

Are We Living in the Last Days?

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Big Idea: Whether or not we are living in the last, of the last days, one thing is for sure; we are in our personal "last days" because our life is so short.

Text: Selected Scriptures

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people." - Acts 2:17a

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

– Matthew 24:3

I. WHAT ARE SOME OF THOSE UNIQUE BIBLICAL INDICATIONS THAT THE END MAY BE NEAR?

A. The	_ of the Jewish people to the land of Israel.
Jeremiah 16:14-15, Isaiah 11:11-12	
B. The	of Israel.
C. The	as a nation in 1948.
"Now learn this lesson from the	fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out

"Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened." - Matthew 24:32-34

Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with *their* mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For *ever* since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation." For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God *the* heavens existed long ago and *the* earth was formed out of water and by water, through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. But the present heavens and earth by His word are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. – 2 Peter 3:3-7 {NASV}

But do not let this one *fact* escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. – 2 Peter 3:8 {NASV}

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. - 2 Peter 3:9 {NASV}

But the day of the Lord will come *like a thief*, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. - 2 Peter 3:10 {NASV}

II. WHAT ARE SOME SOCIETAL SIGNS THAT THE END IS NEAR?

A. People are going to be
B. People are going to
C. People are
"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." - Matthew 24:36
The end of all things is at hand; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober <i>spirit</i> for the purpose of prayer 1 Peter 4:7 {NASV}
III. HOW SHOULD WE LIVE SINCE WE ARE IN OUR LAST DAYS?
be of sound judgment and sober <i>spirit</i> for the purpose of prayer. – 1 Peter 4:7b {NASV}
A. I need to
Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaint 1 Peter 4:8-9 {NASV}
B. I need to
As each one has received a <i>special</i> gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God 1 Peter 4:10 {NASV}
C. I need to discover my gift and
Whoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the utterances of God; whoever serves, let him do so

as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. - 1 Peter 4:11 {NASV}