

I. SIGNS LEADING UP TO THE TEMPLE'S DESTRUCTION

- A. Increase of false prophets throughout the land of Israel falsely claiming to be the Messiah, attempting to deceive people into joining their false Messianic movements, and claiming that through them the Messianic Kingdom is about to be established. However, don't be deceived, because the kingdom's establishment awaits a future generation. It will be established when the Son of Man comes in power through the sky at the end of the age.
- B. Increasing rumors of wars and Jewish insurrections throughout the land against the Roman Empire.
- C. Increasing persecution of believing Jews in the synagogues (floggings, imprisonments, etc.)
- D. Progressive lawlessness in the land
- E. Massive increase in family betrayal – close relatives handing believers over to be put to death
- F. Believers brought before Gentile kings and governors throughout the Roman Empire as a witness to them through the power of the Holy Spirit
- G. The gospel proclaimed to the Gentile nations scattered throughout the Empire
- H. Believers not only persecuted and hated by Jews, but also by Gentiles as the gospel advances throughout the Roman Empire
- I. When Jerusalem is surrounded by the idolatrous Roman armies, you know that its desolation in fulfillment of Daniel 9:26 is very near. Those in Judea should flee the city immediately.

II. SIGNS ANNOUNCING THAT THE END OF THE AGE IS APPROACHING AND THAT WE ARE ENTERING THE LAST GENERATION

- A. Beginning of birth pains
 - 1. "Nation against nation, and kingdom against kingdom" - increased turmoil in the Gentile nations, especially those surrounding the nation of Israel (keep your eye on Egypt?)
 - 2. Dramatic increase in earthquakes (frequency and intensity)
 - 3. Famines
 - 4. Plagues/Pestilences
 - 5. Terrors and great signs from heavens
- B. Hard Labor
 - 1. When you see the sun rise while completely black (not a solar eclipse!), accompanied by a blood moon, know that this terrifying sign is signaling that the final 3.5 years of this evil age – the darkest time in human history – is commencing. Know that Satan and the rebellious powers of the air have just been cast down from the heavens to the earth. Know that the Anti-Christ is now in power and has begun his reign of terror against Israel and the nations, and that his armies are razing Babylon to the ground. Stand firm!

III. SIGN OF THE SON OF MAN'S COMING

- A. At the end of the 3.5 years, when the Son of Man returns through the sky in glory to establish His kingdom, the sun and moon will stand still – seven times brighter than normal – in the constellation of Leo as the Messiah delivers His people, brings them into their inheritance, and rains down fire, hailstones, and burning sulfur on the wicked.