



# You Asked For It

## Is This the End?

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**Matthew 24:1-8 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

**2 Peter 3:3-10 NIV**

### The signs of Jesus' return (according to Scripture):

- Israel was made a nation in 1948.
- Jerusalem was won back in 1967.
- The Hebrew language was restored in our lifetime.
- The Ethiopian Jews were brought back in one day.
- 100 years ago Israel's land was desolate. Now it is fertile.
- The revival of the Roman Empire is happening now.
- The rise of Russia (Ezekiel 38-39)
- The increase in travel and knowledge (Daniel 12:4)

1. People will be distracted with life.

**Matthew 24:37-39 (NIV)** *As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away.*

2. People will forget God.

**Matthew 24:38-39 (NKJV)** *"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, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."*

3. People will not be ready.

**Matthew 24:40-42 (NIV)** *Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.*

**1 Peter 4:7 (NIV)** *The end of all things is near...*

## What should you do to be ready?

1. Think clearly.

**1 Peter 4:7 (NIV)** *The end of all things is near therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.*

2. Invest your life in others.

**1 Peter 4:8-9 (NIV)** *Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.*

3. Start making a difference.

**1 Peter 4:10-11 (NIV)** *Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.*

4. Live eternity minded.

**2 Peter 3:11 (NIV)** *Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be?*

**2 Peter 3:14** *Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.*

### **Luke 21:28 (NKJV)**

*"Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."*

What do we do until Christ returns?

Live passionately for Jesus and His Church.