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"WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF JESUS' RETURN?"

(The Last Days: Part II) (Luke 21:25-28)

<u>FACTS</u>: 1) Jesus will come again; 2) The day and hour is unknown; 3) There will be "signs" which indicate when His return is near!

1. THE RETURN OF THE JEWS TO ISRAEL

<u>Fact</u>: On May 7, 1948, Israel was established as a nation and millions of Jews began to return to the Promised Land!

2. THE REUNITING OF JERUSALEM

*Luke 21:24 *Luke 21:32-35 *Psalm 90:10

<u>Fact</u>: In June of 1967, for the first time in 2,000 years Jerusalem was united, under Jewish authority. Jesus said, "there will be a generation which shall not pass..."

3. THE INVENTION AND INCREASE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

<u>Fact</u>: The revelation of Atomic Bombs - 1945! There are <u>13,865</u> nuclear warheads in the hands of <u>9</u> known nations of the world in 2019.

4. THE INVENTION OF INTERNET AND WORLDWIDE WEB

*Revelation 11:7-12

Fact: WWW was launched April 30, 1993.

5. WORLDWIDE EVANGELISM

*Matthew 24:14 *Romans 11:25-26

<u>Fact</u>: Missionaries, internet, and printed Word carry the Gospel into all the world. Wycliffe has Scriptures for 6.9 of the 7.7 billion people in the world.

6. APOSTASY (FALLING AWAY) OF MANY CHRISTIANS

^{*}Matthew 24:30-36

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*Matthew 24:12 *Acts 2:17

Fact: In "the last days" there will be simultaneously a turning to God and a turning away.

7. GIANT EARTHQUAKES IN MANY PLACES

Fact: Since 1900, there have been 11 years above average! All are within the last 44 years and 7 of these are in the last decade! Also occurring in areas unprecedented!

8. WORLD WIDE DISEASES ("pestilences")

*Matthew 24:3-8 *Daniel 12:4

<u>Fact</u>: Some "signs" have existed for centuries, but some are <u>only</u> in this generation!

9. MOVEMENT TOWARD A GLOBAL ECONOMY

*Revelation 13:8-18

Question: "Does this not sound like a giant computer?"

<u>Invitation</u>: The Return of Jesus is <u>not</u> the end of the world!