

THE NEARNESS OF THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST – 05 – NR

1NR – Matthew 24:3. The disciples inquired how people could know when the end was near and Christ would be about to return to the earth.

2NR – Matthew 24:3. It is impossible for anyone to know the exact date of Christ's return.

3NR – Matthew 24:32-33. But it is the privilege and duty of every Christian to know the signs that Christ has given so that we may know when His coming is near, even at the door. Those who understand the Bible prophecies will KNOW what is to happen just before Christ comes; and when they see those things taking place in these days, THEN THEY KNOW THAT THE GREAT DAY IS APPROACHING.

God's people will thus be able to SEE WHEN THE GREAT DAY OF THE LORD IS APPROACHING (Heb. 10:25). They will NOT BE IN DARKNESS AND OVERTAKEN BY HIS COMING AS BY A THIEF IN THE NIGHT, IF THEY ARE STUDENTS OF THESE PROPHECIES. (I Thess. 5:4)

4NP – James 5:1-3. Prophecy tells us that in the very last days, when the end is near, the rich will pile up great fortunes, and heap up great treasures and wealth.

5NR – James 5:4, 8. There is to be suffering on the part of the poor in the last days. These verses also indicate a great struggle between capital and labor.

6NR – Daniel 12:4. In the time of the end, knowledge was to be increased. The increase of knowledge during the last 100 years exceeds that of all previous centuries, from the beginning of time. Anyone today who is sixty years of age has, during his lifetime, seen and advance in knowledge which exceeds all that people of past generation saw from the time history began. In the day of God's preparation the chariots of men were to run like the lightning (Nahum 2:3-5) and this we see in this age of speed.

7NR – Luke 21:11. In the last days, Jesus said there would be fearful calamities. We see this in the increase of earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, tidal waves, droughts, and heat waves which have occurred yearly. The great earthquakes of recent years are part of the signs that show the coming of the Lord is very near.

8NR – 2 Timothy 3:1-5. Paul prophesied there would be perilous times in the last days to one's spiritual life. Among church members there would be a craze for pleasure and a marked decline in true religion. We see all this right now before our very eyes.

9NR – Matthew 24:12. Jesus said that in the last days lawlessness would abound; the land would be full of bloody crimes. (Eze. 7:2, 23, Matt 24:37, Gen. 6:5, 11) Do we see crime today like never before? This is yet another sign of Jesus soon return!

10NR – Matthew 24:14. The supreme sign that the end is very near is seen in the fact that God is now sending a special message to all the world to warn the people to PREPARE to meet Christ. (Joel 2:1, Rev. 14:6-11)

11NR – 2 Peter 3:3-6. There will be many who will scoff at the idea of the end being near, just as many people scoffed at Noah's warning of the coming flood.

12NR – Isaiah 2:2-4. The nations in the last days will talk about putting an end to war. We see this fulfilled in the great peace movements of our day.

13NR – Joel 3:9, 10, 14. When the day of the Lord is near, the nations will PREPARE FOR WAR AS NEVER BEFORE, and this we see before our very eyes today.

14NR – Mark 13:29. When we see all these things, we should know that the coming of Christ is at the door, and that we should NOW be prepared to meet HIM.