

"What Saith The Scripture"

Will There Be Any Signs That Will Precede The 2nd Coming of Christ?

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Q. Does the Bible say that there will be any "signs" that will precede the 2nd coming of Christ so that we may tell when He is about to come?

A. If you listen to the religious world in general, you would be led to answer this question with a "YES"! Radio programs, TV broadcasts, and a variety of other items boldly proclaim that there will be numerous signs that will shortly precede the 2nd coming of Christ. A few years ago, a scientist from NASA said that he had figured out the day of Christ's return by the information provided in the scriptures. He stated that Jesus would return during the month of September in the year 1990. When it did not happen, he came back and stated that he had miscalculated by one year and that Jesus would return in September of 1991. He was wrong once again. The Jehovah's Witnesses have set several dates for the return of Christ, all of which have likewise failed. William Miller, who was the man responsible for the 7th Day Adventist religion, predicted that Christ would return in the year 1843. His followers gave away all their belongings as this time approached. When the year 1843 passed and Jesus did not return, they were forced to go back and ask for their possessions again. In spite of all these failed attempts to predict the day of Christ's return, people are still trying to figure out when Christ is going to come back. The problem is that the Bible does not give any "signs" that will shortly precede the 2nd coming of Christ! Therefore, it is impossible to know exactly when He will return. The important thing for us to remember is this: whenever Christ does return, make sure you are ready by living a godly life.

In 1st Thessalonians 5:1-4, Paul writes the following: "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a THIEF in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a THIEF." In 2nd Peter 3:10, Peter also states that the "day of the Lord will come as a THIEF in the night." Now we all know that a thief does not give any "signs" to let you know when he is going to break into your house. Listen to what Jesus says in Matthew 24:43-44 as He talks about His 2nd coming: "But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the THIEF would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore ye be also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Again, from this statement we see that a thief does not give any warning as to when he will come.

In Mark 13:32, Jesus talks again about His 2nd coming. He says the following: "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, NEITHER THE SON, but the Father." How could Jesus give "signs" to precede His 2nd coming when He clearly says in this scripture that He did not know when that day would be? He said that only His Father knows when that day would come!

The Bible clearly states that there will be no preliminary indications as to the 2nd coming of Christ. The important thing is to BE READY whenever Jesus does come!

"NO SIGNS GIVEN!"

"LIKE A THIEF IN THE NIGHT!"

"BE YE READY!"