TOP signs of the END TIMES:

1. Sign - Ability to Enforce Mark of the Beast

Revelation 13:17'And that <u>no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark</u>, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.' ... We are told in this Bible verse that during the last days the beast system would enforce the world to take the mark of the beast.

Now carefully think about this one. It says in Revelation 13 that those who don't take the mark will <u>not</u> be able to buy or sell. So what needs to happen for this prophecy to be fulfilled, to stop people from "buying and selling"? We need to get rid of cash right? And replace it with an electronic form of payment. It would then be easy to press a button and freeze the finances of any person who refuses to go along with the beast. Has this been possible in the past? No, because we did not have the technology to do it. <u>But now</u> we do have the technology and the people in control are actively pushing for this to happen today. This is a sure sign of the end times that we live in.

2. Sign - Perilous Times Shall Come

2 Timothy 3:1-5'This know also, that in the last days <u>perilous times</u> shall come.' ... The Perilous times are here, and will continue to get worse. There are protests, riots and uprisings all over the world today. The economy worldwide is in trouble and everything just seems ready to explode! And this plays into the hands of the beast power who can bring the "solution" to the troubles of this world. But that solution will be a deception.

3. Sign - Those Who Destroy The Earth, God Will Destroy

Revelation 11:18 ...'And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.' ... This applies to the end time signs and is an amazing one that many people miss. What could man do to the earth throughout history? Not much, other than

sling a few arrows and rocks and dig the ground with a shovel. But what does man do to the earth today? We destroy with great weapons of war and massive industry. Pollute the air with chemicals. Pollute the waters with oil and other toxins. Destroy the forests and so on. And as you will see from the list of mass animal deaths, the animals are dying in great numbers because of it.

There is no other time in history where mankind was destroying the earth like we are today. This is a sure sign of the times.

4. Sign - False Christs and Prophets

Matthew 24:4-5, I I'many shall come in My Name, saying, I am Christ and many false prophets shall arise

and deceive many.' With this one, we tend to focus on the "false Christs" and forget that the sign also includes false prophets and preachers. Sure, we have certainly had many characters claiming to either be Christ, or a special "chosen one", people like Jim Jones and David Koresh. And it doesn't stop there, as there are many new age, spiritualist, and satanic cults in the world today that deceive the masses.

But we now also have a world full of false prophets, preachers and movements like never before within the churches that preach error and deceive millions of people. For example, the prosperity gospel preachers and many others who focus entirely on material wealth and prosperity and do not convict people of sin. There is also those who deceive people into uniting with the world and uniting with other faiths, when the Word of God expressly tells us to stay separate.

And the only reason people are deceived by these is because they don't study the Bible. We need to test everyone against the Word of God to see if what they are preaching is the truth. Now does this mean we cannot trust anyone who claims to be a prophet of God? No, we just need to test what they say against the Word.

5. Sign - Famine

Matthew 24:7'and there shall be famine.' We are living in such a time of famine and hunger all over the world today, that there are thousands of people dying of starvation EVERY DAY. What makes this even more sad is that the amount of food that is wasted by the rest of us could feed these poor people who are starving to death. God will judge everyone for what we have done, or what we DIDN'T do.

6. Sign - Earthquakes in Diverse Places

Matthew 24:7'and earthquakes in divers places.' The scoffers love to bash this one, but from the evidence available, we can see that earthquakes are increasing in frequency, and also appearing in more "diverse places".

Take a look at the following information and judge for yourself.

"Current graphs clearly show an alarming worldwide trend of increasing earthquake strength and frequency.

These results are in agreement with the USGS statistics page, which shows an increase in the frequency of stronger earthquakes (M > 5.0)." (source)

A series of massive quakes within 2 days in 2012 prompted an earthquake expert to suggest that the earth is "cracking up" (link)

Costa Rica sees increase in seismic activity during past 62 years (Link)

Over 3,000 noticeable quakes hit Japan in 2012 (Link)

Over 5,000 earthquakes hit Mexico in 2012 (Link)

Koreas experienced twice as many quakes in 2012 than in the past (Link)

The world is now experiencing 3,000+ earthquakes every month!

7. Sign - Killed For Your Faith

Matthew 24:9-10'Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.' Christians are being persecuted and killed all over the world for their faith in Christ Jesus, especially in places like China, Russia, Africa, Iraq, Israel, etc. And soon this persecution will rise up in the western world when the mark of the beast is enforced. The Roman Catholic Church killed tens of millions of Christians during the dark ages between 538 - 1798AD, and this evil will rise again just before Jesus returns.

8. Sign - Sinful Society

Matthew 24:12'And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.' Idolatry, Adultery, Violence, Lust, Greed, Homosexuality, Theft, Lying. Just take a look around you and you will see the world is abounding in these sins, and not just the heathen world, but also WITHIN THE CHURCH! This world is truly aching under the burden of sin, and God will not let it carry on for much longer. Let's just look at ONE sin - Abortion. In the United States alone, since 1973, over 50 MILLION babies have been aborted (killed). The love of many have certainly "waxed cold" and the fact that many professing Christians believe that the ten commandments are no longer binding, then naturally sin is going to increase.

The amount of sin we allow into our homes today through television is staggering! And what do we call it?

ENTERTAINMENT! It was sin that put our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross and we now call it entertainment today.

Look at how society was just 50 or so years ago. People could leave their houses unlocked without fear of a thief entering the house. People dressed more modestly and women were not dressed in a "sensual" way. People were a lot more "pious" and caring and courteous towards one another.

There was far more caution as to what was allowed to be shown on television and in films. Society as a whole was a lot more stable. But today, society has degraded to an all time low.

9. Sign - People Will be Lovers of Pleasure

2 Timothy 3:1-5'This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.' Again, take a look around the world today and you will that this Bible verse above concerning the end times is being fulfilled. Now notice that it says people will be lovers of PLEASURE more than lovers of God, and that they SEEM to be Godly, but in reality they are Christians by name only. This is a perfect description of the church today. The majority of professing Christians today are more interested in the TV, sports, partying, socializing, playing games etc, than they are in following Christ Jesus.

10. Sign - War and Rumours of War

Matthew 24:6-7'And ye shall hear of wars For nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom.' Many people mock and say that this isn't a sign of the end times, because all these things have been happening for centuries, but when you look at the stats you can see that the frequency and intensity is greatly increasing. For instance, over the past century there has been well over 200 wars and conflicts that has brought about the death of well over 150 million people. And there hasn't been one single day where a war or conflict hasn't been fought.

11. Sign - Knowledge Shall be Increased

Daniel 12:4'even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.' This Bible verse concerning the end times can have two applications. The first is applied to Biblical knowledge concerning Bible prophecy. Since 1844 the truth of Bible prophecy has been opened up to God's people like never before and He now has a remnant church with the full truth. Take a look at the sanctuary message in the Bible for an eye opening study. The second application is that of worldly

knowledge. Just look at how much technology has developed over the past 50 years. We have seen an increadible increase of knowledge there.

12. Sign - True Gospel Preached Throughout the World

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.' The end cannot come with any old "gospel" message being preached to the world, no, Jesus said that "THIS GOSPEL", meaning the TRUE gospel must be preached and then the end would come. This true gospel is being preached through websites, not forgetting the pulpit, tv, radio, books etc. The gospel of Christ Jesus is now reaching the ends of the world and the return of Jesus is in sight.