

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES

## MATTHEW 16

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### **1. DISBELIEF IN THE PROMISES OF GOD**

A. Peter prophesied that in the last days scoffers would come denying the promise of His return.

(2 Peter 3:3-4) Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, {4} And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

B. The preacher's job is not to try to change society but to get souls ready for eternity.

### **2. DECEPTIONS PERPETRATED BY FALSE PROPHETS**

A. Peter also wrote that there shall be false prophets who shall bring in damnable heresies.

(1 Peter 2:1) Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

B. These false prophets deny the atonement of Christ and the new birth.

### **3. DEFECTIONS FROM THE FAITH**

A. In the last days, some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.

(1 Timothy 4:1) Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

B. These men promote the devil's line and say the Bible is filled with falsehood.

### **4. DEIFICATION OF MAN**

A. The present day falling away will result in the revelation of the man of sin who will be worshipped as god.

(2 Thessalonians 2:3-4) Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; {4} Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

## **5. DETERIORATION OF MORAL STANDARDS**

A. Paul's description in 2 Timothy 3:1-4 is like reading today's newspaper.

(2 Timothy 3:1-4) This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. {2} For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, {3} Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, {4} Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

## **6. DEMONSTRATIONS OF LAWLESSNESS**

A. Jesus said that many shall hate one another.

(Matthew 24:10) And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

B. This is the basic cause of the race riots.

## **7. DECREASE OF PERSONAL LIBERTY**

A. Our freedoms are gradually slipping away in the one world and one church movement.

B. After the rapture, this will culminate in the Beast of Revelation 13.