

“Knowledge” Sign (Dan. 12:4)

Today we are witnessing “an epidemic of human inventiveness”. Man has made more spectacular advances in science, invention, medicine, transportation, communication, and in almost all other areas of knowledge in the past century, than in all previous centuries put together!

“Speed” Sign (Dan. 12:4)

Never in all history was there such an unparalleled “running to and fro” as there is today. Never were there such amazing facilities for rapid and easy travel. Never was there such an obsession with speed. Never were such fantastic speeds achieved, or dreamed of.

“Perilous Times” Sign (II Tim. 3:1-3)

In spite of the most ingenious and costly equipment for fighting crime—violence, murder, robbery and rape are increasing at an alarming rate. Law enforcement agencies can curb, but they cannot cure.

“Fear” Sign (Luke 21:25, 26)

Since the advent of the Atomic bomb, our dream of peace and security has turned to a nightmare of terror! At the very time when man’s mastery of his environment ought to guarantee freedom from fear, “Stark fear has the world by the throat!” says the observer.

“Noah’s Day” Sign (Matt. 24:37-39)

In Noah’s day advanced civilisation and great learning were marred by unbridled licence and scandalous immorality. So it is in our day. But the most alarming aspect of the current moral landslide is the fact that it is occurring in spite of the most superb enlightening and civilising agencies ever available to man!

“Gospel” Sign (Matt. 24:14)

During the past 75 years, through the magic of the printing press, the aeroplane, radio, television, and—latest of all—Communications Satellites, the preaching of the Gospel on a world-wide scale has become an actual possibility. One man can now address an audience of tens—even hundreds of millions of people! The Bible is translated into over 1,300 languages, and is being distributed at the rate of 100 million copies every year.

“All These Things” Sign (Luke 21:28-32)

When confronted with this impressive list of Signs, some people argue: “But crimes, wars, and earthquakes, and pestilences have always been happening. There’s nothing normal about these things; so how can you treat them as Signs? Besides, sincere people in the past have expected the Lord to return in their day, and been disappointed. They misinterpreted the Signs. Couldn’t we be making the same mistake?”

Those who raise this objection overlook one immensely significant difference between our generation and all past generations. It is simply this: Today, for the first time since the Lord ascended to Heaven, ALL the predicted major Signs of the end of the age are CHRONISING! One or more of these Signs may have occurred in earlier generations, but never have they all occurred SIMULTANEOUSLY, as we see them today!

Jesus has never asked us to believe in the nearness of His coming on the strength of one sign alone. One solitary snowflake does not make an avalanche. But when all the vividly multiplying Signs are allowed to bear their accumulated testimony, they make an avalanche of irresistible power. So unmistakable are the Signs of Christ’s coming that no intelligent person should fail to recognise them. They are as plain as if God were speaking in thundertones from heaven, or to write in giant, blazing letters on the skies!

Conclusion Why do you think God has given US a chance to hear these tremendous tidings? So that we might “discern the signs of the times” and be ready to welcome Jesus with eagerness and joy.

Luke 21:28: “When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh!”