

## RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

14. Every eye will see him. Rev. 1:7
15. 1000 year Kingdom of Christ begins (Great White Throne) Rev. 19:11-15, 20:4-6.

What are the signs of Jesus Coming?

Jesus disciples asked this question. Before Jesus answered he gave them a warning that we too should take heed:

THE WARNING:

Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name saying, "I am Christ, and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled. For all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet." (Matt 24:4-6)

In other words, before the last days, we can expect long periods of deception and false teachers. Jesus continued, nation will rise against nations and kingdom against kingdoms, and there will be famines, pestilences and earth quake in various places. All these are the beginnings of sorrows or birth pangs.

What are some of these significant signs or birth pangs that have served as signs that we are drawing closer to the last days?

The first signs has four parts:

1. Wars and nations against nations.
  - 1 A. World War I was begun by two nations and joined by the nations of the world.
  - 1 B. Famine-because of the war great famines plagued the earth during and after World War I. This was followed by the Great Depression.
  - 1 C. Pestilences-millions died in Europe of the Flu Epidemic. US servicemen then brought this epidemic back with them after the war, infecting millions of people in America.
  - 1 D. Earth quakes-earth quakes have increased in number and through the twentieth century and right up to this day.

The days are coming when they will become more devastating and cause greater destruction and more deaths than ever before.
2. The Bolshevik Revolution-the rise of Russia becoming a superpower militarily, is a fulfillment of prophecy.

For centuries Russia was a relatively backward nation that seldom looked outside itself. The Bolshevik Revolution of 1917 began putting this nation on a course toward superpower status. Although the Soviet Union itself is no more. Mother Russia is still a formidable threat to world peace, with her outlandish investment in military hardware and her allies particularly the hostile Arab Muslim Nations.
3. Capital and labor conflicted. The greatest fear of Wall Street bankers and stock brokers, is a FINANCIAL MELT down of epic proportions that would repeat the Great Depression of the 1930's.
4. Israel becomes a nation in 1948.