

- I. **Do you think the end of the world/second coming of Jesus Christ is near?**
- II. **What has happened scripturally to bring us closer to the end?**

Matthew 24:7 (NIV) Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

Isaiah 43:5 & 6 (NIV) ⁵ Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. ⁶ I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth—

Luke 21:24 (NIV) They 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.

Isaiah 66:8 (NIV) Who has ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children.

Revelation 6:4 (NIV) Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make men slay each other. To him was given a large sword.

- III. **What still has to happen before Jesus returns?**

Matthew 24:14 (NIV) 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.

Daniel 9:27 (NIV) He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.

II Thessalonians 2:3 & 4 (NIV) ³ 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. ⁴ 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.

- IV. **What should our attitude be towards the end time events and Jesus' second coming?**

Luke 21:28 (NIV) When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

Romans 5:9 (NIV) Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

I Thessalonians 5:9 (NIV) ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelations 11:18 (NIV) The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your saints and those who reverence your name, both small and great— and for destroying those who destroy the earth."

Revelations 22:20 (NIV) He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.