Are we Living in the End Times?

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It is our firm belief that we are the last generation and that we are living in the end times. The last days are upon us and this short article will explain why we believe we are living in the end times. I pray that you would think about what you read here, compare it with the Word of God in the Bible and pray over it, because these are perilous times that we live in and we need to get ready for Christ Jesus.

"In the last scenes of this earth's history, war will rage. There will be pestilence, plague and famine. The waters of the deep will overflow their boundaries. Property and life will be destroyed by fire and flood." (E.White, Mar174, 1897)

This above quote was written in 1897. An inspired quote stating what the world would be like in the very last days of earth's history, just before the second coming of Jesus. Are we experiencing the "last scenes" today? Are all these things happening now in our time? Very much so!

WAR WILL RAGE - Just look at all the conflicts happening now all over the world.

PESTILENCE - Aids? Bird Flu? Tuberculosis? Malaria? Respiratory Infections? These alone count for tens of millions of deaths each year!

PLAGUE AND FAMINE - Just look at how much plague and famine has ravaged the third world countries, especially in Africa.

WATERS OF THE DEEP WILL OVERFLOW - New Orleans Flood? Indonesia Tsunami? Japan Tsunami?

PROPERTY AND LIFE DESTROYED BY FIRE - Just look at the wild fires we are getting around the world now!

"Some" of these things were happening back in 1897, but they are **ALL** happening now with great strength and frequency. But we don't need to just rely on this quote to know we are living in the end times. No, there are many more signs. Take a look at the many <u>Bible signs</u> of the end times and you will see without doubt that the signs given were specifically for our generation, showing that we are <u>living in the last days</u> just before the second coming of Christ.

There are many scoffers out there who say that these signs have been with us for hundreds of years and people all throughout history have been proclaiming that their time is the end times. We were warned about these scoffers in 2 Peter 3:3-4. Those who scoff at the idea that we are living in the last days say that the disasters we are seeing today are no worse than any time in history. This is a lie, as you only need look at the statistics to see that things are MUCH worse today. Just take a look at the stats for earthquakes on our <u>Bible signs</u> page and you will see the increase in earthquakes over the past ten years.

Degrading Society

Now there is one sign that really interests me, which no scoffer can refute, and that is the way society has degraded over the past 100 years, and even how much the morals of people have declined in just the past 50 years. Talk to any senior person and ask them how much society has gone downhill since they were young. The majority of people used to dress modestly, with men and boys wearing their smart suits and the women wearing plain modest clothes. What is it like now? Just look at how the majority of women dress these days. Tight, low cut outfits, revealing their bodies as much as possible to seduce their male counterparts.

Lust and sex is something that has been pushed to the forefront these days also. Sex is in everything these days, from movies and the tv, to selling products. We are being seduced into letting ourselves go, letting our morals go and just "enjoy life". Just go back 50 years and the majority of things that are allowed to be shown today would NOT have been tolerated back then. And look at how homosexuality is pushed in our faces today and accepted by the world.

We have much less respect from people these days also. Just go back 50 years and you would get the utmost respect from other people, and children would have great respect for adults. But now? There is little respect left! I work in schools with 5-9 year old children and it is amazing how cheeky these little kids are and how little respect they have for you as an adult! Our kids are being taught now that it is ok to live in sin and be like the world.

Now something that really saddens me is that we don't need to just look outside the church to see degrading morals in the world. Take a look at many of the churches today and you will see the morals of "believers" have greatly declined. Many churches of today have become places of entertainment, rather than places of true worship, and the law of our Almighty God is rejected in favor of being appealing to the world. Again, just go back 50 years and the things that are allowed in churches today **WOULD NOT** be accepted whatsoever back then.

The moral decline in society is one of the biggest signs of the end times. The things that are allowed today would not have been accepted right throughout history up until the last 30 years or so.

"there shall come in the last days, scoffers walking after their own lusts." (2 Peter 3:3)

"in the last days ... men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, WITHOUT NATURAL AFFECTION ... lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." (2 Timothy 3:1-5).

Are we in the Last Days?

There can be no doubt when looking at all the signs of the times, that we are living in the end times and the last days are soon upon us. Jesus said ... "So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors." (Matt. 24:33) ... We are NOW seeing "all these things" and the second coming IS near, "even at the door".

End times prophecy reveals that there are still some major things to happen, like <u>the image of the beast</u> being setup and <u>the mark of the beast</u> being enforced. But we will see them happen soon, and THEN we will be on the verge of eternity!

Friend, there is no time to waste! We MUST get ready now. God is looking for a holy people who He can use to bring glory to Him in these last days. A people who are prepared, like the holy people of old, to stand up for the truth. A people who will not conform to the things of this world. A people who will walk in the "old paths" and give their ALL (mind, soul, body and strength) to Christ Jesus. God WILL have a people in these last days who "keep the commandments of God AND the faith of Jesus." (Rev. 14:12).