

Signs of the Times

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1 Thess 5.1-7 For when they shall say, "Peace and safety; then sudden destruction . . .

2 Tim. 3.1 In the last days perilous times shall come

James 5.1-3 Heaped up riches for the last days
Hoarded wealth and fraud,

2 Pet. 3.3,4 There shall come in the last days scoffers walking after their own lusts
and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming?"

1 John 2.18 Even now there are many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the
last time.

Lk. 21.25-35 Heart failure
Budding of the Fig Tree

Lk.17.28-30 Immorality, eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and
building

Mat. 24.3 What shall be the sign of thy coming and of the end of the age?

- 7 Nations shall rise against nation
Famines, Pestilences, earthquakes in divers places
- 8 Anti-semitism
- 10 Betrayal, hatred
- 11 False prophets
- 12 Iniquity abounds, the love of many waxes cold
- 14 Gospel of the kingdom preached in all the world
- 15 Abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel
- 30 The sign of the Son of man in heaven

38-39 As it was in the days of Noah

An age of city building, polygamy, great agriculture, music,
metallic arts, unprecedented violence cf. Gen. 4.17-24

Concerning this chapter some expositors understand 24.4-8 as a description
of the present age containing warnings against mistaking a number of physical and
spiritual signs for the return of Messiah. Accordingly Mat. 24.9-28 is the description
of the Great Tribulation, verses 15-28 describing the period of Tribulation when trouble
and sorrow reaches its fullest intensity

The Tribulation will be a time of great apostasy (Mat. 24.9-13) which shall
come to a head in the revelation of the abomination of desolation (v.15) when the Man of
Sin places himself in the holy place in the temple (Dan. 9.27; 12.11, 2 Thess. 2.3-4) in
Jerusalem to be worshipped.