



***The Signs of  
the End***

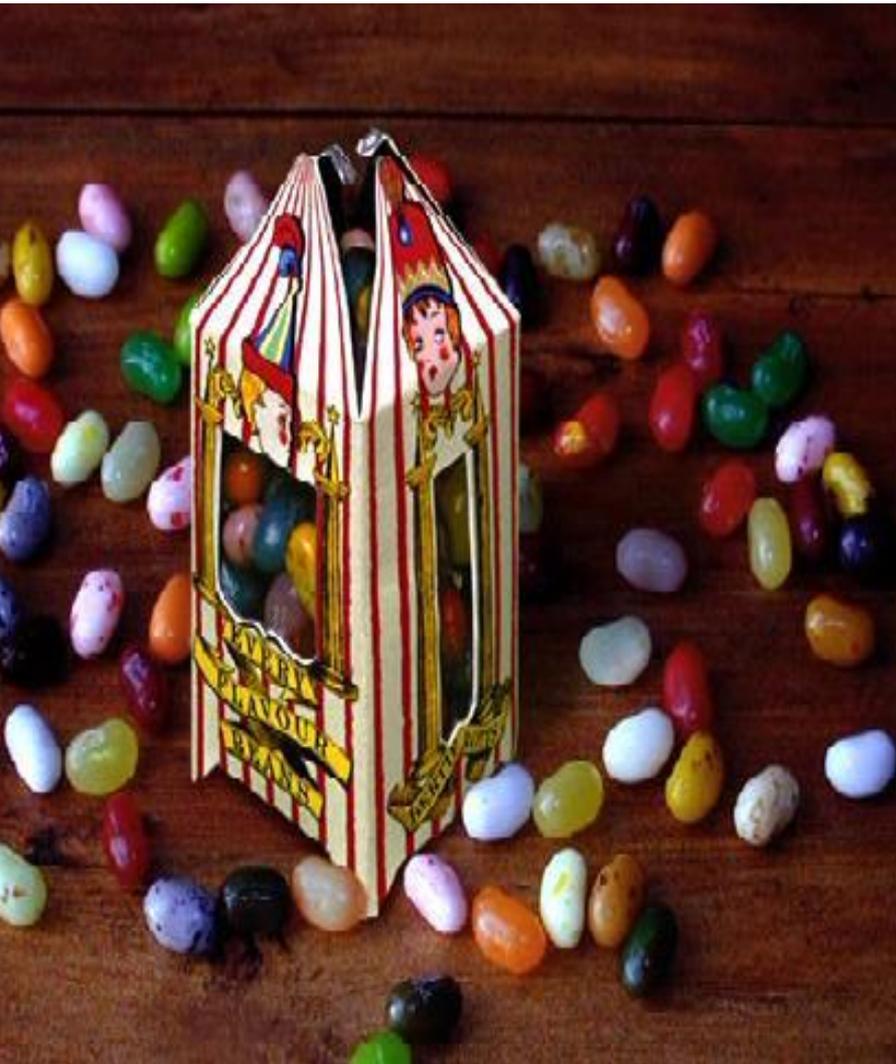
**Matthew 24:33-32**

**Matthew 24:36**

# Every Flavor Beans



# The Bean Chart



# *Finding Your **Identity** in Christ*

- You are **significant in Christ**
- You are **loved in Christ**
- You have **purpose in Christ**
- You are **forgiven in Christ**
- You are **secure in Christ**



# ***The Three Worlds***



**1<sup>st</sup> World** – Creation to the Flood  
*The First Heavens and Earth*  
2 Peter 3:5-6 – **Destroyed by Water**



**2<sup>nd</sup> World** – The Flood to the  
Second Coming of Christ  
*The Present Heavens and Earth*  
2 Peter 3:7 – **Destroyed by Fire**



**3<sup>rd</sup> World** – Eternity  
*The New Heavens and Earth*  
2 Peter 3:13 – **It Never Ends!**

# The Day of the Lord

## The 5 “R’s”

- 1) The **Return** of Christ
- 2) The **Resurrection** of the Dead
- 3) The **Rapture** of Believers
- 4) The **Wrath** of Fire
- 5) The **Renewal** of the Heavens & Earth

The Day of the Lord is the End of the  
World

# Signs



# THE END – WHEN?

- “But about that day or hour **no one knows**, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, **but only the Father.**”

Matthew 24:36

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# Beware of False Predictions of the End



- The Millerites predicted the end in the 1840's
- Became 7th Day Adventists



- Joseph Smith of the Mormons predicted Jesus would return by the time he was 85 years old – *Doctrine and Covenants*



WHY ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO 1975?

**END OF WORLD IN 1914**  
 NOT THE VIEW OF PASTOR RUSSELL NOR OF I. B. S.'s.  
 A CORRECTED READING EVER BY A BAPTIST HYPOCRITE.

WHAT about all this talk concerning the year 1975? Lively discussions, some based on speculation, have become commonplace during recent months among serious students of the Bible. Their interest has been kindled by the belief that 1975 will mark the end of 6,000 years of human history since Adam's creation. The seriousness of such an important date indeed fires the imagination and presents uninvited possibilities for discussion.



- Charles Taze Russell founder of the Watchtower Society and Jehovah Witnesses have predicted the end falsely many times – 1914, 1925, 1975 etc



- Harold Camping in the 1980's and May 21, 2011

# READING THE SIGNS

“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, **when you see all these things**, you know that it is near, right at the door.”

**Matthew 24:32-33**



# SIGNS OF THE 2ND COMING - 4 CATEGORIES

1. Judgment Signs
2. Old Test. Signs
3. Grace Signs
4. Evil Signs



# JUDGMENT SIGNS – CATEGORY 1

- <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered: “**Watch out that no one deceives you.** <sup>5</sup> For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will deceive many. <sup>6</sup> You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, **but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.** <sup>7</sup> Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. <sup>8</sup> *All these are the beginning of birth pains.*  
Matthew 24:4-8



False Messiahs



Famine & Disease



Wars



Earthquake  
(Natural Disasters)

# THE OLD TESTAMENT SIGNS – CATEGORY 2

- <sup>26</sup> “Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. <sup>27</sup> People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.
- <sup>28</sup> “It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. <sup>29</sup> But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.
- <sup>30</sup> “It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed.”

## Luke 17:26-30

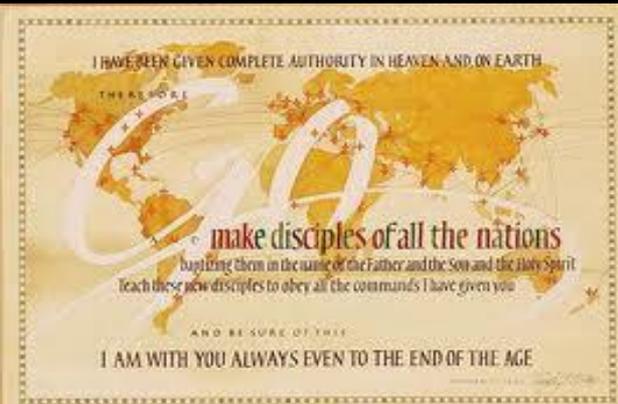
THE DAYS OF NOAH



# GRACE SIGNS – CATEGORY 3

- <sup>14</sup> 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**
- <sup>24</sup> They (Jews) will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. **Luke 21:24**
- <sup>25</sup> I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, <sup>26</sup> and in this way all Israel will be saved. **Romans 11:25**

**Gospel to all Nations**



**Jewish People back in Israel**



**Jewish People getting Saved**



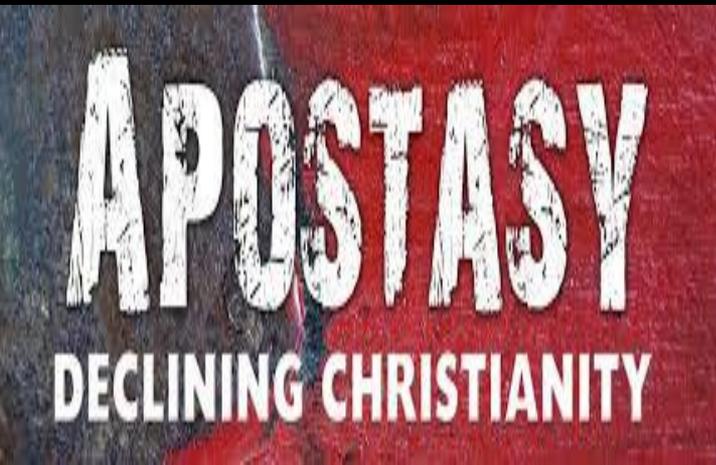
# EVIL SIGNS – CATEGORY 4

- Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. <sup>3</sup> **Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed**, the man doomed to destruction. <sup>4</sup> He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, **proclaiming himself to be God.**

Rebellion/Apostasy

2 Thessalonians 2:1-4

AntiChrist



# SIGNS OF THE END

## *APPLICATIONS*

1) **Watch** – “Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, <sup>2</sup> **for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.** <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup> **But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.”** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4

2) **Work** – Luke 19:13

3) **Witness** – Matthew 28:18-20