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The Coming of Christ

18 Signs of His Return (The 1st of 2 Parts)

Although there are many, many signs of the imminent return of our Savior, I have chosen to list 18 of them. Why 18? In Hebrew, each letter of the alphabet is also a number. The number 18 is the letter chai. As a word, "chai" in Hebrew means, "Life."

This installment will list the first nine. It is my hope that these articles encourage those that have already placed their trust in Christ to boldly proclaim His soon return. To those that have not yet experienced the blessings of knowing Jesus on a personal, loving level, perhaps these signs may open your spiritual eyes, as they opened mine. L'Chayim (To Life)

1. **Gospel Preached Worldwide** - Matthew 24:14: *"And this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."* Until radio was invented early last century, then TV and now computers receiving satellite communications, it was not possible to preach the Gospel worldwide. Now it is. This also makes it possible for the whole world to see and celebrate the death of the two witnesses described in Revelation 11:9, as well as the physical return of our Savior;

2. **Increased travel and communications** - Daniel 12:4: *"Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."* It is estimated that the accumulated knowledge of mankind, once doubling every millennia, now doubles yearly. Until the invention of the automobile, the fastest man could travel was the speed of a horse, 40 mph. We now reach Earth escape velocity of 17,500 mph when sending people into space;

3. **Increase in Wars** - Mark 13:8 (and Matthew 24:6): *"nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom."* We have had more wars and more deaths and casualties from war in the past century than the previous 20 centuries combined;

4. **Ability to eradicate all life** - Matthew 24: 22: *"And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."* Since the atomic bomb ended World War II, mankind has developed even greater weapons of mass destruction. Yes, we now have the ability to erase all forms of life on this planet;

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5. Famines, Pestilence and Earthquakes worse than ever - Matthew 24:7: *"there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in diverse places."* We have always experienced these three plagues of nature. However, it is currently estimated that mankind will require as much food in the next 40 years as the previous 4,000 years, based on exploding populations. Diseases that were once considered eradicated, have mutated to develop resistance to medications, such as tuberculosis and gonorrhea. More severe earthquakes have occurred worldwide in the last decade than the last century. More severe earthquakes have occurred globally in the last century than in the previous centuries combined since the Resurrection.

6. Christians Persecuted Globally - Luke 21:17: *"And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake."* Anti-Christian persecution is on the increase worldwide. Even in nations once considered to be Christian, persecution of our brothers and sisters is on the rise. Just ask the IRS! The question is, when Christianity is a crime, will there be enough evidence against you to find you guilty?

7. One World Global Government - Daniel 7: 23: *"The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces."* The Book of Daniel has been called the Old Testament's Book of Revelation as they parallel each other so closely. Since the formation of the League of Nations, then the United Nations last century, the institutions of a global government have been evolving, being made ready for use by the Anti-Christ;

8. Peace Treaty - 1st Thessalonians 5:3: *"For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."* How often do we read headlines of attempts to reach a peace treaty between Israel and its neighbors? Once a treaty is signed, and it will (Daniel 9:27), then the world will enjoy everlasting peace, right? Not until Jesus returns!;

9. Return of Hebrews to Israel - Ezekiel 36:24' *"I will bring you into your own land."* Isaiah 66:8: *"Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once?"* This was fulfilled on one day, May 14, 1948, and also fulfills Ezekiel 37: 1-14, the regathering of the Nation of Israel, pictured as a Valley of Dried Bones. Yes, the *"fig tree"* of Mathew 24, has blossomed. We are the generation that has witnessed this;

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Baruch Habab V'Shem Adonoi: *"Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord,"* Jesus said He would not return until His own people said this. More of us have said this in the past century, than in the previous twenty. Amen.

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