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How Near Are We To Closing Time?

Matthew 24:1-8

1 Corinthians 1:22

For Jews request (require) a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom;



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I. Wars and Rumors of Wars (vv. 6-7)

A. Wars have been evident throughout history.

B. In our time, however, war is far more deadly than before.

- Weapons of immense power
- Weapons that can reach across continents
- Weapons that can fit in a briefcase

C. Paul adds the "*peace*" dimensions to this prophecy.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.

²For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

³For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

II. The Struggles Within Nature (v.7b)

- A. Famines brought by floods, droughts, storms and war.**
- B. Pestilence from disasters and now new diseases.**
- C. Earthquakes are increasing steadily around the world and becoming more violent and devastating.**

III. Signs in the Nations as well (vs.7a & 32-35)

A. The sign of Israel, which is now a nation - (the *fig tree*).

- The fig tree has been used in the Bible to describe Israel. (Matthew 21:19-22).

B. And all nations "*all the trees*"

- Luke 21:29, Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.

- Matt. 24:9, "and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake."

It is all about HIM!

And we are to be looking for HIM!

C. The European Union today; could it be the beginnings of the revived Roman Empire?

D. China's growing military capability.

- Rev. 9:14-16, Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.”

¹⁵So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind.

¹⁶Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.

E. The Middle East, is the powder keg of the world.

- Think of what is happening there today!

IV. The Sign of Increased Iniquity (vs. 36-39)

A. Conditions to be like those in Noah's time.

- People living for pleasure of the moment.
- Genesis 6:5, *"Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."*
- Alcohol and drug use is rampant:
- Revelation 21:8 *But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."*
- Violence increasing everywhere.

B. Conditions also to be like those in Sodom

- Immorality on the increase.
- Perversion accepted as normal.
- Mockery of those who worship the true God.

"This one came in to stay here, and he keeps acting as a judge; now we will deal worse with you than with them"
(Gen. 19:9)

ARE YOU READY?

Revelation 22:17

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!"

And let him who hears say, "Come!"

And let him who thirsts come.

*Whoever desires, let him take the water
of life freely.*

Revelation 22:20

He who testifies to these things says,

"Surely I am coming quickly."

Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

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