



Reading the Sky: Christ in the Signs of the Times

(Matthew 24 | Mark 13 | Luke 21 | Revelation 6 & 12–14 | Daniel 12)



Jesus gave signs not for curiosity but for **character**.

Each crisis is a **warning** and a **signal**...not to panic, but to prepare.

“When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.” — Luke 21:28

Historical Convergence

DATE	EVENT	PROPHETIC PARALLEL
1755	Lisbon earthquake	“There shall be great earthquakes in divers places.” (Luke 21:11)
1780	New England Dark Day	“The sun shall be darkened.” (Matt 24:29)
1833	Leonid meteor shower	“The stars shall fall from heaven.” (Matt 24:29)

1. Spiritual Deception & False Christs

Matthew 24:4-5, 11, 24; 2 Thess 2:3-10

Meaning: Counterfeit gospels and self-proclaimed saviors rise.

Christ-center: Jesus = The Truth (John 14:6).

Current Examples (links):

- [Sergei Torop – “Vissarion” sentenced 2025 for messianic cult](#)
- [David E. Taylor – Kingdom of God Global Church indicted 2025](#)
- [Han Hak-Ja – Unification Church leader arrested 2025](#)



Practical Preparation:

1. Study Scripture daily
(Isa 8:20 – test every spirit).

2. Stay under the Word, not personalities.

3. Cultivate discernment through prayer
and obedience.



2. Wars & Rumors of Wars

Matthew 24:6-7

Meaning: Increasing conflict; fear dominates nations.

Christ-center: The key to peace in the middle of Chaos. (Is 26:3, Isa 9:6).

Current Reality: Active wars in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, Sahel; record displacement.

[WFP report – global conflicts impact hunger](#)

Practical Preparation:

1. Guard the heart against hatred and partisan spirit.
2. Promote peace in homes and churches. (Matt 5:9)
3. Intercede for nations; be an agent of reconciliation.



3. Famines, Pestilences & Earthquakes

Matthew 24:7; Luke 21:11

Christ's Role: Bread of Life (John 6); Great Physician (Mark 2:17); Rock (Ps 18:2).

FAMINES

- [UN warns of rising famine risk – Gaza, Sudan, Haiti, Mali \(2025\)](#)
- [295 million people acutely food-insecure \(2025 GRFC\)](#)

PESTILENCES

- [WHO – Chikungunya outbreak La Réunion & Mayotte \(2025\)](#)

EARTHQUAKES

- [USGS significant earthquakes 2025 summary](#)
- [Tokara Islands Japan earthquake swarms \(2025\)](#)

Practical Preparation:

Country Living

1. Practice stewardship, raise your own food, emergency & survival readiness
2. Live healthfully – temperance, rest, clean diet = resilience.
3. Serve the needy (Matt 25:35-36); turn compassion into mission.
4. Spiritually: Build life on the Rock – unshakable faith (Heb 12:28).



4. Moral Collapse & Cold Love

Matthew 24:12; 2 Timothy 3:1-5

Meaning:

Pleasure over principle; love grows cold.

Christ-center: God is Love (1 John 4:8).

Practical Preparation:

1. Nurture family worship & personal devotion.
2. Choose kindness when others choose anger.
3. Uphold biblical values in speech & media choices.
4. Serve without expecting return
(Luke 6:35).



5. Persecution & Betrayal

Matthew 24:9-10; Revelation

13:15-17

Meaning: Loyalty to Christ will test comfort and reputation.

Christ-center: Faithful Witness (Rev 1:5).

Practical Preparation:

1. Settle it in your heart now to stand (Luke 21:14).
2. Study Scripture until truth is conviction, not opinion.
3. Cultivate Christian fellowship – support network of faith.
4. Respond to opposition with meekness and clarity (1 Pet 3:15).



6. Global Gospel Advance

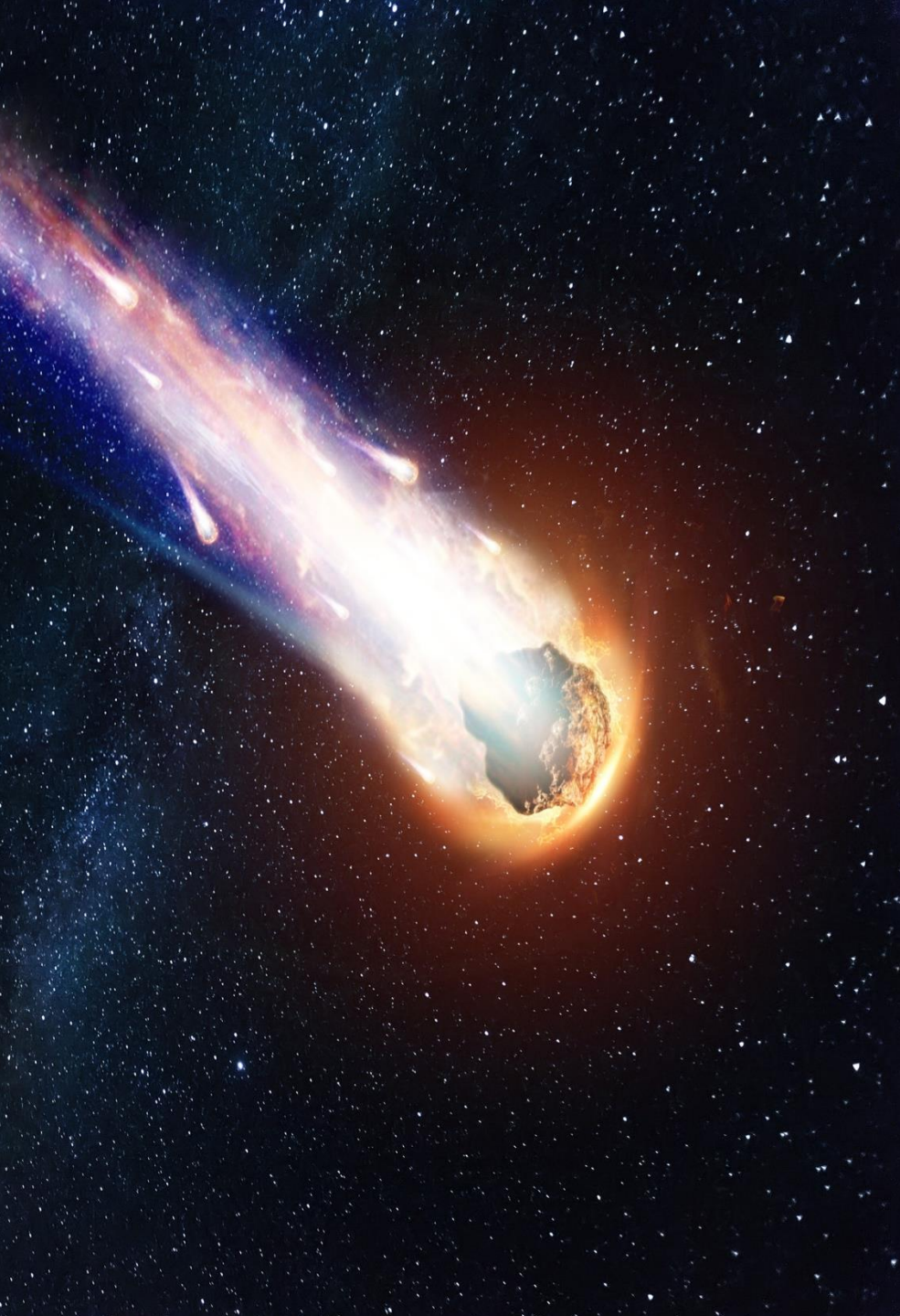
Matthew 24:14; Revelation 14:6-12

Meaning: Gospel will reach every nation before the end.

Christ-center: Lord of the Harvest (Matt 9:38).

Practical Preparation:

1. Get involved in evangelism – personal witness or support media.
2. Use technology for truth, not triviality.
3. Memorize key texts for crisis witness (Ps 119:11).
4. Live the message of the Three Angels.



7. Cosmic Disturbances & Earthly Shaking

Matthew 24:29; Hebrews 12:26-29

Meaning: Creation groans; society and nature shake before His appearing.

Christ-center: The Coming Son of Man (Matt 24:30).

[Svalbard warming 5–8× faster than global average \(2025\)](#)

Practical Preparation:

1. Hold loosely to material things.
2. Invest in character – it's the only wealth that endures.
3. Fix eyes on Christ, not chaos (Heb 12:2, Luke 21:28).
4. Let gratitude replace grumbling (Phil 4:6-7).

Who's Really Behind the Confusion? (Lay the fault where it lies)

Scripture unmasks the enemy: *“The devil is come down... having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.”* (Rev 12:12).

He **deceives** (Rev 12:9), **accuses** (Rev 12:10), and **destroys** (John 10:10a).

He **counterfeits** miracles/signs (2 Thess 2:9–10), **stirs calamities**, and then **weaponizes fear** to push people toward false worship/false solutions.

A well-known 19th-century analysis (late 1880s) cataloged a rising pattern of **disasters, social and moral breakdown, and religious-political alliances** misreading these judgments—misplacing the blame and pressing coercive spiritual remedies.

Satan is the **destroyer of worlds**; **Jesus came to save it** (John 3:17; Luke 9:56). The real question in every crisis: **Which kingdom do we belong to?** (Col 1:13).

Appeal

Every sign is both a warning and an invitation.

Satan destroys; Christ restores.

The world is shaking – but the Kingdom is secure.

“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not.”
(Matt 24:35)

Watch, Work, Worship – until we see Him.

