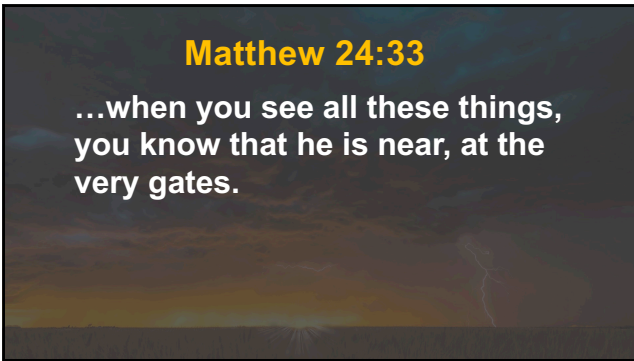
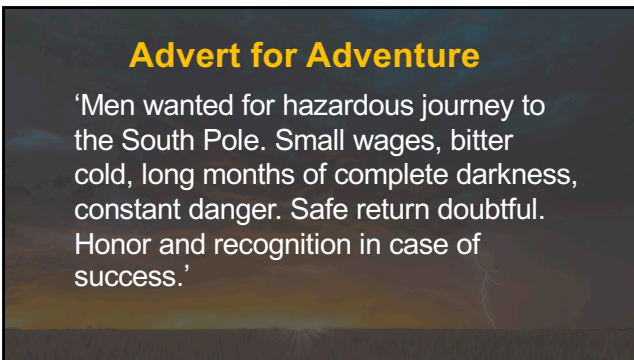




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Definition: Last Days

Describes the period leading up to the return of Jesus Christ. It denotes the period just prior to the end of civilizations ruled by men and the beginning of Christ's rule over the Earth.

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Definition: Second Coming

The first coming of Christ ushered in this final season of world history — these last days — and his second coming is the next major step in history.

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Hebrews 9:28

So Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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Definition: Signs

Signs and wonders are miracles or unusual physical events that “signify” that God is doing something [or about to do something] special. They are intended to make people “wonder” about God instead of remaining numb to His presence.

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Watch for the Signs of the Times

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Matthew 24

1 Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. 2 But he answered them, “You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

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Matthew 23

37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

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Matthew 23

38 See, your house is left to you desolate. 39 For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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Second Coming

1. God's judgments will completely change the established order

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Matthew 24

3 As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" 4 And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray.

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Two Questions

When will these things be?	Destruction of the Temple
What will be signs of your coming and end of the age?	What signs precede the 2 nd coming of Christ?

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Watch for the Signs of the Times

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Matthew 24

5 For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. 6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.

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Matthew 24

7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

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Second Coming

- 1. God's judgments will completely change the established order.
- 2. There will be a progression of signs like the pain of child birth.

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Progressive Signs

Deception
Wars, Rumors of Wars
Nationalism
Famines
Earthquakes

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Watch for the Signs of the Times

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Ancient Birth Pangs

1. Starts without human intervention.
2. Grow in frequency and intensity.
3. Goal is not pain but to produce a baby.
4. Mom participates but doesn't control it.

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Second Coming

- 1. God's judgments will completely change the established order.
 - 2. There will be a progression of signs like the pain of child birth.
 - 3. The signs are not the end
- Multiple Categories of Signs

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Categories of Signs

Deception	Spiritual
Wars, Rumors of Wars	Political - Economic
Famines	Resource
Earthquakes	Natural
Animosity to Believers	Social

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Watch for the Signs of the Times

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