

“What are the Signs that the End is Near?”

Matthew 24:1-26 (NKJV)

Prompted a Question in verse 3: (c/r Mark 13:3, 4; Luke 21:7)

The Tribulation (c/r Mark 13:5–23; Luke 21:5–24)

The Signs will Be According to Matthew 24:

1. False Christ ...vs.4-5 - *“Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.*
2. Real Wars & Rumored Wars ...v.6 - *And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.*
3. Racism & Political Rivalry...v.7a - *For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.*
4. Natural Disasters ... vs.7b-8 - *And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of sorrows.*
5. Religious Persecution & Murder ...vs. 9-10 - *“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. ¹⁰ And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.*
6. False Prophets ... v.11- *Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.*
7. Immorality & Callousness ...v.12 - *And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.*
8. Hope ...vs.13-14 - *But he who endures to the end shall be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.*
9. Historical Prediction of Israel’s demise/ as foreshadow of the Worlds destruction ... vs.15-22 - *“Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), ¹⁶ “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. ¹⁸ And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. ¹⁹ But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ²⁰ And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. ²¹ For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. ²² And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.*

10. False Prediction of the Return of Christ ...vs.23-26 - *“Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. ²⁴ For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ See, I have told you beforehand. ²⁶ “Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it.*

Conclusion: