

Words of Wisdom by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

9-26-2016 Signs of the End 1

Seeing the Temple in Jerusalem, Jesus predicted its destruction when He said,

"Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down" (**Mark 13:2**).

[The Apostles asked,] "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?" (**Mark 13:4**).

[Jesus listed many] "signs: ... wars and rumors of wars, ... earthquakes in various places, ... famines and troubles" (**Mark 13: 7-8**).

Jesus linked "tribulation" connected to "the abomination of desolation," spoken of by Daniel the prophet" connected to Jerusalem's destruction, which occurred in A.D.70. All of these "signs" were for "this generation" which would:

"By no means pass away till all these things take place" (**Mark 13:30**).

None of these signs had anything whatsoever to do with predicting the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ!

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9-27-2016 Signs of the End 2

After Jesus gave "signs" preceding the destruction of Jerusalem in **Mark 13:1-31**, which were fulfilled in A. D. 70, He mentioned another occurrence, for which there are no preceding signs.

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is" (**Mark 13:32-33**).

- 1) The "signs" pointing to the destruction of Jerusalem cannot be pointing to "that day and hour" which not even "angels in Heaven, nor the Son" can predict!
- 2) The Second Coming of Jesus Christ has absolutely no preceding signs to warn of its preeminence.

3) Jesus told His disciples that they “do not know when the time is.” There is nothing in the Bible, Old or New Testaments, which points to His Second Coming.

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9-28-2016 Signs of the End 3

Christians should expect to be “persecuted,” because Jesus said,

“Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you” (**John 15:20**).

Though the Apostle Paul was persecuted, he said,

I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived (**2 Timothy 3:11-13**).

What Paul wrote about “evil men and imposters” growing “worse and worse,” he spoke of the natural conflict that always manifests itself between Christians who are trying to get better and better, and sinners who are going in the other direction! Nothing he said was a “sign” to indicate Jesus’ 2nd Coming! Sinners don’t improve without Jesus Christ.

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9-29-2016 God Exists 1

Paul pointed to the distinctive God of the Bible when he said,

We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them (**Acts 14:15**).

1) No human being should be elevated as “God.” It is as Jesus said,

“Do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren” (**Matthew 23:8**).

2) “The heaven, the earth, the sea” did not always exist, nor were they haphazardly “exploded” into their orderliness.

3) Every living thing on earth must have come from “the living God,” not man-made deities!

4) The only explanation that makes sense, is:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (**Genesis 1:1**).

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9-30-2016 God Exists 2

Without the God of the Bible, no one can explain:

1) The Creation: Of world-wide oceans, God:

... Fixed My limit for it, And set bars and doors; When I said, 'This far you may come, but no farther, And here your proud waves must stop!' (**Job 38:10-11**);

2) The Bible: After all efforts to ignore or destroy it,

The word of the LORD endures forever (**1 Peter 1:25**);

3) Jesus Christ: God in the flesh,

... Humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name (**Philippians 2:8-9**);

4) Christians:

... Who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator (**1 Peter 4:19**).

Can "atheism" explain these?

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