

DISCOVERING THE BIBLE

LESSON 4 SIGNS OF THE SECOND COMING

“There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven”

Luke 21:11

1. There will be earthquakes in various places, famines, pestilences and fearful sights
2. There will also be great signs from Heaven
3. Is this something you would be afraid of?

“But in those days, following that distress, ‘the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken”

Mark 13:24,25

1. The sun would be darkened as well as the moon. Webster’s New International Dictionary describes the Dark Day taking place on May 19th, 1780 when an unexplained darkness extended over all of New England
2. ‘One of the most remarkable of these meteor showers came after midnight on November 12th, 1833 – as many as 200,000 within a few hours.

“But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God — having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.”

2 Timothy 3:1-5

1. Perilous times will be seen in the last days
2. Men will be self-centred
3. Immorality will abound
4. There will be a craze for pleasure
5. True religion will decline
6. What does it mean to have a form of godliness? Can you see this happening in the world today? What should we do about this?

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”

Matthew 24:14

1. The gospel of the kingdom must go to all the world
2. It is to be a witness to all nations
3. Then the end will come

“Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door.”

Mark 13:29

1. When we see these things come to pass, then we know the second coming is near.
2. Does this encourage you to think of God?

“for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, ‘Peace and safety’, destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.”

1 Thessalonians 5:2,3

1. Paul refers to the coming day of the Lord
2. If sudden destruction is coming what should we do? Build an air raid shelter or make sure we have a relationship with God?
3. How would you go about starting a relationship with God?
4. How could you share this lesson with someone?