

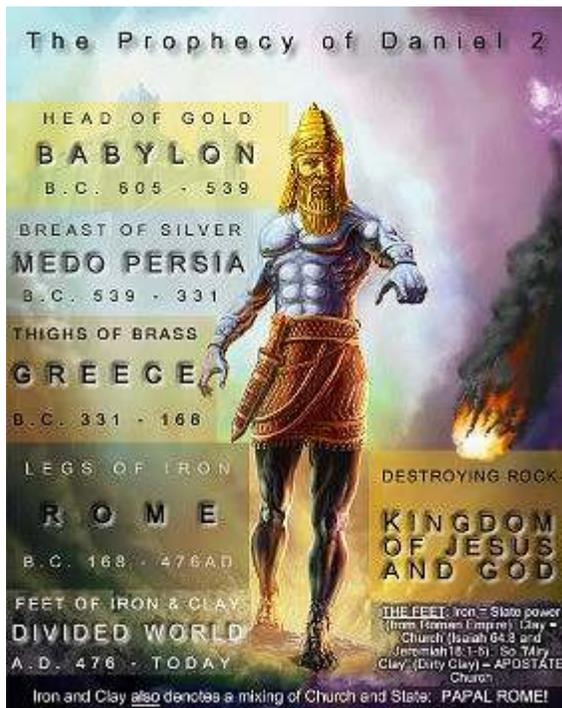


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Bible Study: Thursday, November 2nd, 2017.

Topic: THE TIMES OF THE SIGNS

TEXT: Matt 24:1-15. -(44)



INTRODUCTION: Before we begin to talk about the times of the signs I want us to read Daniel 2:28-45.

I have carefully decided to name today's Bible Study 'The Times of The signs.' Initially I called it The Last Days. When I realized that we were not going into deep eschatology, I decided to rename it. What we are studying is a tiny portion of eschatology.

The story of the end time never started today. Perhaps this is not the first time you have heard that the end is near. You might have begun to get tired of hearing it and feeling that it may never come. Many have even

gone to fix dates and times. Some actually said it was supposed to happen a few week ago but it didn't happen. When I was a kid, a certain date was given as the end of the world and of course and I have grown into my 50s and the end is still not here. However, I want us to know that as the days draw nearer the pains get stronger. Many have even given up on this type of message and have decided to settle it all here. In this series we are going to examine some of the signs of the end.

Why must we study the end times: II Peter 3:1-11, Matt 24:37-39

According to II Peter 3:8-9 why is God still holding off?

Why did I ask us to study the book of Daniel Chapter 2?

Before Jesus was born, the story about the end of the age has begun: Daniel 2:29, 35, Isaiah 2:2-3, Dan 12:11-13.

Jesus' disciples asked him about his coming: Matt 24:3

As we talk about the end of the world, what world are we referring to? Gen 1:1.

WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING ABOUT THE TIME?

People trying to determine the exact days might not be right Matt 24:23, I Thess 5:1, Matt 24:36, II Peter 3:3-4

Paul wants us to have understanding of the time: I Thess 5:1-4.

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF THE TIME?

- Increase in Knowledge: Dan 12:4, Matt 24:14. For instance, the car was invented in 1885/86, the Computer in 1833-1871. Newtons Law of gravity was in postulated in 1687, the telephone was invented in 1876. The first air plane was made in 1903. (Examine the huge speed in knowledge from 19th century to today)
- The preaching of the gospel all over the world. Matt 24:14. Will you not have doubted this a few years ago? Will you still doubt it with Facebook, YouTube, WhatsApp etc.

- False Teachers: Matt 24:5,11, II Peter 2:1-3. Examining today's teachings will startle most people.
- Increased natural disasters and wars: Matt 24:6-8. The last Hurricane was said to be the largest for a while. There might be scientific explanations to these, but could someone have predicted this about 300 years ago? The wars today have triggered a deluge of refugees as the world has never seen.

CONCLUSION: We will continue with this next week as we try to examine the new age technologies and as they will become useful for the end time prophecies.