

## Introduction

- Matthew 16:1-4
- Matthew 12:38-42
- Matthew 11:2-6

## The Signs in General

### Misunderstanding the Signs

- 1. The first misunderstanding is to think of the signs of the second coming as referring only to the end times.
- 2. The second misunderstanding is to only think of the signs as catastrophic or spectacular events.
  - Luke 17:20-21
- 3. The third misunderstanding is to try to use signs to set the date of Christ's return.
  - Matthew 24:36
- 4. The fourth misunderstanding of end time prophecy tries to create a timetable for future events.

#### **General Lessons of the Signs**

- 1. The signs of the end not only point to the future but also to all of what God has done up to this point.
  - Ephesians 5:16
  - Romans 13:11-14
- 2. The signs of the times point us towards the end of all things with the return of Christ.
- 3. The signs of the times show the continuing conflict between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan.
  - Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43
- 4. The signs of the times call for repentance.
  - Acts 17:30-31
- 5. The signs of the times call us to be ever watchful.

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## Class 9: Signs of the Times - Part 1



• Matthew 24:42

## The Signs in Particular

- Signs evidencing the grace of God:
  - o The proclamation of the gospel to all nations
  - The salvation of the fullness of Israel
- Signs indicating opposition to God
  - o Tribulation
  - Apostasy
  - o Antichrist
- Signs indicating divine judgment
  - Wars
  - Earthquakes
  - Famines

## **Signs Evidencing the Grace of God**

### Gospel to All Nations

- Joel 2:28
- Acts 2:17
- Isaiah 52:10
- Isaiah 42:6
- Isaiah 40:5
- Isaiah 45:22
- Matthew 24:14
- John 3:16
- 1 John 2:2
- Revelation 7:9-10
- Matthew 28:19-20

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#### Fullness of Israel

Romans 11:25-26

What does Paul mean when he says "all Israel will be saved?"

- 1. There will be a large-scale conversion of Jews to Christ just before or at the return of Christ. There are three variations of this.
  - a. Dispensationalists see this as referring to God's resuming his plan for the physical nation of Israel.
  - b. Non-dispensational premillenialists, those who simply believe in a 1000-year reign of Christ after he returns, believe there will be a mass conversion of Jews close in time to the return of Christ.
  - c. Many non-premillenialists, such as amillennialists, believe there will be a mass conversion of Jews before the return of Christ.
- 2. "All Israel" refers to all of the elect whether Jew or Gentile that are saved throughout history.
- 3. "All Israel" refers to all elect Jews saved throughout history.
- Romans 9:30-32
- Romans 10:3-4
- Romans 10:9-13
- Romans 11:11-12
- Romans 11:15