

## THINGS TO COME

Matthew 24

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**Bible prophecy helps us understand that things aren't falling \_\_\_\_\_, they are falling \_\_\_\_\_**

*For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';*  
- Isaiah 46:9-10 (NASB95)

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us to \_\_\_\_\_ (v.4)  
**A big theme of the end times:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one **deceives** you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will **deceive** many - Matthew 24:4-5 (NIV)*

*...many false prophets will appear and **deceive** many people.*  
- Matthew 24:11 (NIV)

*For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to **deceive** even the elect — if that were possible.*  
- Matthew 24:24 (NIV)

*(Paul) But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times (the last times, DRB) some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to **deceitful** spirits and doctrines of demons, - 1 Timothy 4:1 (NASB95)*

*And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy **merchants** were the **great men** (tycoons, NET) of the earth; for by thy **sorceries** (pharmakeia) were all nations **deceived**.*  
- Revelation 18:23 (KJV)

**Sorceries:** *pharmakeia* - medication ("pharmacy"), i.e., (by extension) magic (literally or figuratively) (Strong's)

(v.7)

*For nation (ethnos) shall rise against nation (ethnos), and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines (limoi), and pestilences (loimoi), and earthquakes (seismos), in divers places.*  
- Matthew 24:7 (KJV)

**Pestilences:** *loimoi* - plague (literally, the disease) (Strong's)

(vv.5-8)

**These things are not the sign of the end, but will increase exponentially as we get closer to the end of the age**

**What is the sign of His coming and the end of the age?**

*...and you will come up against **My people Israel** like a cloud to cover the land. It will come about in **the last days** that I shall bring you **against My land**, - Ezekiel 38:16 (NASB77)*

*Then it will happen on that day that the Lord Will again recover the second time **with His hand** The **remnant** of His people (Israel), who will **remain**, From Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar (Iraq), Hamath, And from the islands of the sea (continents). And **He** will lift up a standard for the nations, And will assemble the banished ones of Israel, And will gather the dispersed of Judah From the **four corners of the earth**. - Isaiah 11:11-12 (NASB77)*

**The Sign of His Coming:** \_\_\_\_\_ becomes a \_\_\_\_\_ again  
*Now learn the parable from the fig tree (Hosea 9:10): when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, **right at the door**.*  
- Matthew 24:32-33 (NASB95)

**Just Like the Days of Noah: (Genesis 6)**

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

**Business as \_\_\_\_\_ in an \_\_\_\_\_ time (v.38)**

**Only a few would \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**