

Are We Close?

2 Tim. 3 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. ² For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, ⁴ treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

2 Peter 3:3 Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.

Matt 24:12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.

Matthew 24:4-5, 11 (Deception): Many will come in Jesus' name, claiming to be the Christ, and will deceive many. False prophets will appear and mislead many people.

1 Timothy 4:1-2 (Falling Away): People will turn away from the faith, following deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, influenced by hypocritical liars.

Are you depressed by the news? On top of everything that is actually going on, we have to worry about whether we are getting accurate true information. These verses do explain a lot!! We can go back to the Old Testament to see the birth of Christ foretold, and then the death of Christ. The bible was very accurate in what happened. The bible is also proving to be accurate regarding the end times. There was a 3rd attempt on the president's life this week. Then started the disgusting comments from Hollywood. Like Jimmy Kimmel saying "Look at Melania, so beautiful. Mrs. Trump, you have a glow like an expectant widow".

Who says things like that? Well, so many. I am sure that every generation has said, "people didn't act like this when I was young" and they didn't. I was young when I heard an older person say that Elvis Presley was going to be the downfall of American with his swiveling hips. I don't think it was the start of it all, but every compromise that we have made in our ethics and our behavior matters. I know the president says somethings I don't love, but I am constantly "checking". Who is on the side of right? Is it the people who advocate to kill babies? Who want to fly rainbow flags? God's rainbow promise? The enemy perverts all that is good.

He takes what God has given and uses it for evil. Yes, I believe with all my heart we are in the end times. Does that mean we will be raptured or Jesus will come back this week or a hundred years? I have NO idea!

Matt 24:36 "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son,^[a] but the Father only.

What I do know is that God did not bring us this far to leave us. He promises SO many times in so many ways that He is our God and will be with us and at some point, He will bring us home to be with Him! What an exciting day that will be!

Psalm 91:1-2, 4 (NIV): "Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty... He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge".

Psalm 121:7-8 (NIV): "The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore".

2 Thessalonians 3:3 (NIV): "But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one".

Isaiah 54:17 (NIV): "No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you".

Thank you Jesus! Amen!

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