

Lesson 10 The Signs Of Christ's Return



1. What is more important for us to discern than the weather? Matthew 16:2, 3

2. When asked for signs of the end, what was Jesus' first response? Matthew 24:3, 4

3. Who will try to deceive people? Matthew 24:24

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." 2 Corinthians 11: 13-15

4. Who will it not be possible to deceive? Matthew 24:24

"Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied." 1 Peter 1: 2

The elect are those who are studying and obeying God's word.

5. According to prophecy, what reason would scoffers give for denying that the end would be soon?

2 Peter 3:3, 4

6. What other sign did Christ say would happen before His coming? Matthew 24: 29

The United States had barely been born when on May 19, 1780 it witnessed what has been remembered in history as the great Dark Day. According to the Boston Gazette, "there was the appearance of midnight at noonday." The darkness began around 10 a.m. Candles were lighted; animals thought it was night. The Connecticut Historical Collections describes the tension in the state legislature where, "a very general opinion prevailed, that the day of judgment was at hand." The poet John Greenleaf Whittier called it "a horror of great darkness."

"And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day:" Amos 8:9

7. What would happen to the moon? Matthew 24:29

The Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society, referring to the Dark Day, contains this record: "The darkness of the following evening was probably as gross as ever has been observed . . . If every luminous body in the universe had been shrouded in impenetrable shades, or struck out of existence, the darkness could not have been more complete. A sheet of white paper held within a few inches of the eyes was equally invisible with the blackest velvet . . . This gross darkness held 'till about one o'clock, although the moon had full'd but the day before."

8. What other sign was found in Matthew 24:29?

On November 13, 1833, from 2 a.m. until daylight, the sky all over North America was aflame with meteors. One observer remarked, "It seemed as if the whole starry heavens had congregated at one point near the zenith, and were simultaneously shooting forth, with the velocity of lightning, to every part of the horizon; and yet they were not exhausted." Astronomer W. J. Fisher, in *The Telescope*, called it "the most magnificent meteor shower on record."

9. According to Revelation, what natural disaster would occur just before the signs in the sun, moon, and stars? Revelation 6:12, 13

One of the most extensively felt earthquakes ever recorded occurred November 1, 1755. Extending over an area of at least four million square miles, it covered the greater part of Europe, Africa, and America. Seventy thousand people were killed. In Lisbon, Portugal violent shaking lasted for at least six minutes, destroying most of the city. The sea rose fifty feet above its ordinary level. *Encyclopedia Britannica* called it "the most famous of all earthquakes." G. A. Eiby, in *About Earthquakes*, referred to it as "the greatest earthquake on record."

10. What signs would be seen in the church? 2 Timothy 3:4, 5

11. In the end-time, what will happen to money that has been saved up? James 5:1-3

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matthew 6:19-21

12. What did Jesus say we would know when we saw these signs? Luke 21:31, 32

“Lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.” Luke 21:28

13. What would make us unprepared for the end? Luke 21:34

14. To be prepared, what must we do? Luke 21:36

In Light Of God’s Word...

*I understand that we are living in the final days of earth’s history.
I desire to prepare my life for the events just ahead.*

