iraq (2003-present).

In addition, there are lesser skirmishes occurring on a daily basis all around the globe. Places like Libya, Yemen, Syria, Israel/Gaza Strip, Nigeria, Mexico, Afghanistan, Sudan, Somalia, Dagestan, Iraq, Philippines, and Egypt are in constant fighting's, both among themselves and within each other.

Moreover, we have the threat of nuclear and chemical war threats from Iran, North Korea, Russia and China. Even the United States has a tremendous nuclear capability in the event of WWII.

Jesus was standing on the Mt. of Olives speaking to His disciples when he said, "...ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars"...." For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom". Audrey and I have personally stood upon this Mountain where Jesus delivered these words. He likened the rise in wars and rumors of wars to a woman having birth pains – the more frequent and intense the pains, the closer to the actual birth. In like manner, Jesus was teaching the more frequent and intensity of wars, the closer we are to His return.

All the wars to date are precursor to the ultimate war of all wars – the one that will be fought in the Megiddo Valley located within Israel. This will be a grand finale of all nations and kingdoms going against God – good versus evil, God against Satan. Listen to the words of Revelation 20:7-10,

"And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."

Again, Audrey and I have stood upon the Mountain of Megiddo and looked over this vast valley where many wars have occurred in the past. It is a land saturated with blood, but nothing compared to the blood shed soon to occur there. The Bible says the blood will run as deep as the horses bridle as all the nations of the world gather against God and His anointed during the great and final battle of Armageddon.

Wars and rumor of wars, coupled with the other signs of the end times, certainly place us very close to the second coming of Christ. The rapture of the Church could be at any second. Are you ready? Let us

keep our eyes on the happenings occurring in our world, for the Lord's return is at hand and is nearer than we first believed!

8) HEADLINE FROM THE BIBLE – An Increase In Sin

"...And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold" (Matthew 24:12).

It seems almost foolish to bring up this self-evident sign of the end times, but sin has exploded to monumental proportions. Just take a look around you. What do you see? Wicked and evil things are occurring everywhere on a daily basis – things that would not have been spoken of in public 50 years ago are commonly accepted by society and happening without shame. Turn on the TV and you have an electronic pipeline of wickedness and debauchery! Every wicked imagination of the heart is broadcast in prime time and in HD quality to anyone regardless of age! Now before you crucify me, let me just confess; I have two TV's in my own home. There are a lot of good programs, but there are even more on the naughty list – some are simply disgusting!

So what has happened to our morals? Why the eager embracing of sin? I believe the contemporary acceptance of depravity stems from this element; we have 'glamorized' it! For examples: Abortion is now called 'a woman's right to choose', homosexuality is now 'an alternate lifestyle', and violence is now blamed on 'a negative childhood experience or bipolar disorder'. Moreover, hate is now 'free speech', greed has become 'free enterprise', and 'slothfulness' is rewarded with government handouts.

Over time, we have re-labeled sin into an attractive and non-offensive package. God forbid we should offend someone on the premises of boldly expounding the Scriptures! To reprove, rebuke, and exhort would not be 'politically correct'! But the fact remains, we can put a pink tutu on a skunk, but it doesn't transform it into something that doesn't stink! Sin is still sin and is a putrefying stench in the nostrils of a Holy God!

Let me put it another way, sin is so bad it was solely responsible for nailing Jesus Christ to the cross! Greed, lying, lust, infidelity, idolatry, and a multitude of other depravities are why our Savior suffered the shame and humility at Calvary. Jesus Christ allowed His blood to be shed for the remission of our sins, yet we have changed sin into something 'less offensive' and transformed it into something desirable.

Our world has progressed into a cauldron filled with all sorts of iniquities, a sure sign of the end times and the second coming of Christ. *"And when you see these things come to pass, look up, for your redemption draweth nigh"!*

Dear Lord, even though the increase of sin is a sign of the end times, let us strive to live holy and acceptable in your sight. Let us lay aside the sin(s) that so easily causes us to wander from the path of righteousness and run with patience the race set before us until we cross the finish line and hear you say, *"Well done thy good and faithful servant – welcome home"!* In Jesus name, your son, Pastor Greg.

Have you received Jesus as your Savior and accepted His payment for your sins on the cross? According to the Scriptures, the only way possible to see God and go to Heaven is through His Son, Jesus Christ. The Bible says, "There is none other name given among men whereby we can be saved."

9) HEADLINE FROM THE BIBLE – Increase Of False Christ's And Prophets

History records the rise and fall of many false Christ's and Prophets, but nothing to the extent of the vast number who have emerged in the last 50 years. Most everyone remembers people like Jim Jones and David Koresh. Then there is the 'Heaven's Gate', and the 'People's Temple' cults which led almost 1000 people to their deaths in Guyana in false hopes of eternal bliss.

In addition, there are many New Age cults, Psychics, and Satanic cults hard at work proclaiming to be 'the way' to eternal life deceiving many. Even here in Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg, Tennessee; there are Fortune Tellers, Palm readers and Spiritualist preying upon tourist – people who claim to be 'spiritually enlightened and able to tap into the spiritual realm. Main stream religions like Buddhism, Mahommedanism, Hinduism, and Zoroastrianism, abound around the globe leading many astray.

Moreover, many of our Christian pulpits are frequented with "wolves in sheep's clothing" preaching "another gospel" to their naïve congregations! They expound messages filled with love, happiness, health and wealth, but void of the true Gospel of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Blind leaders of the blind!

This leaves us with the question: 'Why are so many people being led astray with every false doctrine and prophet that comes along?' For the most part, it's because people have left the truth – that of the Written Word of God! The Bible is THE source of certainty, and whenever we stray from its guidelines for our lives, we begin down paths of destruction. The same principal applies to families and our nation!

In conclusion, all religious cults' and man-made sects around the world are precursors to the time when Satan will set himself up in the rebuilt temple and claim to be God during the Tribulation Period. This will be the ultimate deception and will cause many to worship and bow before his idolatrous image. According to the vast number of signs coming to pass pointing to the end times, Satan will soon assume this role as the fake Christ.

10) HEADLINE FROM THE BIBLE – Hatred And Discrimination Against Christians

"Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another." – Matthew 24:9-10

One of the end-time signs is an intense hatred and discrimination toward Christians and their faith. If there were no other signs recorded in the Scriptures concerning the end times, this sign alone would be more than adequate to inform us we are very near.

During this final age we are living in, there is a hard-fought campaign being waged against those who claim the name of Christ. Propaganda from news sources, hate groups, and political rhetoric demote those who fly the banner of Christ. Christian morals and values are considered old fashion, irrelevant and out dated – after all, they surmise; there is no room for ideals rooted in ancient fairy tales and folklore.

Secularism – the rejection of all religious faith and worship through a secular, political and social philosophy – downplays and attacks Christianity in three ways:

1) Secularism denies our Judeo-Christian heritages and rewrites our historical records. While it was not the intentions of our forefathers to establish a national religion, there is no shortage of historical documentation showing that America was founded on Judeo-Christian principles. Yet there are those who deny this fact and attempt to rewrite historical records.

For example, look at the textbooks on American History used in our schools today. References about God and Christian principles have been removed. All expressions of faith made by our founding fathers are now forbidden to be taught. At the expense of truth, secularism has rewritten our history books to meet their own irreligious agenda.

2) Secularism claims that Christians are in violation of the Constitution. Everyone has heard of the statement, ‘Separation of Church and State’ – an invisible wall erected between the government and religion. However, there is no such provision in any of America’s founding documents. The only such document with a reference to the separation of Church and State was found in Jefferson’s letters. In it, there is no exclusion of religion ‘from’ the government, but rather; the protection of religion from the ‘interference’ of government. Thus we see secularism making a bold attempt at declaring Christians are in violation of the Constitution.

3) Secularism harass’, downgrades, criticizes, and embarrass’ Christians in an attempt to silence them. The Bible teaches that Christians (true followers of Christ) are the ‘light of the world’. They are filled with the Holy Spirit of God and the love of Christ emanates from their lives; thus dispelling sin and darkness which is both enjoyed and embraced by the world. As we live holy and pure lives, the evil and vile deeds of the wicked are revealed – something the secularist cannot tolerate or consent to.

One of the many signs of the end times is the hatred and opposition to Christians. We are called ‘bigots’ when we exercise our right to disclose our faith. We are deemed ‘narrow minded’ and ‘intolerant’ if we oppose sin and wickedness. We are labeled ‘ignorant’ because of our Judeo-Christian beliefs. We are now labeled, ‘the right wingers’, ‘the far right’, ‘the extreme right’, ‘the Christian right’ – all attempts by secularism to demoralize, and minoritize God’s people!

In conclusion: God's children – those who have applied the blood of Christ to their hearts by faith – are soon to be raptured out to meet the Lord in the air. We will be going to a place far removed from the wicked devises of secularism and the perpetrator behind it all, Satan. The question is, 'are you ready to meet Jesus?' The signs of the times are shouting the warnings – the end times are upon us and the coming of the Lord is at hand!