

THINGS TO COME
Matthew 24
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Bible Prophecy helps us understand that things aren't falling _____, they are falling into _____

But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet to warn the people and the sword comes and takes someone's life, that person's life will be taken because of their sin, but I will hold the watchman accountable for their blood.'
- Ezekiel 33:6 (NIV)

Jesus _____ us to _____ (v.4)

A major theme of the last days is _____ (vv.4-5)
...and many false prophets will appear and deceive many (mostly [OTESD]) people. - Matthew 24:11 (NIV)

*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)*

(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)

*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)*

The Sign of His Coming: Israel becomes a _____ again
Matthew 24:32-36, Isaiah 11:11-12, Ezekiel 36-37, Book of Revelation

The hope in the birth pains is _____ (vv.40-42)
(Jesus) I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left. - Luke 17:34-35 (NIV)

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)

*...and the earth was filled with violence (hamas)
- Genesis 6:11 (NASB)*

Violence: *ομη* *hāmas* - a primitive root; to be violent (OTESD)

You must understand this: In the last days there will be violent (chalepos) periods of time. - 2 Timothy 3:1-2 (GWT)

Violent: *chalepos* - violent, fierce, difficult, grievous (CWSB)

*Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up (harpazo [Greek] rapiemur [Latin Vulgate]) together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.
-1 Thessalonians 4:17-18 (NASB95)*