

SIGNS OF HIS COMING

WHAT WE SHOULD BE LOOKING FOR

*"Looking for that blessed hope,
and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:*

~ Titus 2:13

1. Signs of His Birth

- a. Advent ~*def* - A coming or arrival; particularly used of the Messiah in the Bible.
- b. Prophecies of the coming Messiah abound, but far less about his birth than his life.
- c. Birth prophecies: genealogy, Bethlehem Mic 5:2, virgin Isa 7:14
- d. What was the time? Could they know? Gal 4:4, 70 wks Dan 9:25
- e. John the Messenger - Isa 40:3, Mal 3:1, 4:5 ← but this does not happen until later
- f. Lk 1:11-20 - An angel makes Zacharias dumb as a sign - Lk 1:63-67
- g. Lk 2:12 - Angels, tells shepherds of swaddling clothes in a manger 2:16-18
- h. Lk 2:25-36 - Simeon and Anna prophetically testify of the baby
- i. Matt 2 - Wise men from the east (not three kings, not at the birth) - Mt 2
 - i. The star reappears, goes before them, "came and stood" - Mt 2:9-10

2. Signs of His Return to Reign

- a. There are more signs of his coming to judge and rule - Matt 16:1-4
- b. Matthew 24:3 the popular chapter concerning "when" and the "sign of thy coming"
- c. Wars, earthquakes, famines, pestilences are not the signs - Matt 24:4-8
- d. Signs accompany the false Christs in Matt 24:24
- e. Don't believe the liars because everyone will see the signs - Matt 24:27-31
- f. The son of Man appearing will be seen by everyone - Lk 2:12, Lk 11:29-30
- g. Signs in heavenly powers shaken - Lk 21:24-27, Act 2:20, Rev 6:12-15

3. His Coming Without Signs

- a. According to Acts 1:9-11 - according to mystery Acts 9:3-6, 2 Tim 1:9-11
- b. The mystery was kept secret = there was no signs of it - Rom 16:25, Eph 3:9
- c. In due time he appeared to one out of due time - Titus 1:3, 1 Cor 15:8
- d. The Lord himself shall descend for us - 1 These 4:16 - only one generation raptured
- e. The change to the remaining happens faster than we can see - 1 Cor 15:51-52
- f. Descriptions of last days, but not enough to know when - 2 Tim 3:1-5
- g. His appearing for us is imminent - nothing necessarily preceding it - 2 Th 2 not us

4. What We Do Look For

- a. No signs in heaven/earth; signs speak to prophecy, covenants, kingdom, readiness
- b. We do not look for the signs, because we do not live in the time of the signs.
- c. Where we look changes our perspective - 2 Tim 4:1, 8, Phi 3:20-21
- d. Where we look changes our walk - Eph 5:15-17, Titus 2:11-13
- e. Where we look changes our hope - Col 3:1-4, Rom 8:18
- f. Where we look we cannot see - Rom 8:23-25, 2 Cor 5:7
- g. We look for this blessed hope and his appearing (without signs)- Titus 2:13