

Outline 10

Learning How to Forecast the Future: How Close Are We to the End?

- I. Bible prophecies describe human civilization just before the world ends.
- A. **LUKE 21:26 (1019)** A generation frozen in _____
- The next event mentioned is the second coming of Christ.
LUKE 21:27 (1019)
 - AMOS 3:7 (889)** God promises to let His _____ know what is coming.
 - AMOS 4:12 (890)** God urges preparation to meet Him.
- B. **MATTHEW 24:1-3 (960)** The disciples asked Jesus two questions:
- What will be the sign of Your _____ ?
 - What will be the sign of the _____ of the world?
- II. Signs of the second coming of Christ:
- A. Jesus mentioned signs in the *religious world*.
- There would be false _____ .
MATTHEW 24:5, 6 (960)
 - Many would come in Jesus' name. **MATTHEW 24:4 (960)**
- B. Jesus predicted signs in the *political world*.
MATTHEW 24:6, 7a (960)
- There would be a great _____ in wars.
 - Our generation has come to take war for granted.
 - Career diplomats now use the buzz word _____ .
 - Nuclear proliferation raises the stakes in war destruction.
- C. Signs in the natural world would become more abundant.
MATTHEW 24:7b (960)
- Famines would continue and increase.

- The global grain harvest increased by just 2.3 percent since 1990.
 - The global population is growing by _____ percent.
 - Pestilences would not end, in spite of medical progress.
 - There are 100 different strains of _____ .
 - The AIDS epidemic persists.
 - Earthquakes would continue to devastate populations.
 - In the entire nineteenth century there were only 2,119 recorded earthquakes.
 - In 1993 alone 21,476 earthquakes were recorded.
 - Could it be that nature is trying to _____ us up to the hour in which we are living?
- D. There would be signs in the social world also.
2 TIMOTHY 3:1-5 (1144)
- The Bible describes two conditions of the final generation that would destroy the social fabric of civilization:
MATTHEW 24:12 (960)
 - Abounding lawlessness
 - Waning _____
 - Crime statistics demonstrate that this is happening.
- III. How should we live as we face eternity?
- A. We do not know the exact _____ of His coming, but we know it's near. **MARK 13:32 (984)**
- B. "Watch and pray" means keep awake and keep in _____ .
MARK 13:33 (984)

ANSWERS: (1 A: fear; A-2: prophets; B-1: coming; B-2: end) (II A1: cbtists; B-1: increase; B-3: "destabilization"; C-1-b: 10; C-2-a: cancer; C-3-c: wake; D-1-b: love) (III A: time; B: touch)