

Matt. 16:3

SUBJECT: The Signs of God

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Matt. 16: 3 "... can ye not discern the signs of the times?"

THE SIGNS OF GOD

Hebrew 11: 12, 57? iH acts
phenomena by
which God
reveals His power
power
Greek ονειρον

1. The Bible is a book of signs - ^{eyes} close

(1) The Bible opens in Gen. 1. with signs

1:14 "And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven... and let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and for years..."

if. the sun moves south - prepare for winter
the sun moves north - - - - - planting

The luminaries, Heaven speak to us

of. Psalm 8:3 "When I consider thy
heavens, ... the moon and the stars
which thou hast ordained;

What is meant that those
are mindless? None?"

- the greatness of God

- the smallness of man

(2) The Bible closes with ^{signs} "the Revelation"
Rev. 1:1 "And he said unto me, 'The Revelation
of Jesus Christ which God gave to
show unto his servants things which
must shortly come to pass; and he
sent and signified ^{to make known by a} it
^{sign} ^{specie}on"

by his angel unto his servant Peter "

v. Rev. 15:1 "And I saw another
specie in Heaven, great and
marvelous ..."

2. God is a God of signs

The testimony of Nebuchadnezzar, Dan. 4:2-37
Dan. 4:2 "I thought it good to show the
signs that the signs he hath resorted
toward me."

; 3 How great are his signs! and
how mighty are his wonders!

The decree of Darius

Dan. 6:27 "... as worked ^{sign} in
Heaven and in earth ..."

God a God of signs ^{sign (KJV)}
Denn. 9: 12 "This is the ^{sign} ^{mark} ^{of the} covenant which I make between me
and you and every living creature
for perpetual generations
: 13 I do set my bow ^{sign} in
the cloud and it shall be for a sign...
the rainbow
So II Peter 3: 6-8 the third judgment, at
the water sent by fire
God challenges us, dares us, to look to Him for signs
Isaiah 40: 10 ^{and} ^{reassure} the Fool speaks
again unto Abaz. says,
: 11 Ask then a sign of the
yel thy God; ask it either in the
depth, or in the height above.
: 12 But Abaz said, ?
will not eth...
Then the Fool gave the sign ^{hypocritical - had already secretly} ^{decided to form alliance with} ^{Assyria} ^{7: 14-16}
^{the civilizer, then, delivered for field}
^{" a good, " " a no.}

Jesus the Son of God authenticated by signs
John 20:30 "and many other signs
truly did Jesus in the presence of his
disciples, which are not written in
this book."

: 31 But those are written
that you might believe that Jesus is
the Christ, as said the . . ."

John always operates signs
never miracles
ask ? for his gospel
so Nicodemus John 3:2

The gospel authenticated by signs

Heb. 2:3 "...the great salvation
which at the first began to be spoken by
the fathers, and confirmed unto them
that reach them

: 4 And also bearing them
watered by signs . . .

q. Matt. 12:38-40 and signs . . . that I indeed
died three days

l. John 2:18, 19

6. Acts 2:23 "Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved
by God among you by signs which he did by him"

God reveals his purpose to his people
by words, by signs.

Gen. 18:17 "Shall I hide from Abraham
that thing which I do?"

Amos 3:7: "Surely the Lord God wills
nothing, but he reveals his
secret unto his servants the prophets."

John 14:29 "I have told you before
it come to pass, that, when it is
come to pass, ye might believe."

Rev. 1:1 "The Revelation which God gave
to show his servants things which must
nearly come to pass..."

From Genesis to Revelation God
reveals to his people his world plan
by words and by signs: the meaning
of what he does and what he intends
to do. By signs as well as by
plain word.

6. - Isaiah 8:18 "Behold, I and the
children nation the God truth of whom
one are for signs in Israel from the
God / Rasta."

The names of the children prophesied the future
(18:1-4) every day they walked among the
people, they a living signs of the word / God.

1. Isaiah 20:3 "And the Lord said, 'Go
on my servant Isaiah and walk
naked & barefoot three years for
sign upon Egypt & Ethiopia,
the king of Assyria shall see the King
of Egypt cast away the Egyptian
prisoners, & the Ethiopian captives,
naked as I, naked as barefoot...'"

2. Exh. 12:6 <sup>marked with his horn & nail
day after the night</sup> "I have set the for
a sign unto the house of Israel
when they say, what

dost thou?"
10 say unto them, This
burden concerneth the prince and all
the house of Jerusalem.

11 I am your sign...
you shall remove and go into captivity"

I. Covenant Signs

1. Circumcision

Gen. 17:6 "I will make them a covenant⁽¹⁾
of the faithful"

"... and I will give them a land to
the seed of them, the land wherein
thou art a stranger, all the land of
Canaan, for an everlasting possession"

"... I shall circumcise the
flesh of your foreskin; it shall be
a sign of the covenant between
me and you."

Romans 4:11 "And Abraham
received the sign of circumcision, a
seal of the righteousness of faith..."

2. The Sabbath

Ex. 31:13 "Keep my sabbaths
I shall honor: for it is a sign
between me and you throughout
your generations..." ^{OVER}

Ezch. 20:12 "I gave them my sabbaths
to be a sign between me and them,
that they might know that I am the
Lord that sanctify them."

3. The Passover
Exodus 13:8 "Then shall show thy
son saying, This is done because I
brought you forth out of Egypt
when I caused you to go out of Egypt
... of God it shall be for a
sign unto the children of Israel,
an记 a memorial between their
eyes ... for with a strong hand
had the Lord brought them out of
Egypt."

of the Lamb Suffer: "This cup is the new
covenant in my blood." A sign and a covenant

II Confirming Signs

1. God's call

(1) Moses

- The morning book Ex. 3:1-10
The sign / deliverance (triumphant)
Ex. 3:19 "Certainly I need be well with the
ad this shall be the sign unto thee that
I have sent thee when thou goest
brought forth the people out of Egypt,
ye shall know the sign this mountain"
- Moses reluctance v.1 "they will not
believe me ... they will say, 'the
Lord hath not appeared unto thee.'"
- Ex. 4:1-5 the rod + serpent a rod
v. 6-8 Hand in rod, leprosy, blood and
v. 8 "if not believe the first
sign, they will believe the latter sign."
v. 9 "if they not believe these
two signs ... water from river, blood
- v. 29-31 "Moses did the signs in
the sight of the people, and the people
believed ..."

(2) Gideon

Judges 6:17 "Now make a sign..."
: 36 "a fleece, drew on the fleece only
: 39 - " . . . ground "

a. ^{CONFIRMING} God's unrighteousness, displeasure, judgment

(1) Ex. 7:3; 8:23; 10:1, 3; Judg 3:17
the plagues God signs / judge against Pharaoh

(2) Korah and company, rebellion against Moses, Numbers 26:10 "And the earth opened her mouth at swallowed them up . . . as they became a sign."
confirmed leadership of Moses
displeasure with Korah

(3) Pharaoh - Egypt Ex. 44:39, 30

"This shall be a sign unto you . . .
[the Lord's judgment against the Jews who
had forsaken Judah to flee into Egypt]
Beloved, I will give Pharaoh-Egypt
of Egypt into the hands of his enemies.
[they strangled him to death]

confirming God's promise to deliver his people

3. God's deliverance of his people

(1) Isa. 32: "Be ye afflicted, desperate people,
speedily the latter days. Seven and before
the Lord in the Temple."

32: 30 This shall be a gift
unto you... " this year a year long wait
will follow? " the 187,000 plant of the Assyrian army

(2) Isa. 38: 1-8 the illness of Hezekiah
is well? Mareshah message, 15 years
: "This shall be a gift
unto thee from the Lord
: " Rehob? will bring
against the shadow? ten degrees, which
is gone down in the sun dial? three
ten degrees backward."

(3) Isa. 9: 10-16 Achaz built by
Rezin his Syria, fortat, his? Samaria.
Mareshah promised deliverance: the dial
large fulfill not 28. 3:12 "This shall be
a gift unto you, " ye shall find the book wrapped
in white rags rolled in them
= this book, in sandal, or trunk of cedar, with

4. God's ^{CONFRONTATION} leadership in the lives of the servants

(1) Saul's choice as King

I Sam. 10:1 Samuel anoints him.

: 2-6 the 3 prophets anoint him
last, prophesy

: 7 "And let it be written that
begin all come unto thee ^{knowest} -- God is with thee"

(2) The apostle

Paul II Cor. 12:12 "Truly the signs?"
an apostle were wrought among you."

[q. II Tim. 4:20 "Troglionem have"]

I left at midday sick"
Paul, apostle, could not rest at night
confessing signs...]

5. My pastorate

(1) Coming, a sign (dream...)

(2) 40th anniversary intention to retire

i. "Steensby": made me pause.
as Deacon at wedding

ii. The new building

The gift several million dollars
"Take one bid it is
not a pastorate"

Some^{one} has got a gold coin
and more when he sells
and there's plenty of time to count your money
when the deal is done.

You^{ve} got the hand now to pay for
all of the time you've had (the deal is done)
and there's plenty of time for division
after the sale is over.

III The Signs of Christ's Coming and of the End of the World

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1. Jesus did not rebuke them for asking
"ignore their question
reject them for inquisitive
say they had no right to know
in error, looking for signs

But, Jesus answered in kind

(His reply in Matt. 24, 25
Mark 13

Luke 21

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- - - signs to ignore.

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"say they had no right to know"
"in error, looking for signs"

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3. Dr. Norman B. Harrison,^{Dr.}
Sur Return, lists the signs? 8th
 return given in the Bible
 10 signs in the Pentateuch
 14 " " Isaiah & Jeremiah
 14 " " Ezekiel & Daniel
 14 " " the Minor Prophets
 15 " " given by Jesus
 17 " in the Epistles
 29 " " Revelation
 11 "

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4. Ours ignoring them
 Matt. 16:1-3 where the Scribes desired
 to show them a sign from Heaven.
 When Jesus, the Great Teacher, the sky is red
 - many, " " blood " ; " " " " " " " lowing
 " " can discern the fire) the sky, but we
 cannot discern the sign of the times"

q. Matt. 2:1-18 The star in the east.
Second only applied the signs: the shepherds and the Magi
- makes more of the people than the teachers

q. the coming? X the first form: the
signs of his coming - signs in the east
q. John the Baptist

(3) Mal. 3:1-4:5,6 "the messenger" in the
spirit & Elijah
John the Baptist

(3) Gen. 3:15 the seed of the woman

many
(4) Is. 5:1 That he would speak unto them in parables

(5) Isaiah 5:3 root out, dry ground

lose etc? Standard religion
the region of sorrow

(6) Zech. 9:9 That he would ride into Jerusalem on a colt the foal, the
(7) mat. 21:1 That he would enter Jerusalem on a colt the foal, the
- take all voices like, salutes, praises, the people, the king, the
- The attack of the Jews from Jerusalem,

(8) The attack of the Jews from Jerusalem,
- affirmation -

"superior"

yet did not believe.

will not? Do not?

17 signs today fulfilled
of the long 7 X

(9) That he would rise again Is. 16:10

Jesus Is Coming Again

Tough scroffer doubt it, and you
may doubt, too,

Jesus is coming again!
all he has promised will ever
be true.

Jesus is coming again!

Such as the flowers that bloom
in the Spring.

Such as the sunrises to the world
doth light bring,

Fragrance of lilies, and birds
in the morn,

Jesus is coming again!

May be tomorrow, O glorious day,

Jesus is coming again!

Here all the sorrow we have known
On life's way,

Jesus is coming again!

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in the spring,

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With light bring,

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