

## Lesson 5: A Sure Word of Prophecy

**2 Peter 1:19 AMP** - *So we have the prophetic word made more certain. You do well to pay [close] attention to it as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and light breaks through the gloom and the morning star arises in your hearts.*

**Mark 13:35-37 NKJV** - **35** *Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning* **36** *lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. 37* *And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!”*

### I. The Prophetic Word of God

#### A. Prophecies of the Last Days

1. The Gospel will be preached worldwide.

**Matthew 24:14 NKJV** - *And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.*

There are 195 countries in the world:

54 in Africa  
48 in Asia  
44 in Europe  
33 in Latin America and the Caribbean  
14 in Oceania  
2 in North America

The world population is 7.65 billion. At the time of Christ, it's estimated that it was about 300 million.

2. There will be an increase of evil and wickedness that is unprecedented.

**Matthew 24:12 NKJV** - *And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.*

**Jude 1:17-19 AMP** - **17** *But as for you, beloved, remember the [prophetic] words spoken by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. 18* *They used to say to you, “In the last days there will be scoffers, following after their own ungodly passions.” 19* *These are the ones who are [agitators] causing divisions—worldly-minded [secular, unspiritual, carnal, merely sensual—unsaved], devoid of the Spirit.*

scoffers - one who scoffs at, makes fun of, makes sport of other people or things

### 3. Atheism and the rejection of Truth will be widespread.

**Psalms 53:1 NKJV** - *The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and have done abominable iniquity; there is none who does good.*

Paul described what happens in society when people reject truth and will not acknowledge God's authority. They become vain in their imaginations.

**Romans 1:21 KJV** - *Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

vain (mataioo) - to become perverse; to get off the right path to follow a foolish one

imagination (dialogismos) - to have the mind filled with thought processes that are objectionable

### 4. The Development of a Global Economy

"Globalization is the central reality of our time. It is coming and you can't stop it!" ~Former U.S. President, Bill Clinton  
State of the Union speech, January 2000

globalization - the process of interaction and integration among the people, companies, and governments of different nations; a process driven by international trade and investment and aided by information technology

**Revelation 13:16-17 NKJV** - *16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, 17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*

### 5. The Development of a World Government

The apostle John envisioned a leader (Antichrist) who would have authority over all the world, and would be worshipped by the people of the world.

**Revelation 13:1-8 NKJV** - *Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. 2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. 3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. 4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" 5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. 6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. 7 It was granted to*

him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. **8** All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

## 6. An Increase in Terrorism

**Luke 21:9 NKJV** - *But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately.*

**Luke 21:9 AMP** - *When you hear of wars and disturbances [civil unrest, revolts, uprisings], do not panic; for these things must take place first, but the end will not come immediately.*

commotions (akatastasia) - an unsettled condition; instability as a result of societal, political, or militaristic nature.

terrified (ptoeo) - to produce extreme fright as the result of something that is alarming

## 7. An Occultic Surge

**2 Timothy 3:13 KJV** - *But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.*

seducers (goace) - an imposter or a wizard; one who uses sorcery, magic and spells

Paul told Timothy that a worldwide impact of sorcery and witchcraft would come upon all segments of society.

Drug usage would be a conduit to connect people to occultic power in the Last Days.

**Revelation 18:23 NKJV** - *The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorceries all the nations were deceived.*

sorceries (pharmakia) - the use of drugs, spells, incantations; to make an appeal to occult powers through chants, charms, and amulets (ornaments or jewelry) to gain power

**Revelation 1:1 NKJV** - *The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John.*

**Revelation 1:7-8 NKJV** - *7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. 8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty."*