



Natural disasters and moral decay as signs of the end times

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In the book of Matthew, Jesus speaks of the signs that will precede his second coming. Among these signs are natural disasters and moral decay, both of which are increasingly prevalent in our world today. •

## Natural Disasters

The Bible forewarns of earthquakes, famines, and pestilences as signs of the end times. In Matthew 24:7, Jesus says, “For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.” •

These catastrophic events serve as reminders of the fragility of our world and the need for spiritual preparation. In Luke 21:11, Jesus also mentions “great earthquakes” in various places, indicating their widespread occurrence as the end draws near. •

## Moral Decay

Another sign of the end times is moral decay, characterized by an increase in

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lawlessness and godlessness. In 2 Timothy 3:1-5, the apostle Paul describes the attitudes and behaviors that will prevail in the last days: “But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.”

These verses highlight the moral decay and godlessness that will characterize society as the end times draw near.

Such moral decline is evident in our society today, with a disregard for traditional values and a rejection of biblical principles. As Matthew 24:12 states, “Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold.”

## Conclusion

As we witness the frequency and intensity of natural disasters and observe the moral decay in our world, we are reminded of Jesus’ words in Matthew 24:33: “Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door.”

These signs serve as a call to readiness, prompting us to live faithfully and to share the hope of salvation found in Jesus Christ before his imminent return. •

**Salvation Prayers** : Dear Lord Jesus, I come to you today acknowledging my need for salvation. I confess that I have sinned and fallen short of your glory. But I believe that you died for my sins and rose again. I ask that you come into my heart and be my Lord. I commit to following you and living for you every day. Thank you for your love and for the gift of eternal life. In your name I pray, Amen. **Amen** If you prayed the above prayers kindly click here to get more information [https://www.xgospel.net/harvest\\_form/form/?page=0&salvation=true](https://www.xgospel.net/harvest_form/form/?page=0&salvation=true)

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**Multiple Choice Questions**

1. What are some signs of the end times according to the Bible?
  - A) Economic prosperity and political stability
  - B) Natural disasters and moral decay
  - C) Technological advancement and cultural diversity
  - D) Environmental conservation and social justice
  
2. Which biblical verse mentions earthquakes as a sign of the end times?
  - A) Revelation 22:13
  - B) Genesis 1:1
  - C) Matthew 24:7
  - D) Psalm 23:1
  
3. What does 2 Timothy 3:1-5 describe as a sign of the end times?
  - A) Increase in love and compassion
  - B) Decline in moral values
  - C) Growth in spiritual maturity
  - D) Expansion of religious tolerance
  
4. According to Matthew 24:12, what effect does the increase of wickedness have?
  - A) It leads to economic prosperity
  - B) It causes people to love one another more
  - C) It results in the love of many growing cold
  - D) It brings about political stability
  
5. What should the signs of the end times prompt believers to do?
  - A) Live in fear and anxiety
  - B) Ignore the signs and carry on with life
  - C) Share the hope of salvation and live faithfully
  - D) Retreat from society and isolate themselves

**Discussion Questions**

1. How do natural disasters and moral decay reflect the biblical prophecies about the end times?
2. In what ways can believers respond to the signs of the end times with faith and

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hope?

3. How can understanding the signs of the end times impact our daily lives and priorities as Christians?

### FAQs

1. Q: Are natural disasters solely indicators of the end times?

While natural disasters can occur for various reasons, including geological and meteorological factors, they can also serve as reminders of biblical prophecies about the end times when considered alongside other signs.

2. Q: How should Christians view the signs of the end times?

Christians should view the signs of the end times with discernment, understanding that while they indicate the fulfillment of biblical prophecies, they also serve as reminders to be spiritually prepared and to share the message of salvation with others.

3. Q: Can believers predict the exact timing of Jesus' return based on these signs?

No, Jesus himself said in Matthew 24:36, "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Believers are called to be watchful and ready at all times, regardless of when Jesus will return.

### Multiple Choice Answers

1. B) Natural disasters and moral decay
2. C) Matthew 24:7
3. B) Decline in moral values
4. C) It results in the love of many growing cold
5. C) Share the hope of salvation and live faithfully

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