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"Signs of Wonder"

"...Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (Quke 18:8)

Destined for Demolition

<u>Luke 21:5-6</u> – (5) "And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, (6) 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.""

Signs Above and Near

<u>Luke 21:25-28</u> – (25) "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, (26) people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. (27) And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. (28) Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

<u>Acts 2:17-20</u> – (17) "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; (18) even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. (19) And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; (20) the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day."

Budding of the Fig Tree

<u>Luke 21:29-33</u> – (29) "And he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. (30) As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. (31) So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. (32) Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. (33) Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.""

Christians should Seek to Understand and Celebrate God Given Signs

Indispensable Instructions

(1) Pay Attention to Yourself

"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth." (Luke 21:34-35)

(2) Persist in Prayer

"But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man." (Luke 21:36)

"The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers." (1 Peter 4:7)