Signs of the Time  
(End of the Age)  
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**Matt 16:1-3** (Jesus implies we need to discern the ‘Signs of the Times’)  
1 Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven.  
2 He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red';  
3 and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.'  
Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.

**Matt 28:16-20** (Jesus is with us until the End of the Age...Our assurance)  
16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them.  
17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.  
18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.  
19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

**Matt 13:24-30** (What should we be expecting at the End of the Age?)  
24 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field;  
25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.  
26 But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.  
27 So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'  
28 "He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?'  
29 "But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them.  
30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, 'First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.' " "

**Matt 13:36-43** (Only two types of people at the End of the Age, saved, or lost/tares)  
36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field."  
37 He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.  
38 The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. (These are those who are not saved...)  
39 The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers
are the angels.
40 Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age.
41 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, (They are taken out of His kingdom)
42 and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

Matt 13:47-50 (Another picture of the end time separation)
47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind,
48 which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away.
49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just,
50 and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

Matt 24:3-14 (What are the signs? Disciples wanted to know what to look for...so should we!)
3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"
4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.
5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.
6 And 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.
7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.
8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.
9 Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.
10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.
11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. (This could be now!)
12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. (This too!)
13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved. (Important!)
14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Matt 24:15-28 (Jesus is saying that there is a sure sign that comes from the book of Daniel)
15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),
16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.
17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house.
18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.
19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!
20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.
21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.
22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; **but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.**
23 Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it.
24 For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. (There will be ‘Great Signs’ to deceive, but this verse implies; not the elect.)
25 See, I have told you beforehand.
26 Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it.
27 For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.  (Quickly!)
28 For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

**Matt 24:29-31** (Jesus will not ‘sneak’ back to earth...All shall see Him!)
29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then **all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.**
31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

**Matt 24:32-44** (How soon? This generation! Watch!)
32 "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.
33 So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near--at the doors!
34 Assuredly, I say to you, **this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.**
35 **Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.**
36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.
37 But as the **days of Noah** were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.
38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,
39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.  (Who was taken away?)
40 Then two men will be in the field: **one will be taken** and the other left.  (Who is taken away?)
41 Two women will be grinding at the mill: **one will be taken** and the other left.  (““““?)
42 **Watch therefore,** for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.
43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.
44 Therefore you also be ready, **for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.**

**Matt 24:45-51** (Woe to the one not looking for His return...or believing it is a long way off!)
45 "**Who then is a faithful and wise servant,** whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?
Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.
Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.
But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' (and live like He is not coming soon)
"and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards,
the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of,
and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Luke 21:20-28  (Jerusalem trampled 1900 years until 1948 when it became a state again)
"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near.
Then let those in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her.
For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.
But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people.
And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. (This was fulfilled prophesy....)

"And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;(Economics, Tsunami, wonders in the sky)
men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. (Some of this is being fulfilled now...Fear!)
Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."  (Our instruction is to ‘look up’)

2 Thess 2:1-12  (Paul tells us the ‘Day’ will not come until certain things happen first.)
Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you,
not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.
Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, (Anti-Christ)
who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.
Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?
And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time.
For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. (Holy Spirt will be removed at the rapture when all saints who are spirit filled are taken away...His Spirit dwells in us....We are His temple scripture tells us.)
And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.
9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, (Is not lying common place in the earth today? Who is the Father of Lies?)
10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Matt 26:62-64  (Jesus tells those who will crucify Him; ‘I’ll be back!)
62 And the high priest arose and said to Him, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?"
63 But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!"
64 Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

1 John 3:1-2 (What shall we be like in Heaven?)
1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.
2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

1 Thess 1:9-10 (Shall we avoid the ‘wrath to come?)
10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

1 Thess 5:9-10  (We’re not appointed to wrath?)
9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

(Check out the next pages, from Daniel)
Abomination of desolation’

Dan 11:20-35
20 "There shall arise in his place one who imposes taxes on the glorious kingdom; but within a few days he shall be destroyed, but not in anger or in battle.
21 And in his place shall arise a vile person, to whom they will not give the honor of royalty; but he shall come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom by intrigue.
22 With the force of a flood they shall be swept away from before him and be broken, and also the prince of the covenant.
23 And after the league is made with him he shall act deceitfully, for he shall come up and become strong with a small number of people.
24 He shall enter peaceably, even into the richest places of the province; and he shall do what his fathers have not done, nor his forefathers: he shall disperse among them the plunder, spoil, and riches; and he shall devise his plans against the strongholds, but only for a time.
25 He shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the South with a great army. And the king of the South shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand, for they shall devise plans against him.
26 Yes, those who eat of the portion of his delicacies shall destroy him; his army shall be swept away, and many shall fall down slain.
27 Both these kings' hearts shall be bent on evil, and they shall speak lies at the same table; but it shall not prosper, for the end will still be at the appointed time.
28 While returning to his land with great riches, his heart shall be moved against the holy covenant; so he shall do damage and return to his own land.
29 At the appointed time he shall return and go toward the south; but it shall not be like the former or the latter.
30 For ships from Cyprus shall come against him; therefore he shall be grieved, and return in rage against the holy covenant, and do damage. So he shall return and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant.
31 And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.
32 Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.
33 And those of the people who understand shall instruct many; yet for many days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering.
34 Now when they fall, they shall be aided with a little help; but many shall join with them by intrigue.
35 And some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end; because it is still for the appointed time."

Dan 12
"At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book.
2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life,
Some to shame and everlasting contempt.
3 Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn
many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.
4 "But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run
to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."
5 Then I, Daniel, looked; and there stood two others, one on this riverbank and the other on that
riverbank.
6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, "How long
shall the fulfillment of these wonders be?"
7 Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up
his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be
for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely
shattered, all these things shall be finished.
8 Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, "My lord, what shall be the end of these
things?"
9 And he said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the
end.
10 Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none
of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.
11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is
set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days.
12 Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.
13 But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the
end of the days.