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Some Signs and Conditions Indicating
the Nearness of His Coming

1. Israel

The barren fig tree, Mat. 21.19; Mk.11.13-14, 20-26

Parable of the fig tree: judgment delayed Lk.13.6-9

Parable of fig tree: kingdom of God at hand Lk.21.29-33; Mt.24.32-25; Mk.13.28-31

Is there a stirring again of the people of Israel to the end that they might return to their land for God's dealings with them in the future?

2. When ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is near even at the doors.

2. Gentiles

- a. Distress of nations, with perplexity Li. 21.25
- b. Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth Lk. 21.26
- c. The powers of heaven shall be shaken Lk. 21.26
- d. The economic situation may be indicated by the words "Ye have heaped treasure together in the last days" Jas. 5.3

3. Church

- a. The faith will not be found when He comes??Lk. 18.8
"The reference is not to personal faith but to belief in the whole body of revealed truth" (SRB, 1108)
- b. Perilous times, 2 Tim. 3.1f
Form of godliness v.5
Evil men and seducers become worse and worse v.13
- c. A "falling away" 2 Thess. 2.3
- d. They will not endure sound doctrine 2 Tim. 4.3,4
- e. False teachers . . . damnable heresies 2 Pet. 2.1-3