

CHAPTER 2

SIGNS OF THE LAST DAYS AND THE COMING OF MESSIAH

Sign 4: As in the days of Noah - Violence everywhere

In the last days of this age the earth will be full of violence and many people will be afraid of what is going to happen. Yeshua said:

“As it was in the days of Noah so will it be in the days of the Son of Man.” (Luke 17.26-27)

The Bible says that in the days of Noah *‘the earth was corrupt before God and the earth was filled with violence.’* (Genesis 6.11). In particular, there was something happening in the thought life of human beings causing them to act in wicked ways:

‘Every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.’
(Genesis 6.5)

Yeshua said that at the end of this age:

“men’s hearts (will be) failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth”. (Luke 21.26)

The world today has many influences to violence. TV and films show images of violence and cruelty which people watch every day. Computer games glorify aggression and killing. Add to this the influence of drink, drugs and the occult and you have a potent cocktail leading to violence and uncleanness in human behaviour. Newspapers are full of stories of violent and lawless behaviour in people’s homes, in schools and on the streets of our towns and cities.

We see violence taking place in different parts of the world for various reasons. There are conflicts in places where people of different races, tribes or religions live close to each other. There are governments, which use violence to suppress the opposition, and terrorist groups, which use violence to terrorise their opponents or try to overthrow governments. The drug trade is another source of violence with gangs fighting over profits from selling drugs. There is violence against women and children. Reports come in from many parts of the world of rape, sexual abuse and women being forced into prostitution. Domestic violence

is a growing problem in many western countries. In the UK one incident of domestic violence is reported to the police every minute. On average, two women a week are killed by a current or former male partner.

The human race has come a long way from Cain, the first son of Adam, who killed his brother out of jealousy. People's lives are made a misery by violence as human beings ignore God's command to 'love your neighbour as yourself' or Yeshua's words:

"This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you." (John 15.12)

Now is the time to choose to love God and your neighbour as yourself, to seek peace and reconciliation in place of strife.

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