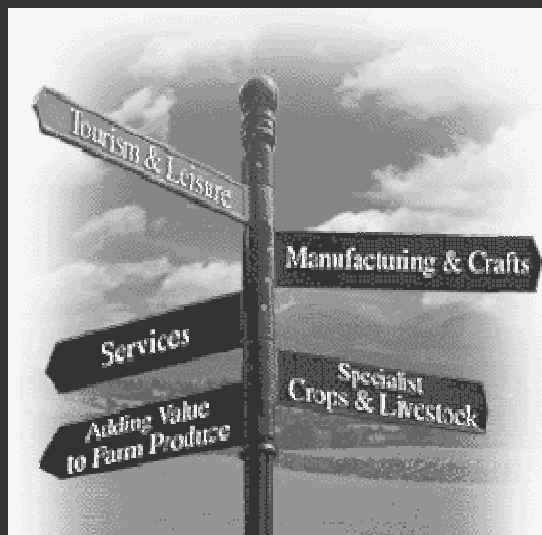


# Signs of our Times 2009



*“Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”*

Matthew 24 v 3

## Sign 1 - Disease



*“There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.”*

Luke 21 v 11

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**‘Pestilences’ - Diseases**

# Aids



Sign 1 - Disease

# Bird Flu



Sign 1 - Disease

# Swine Flu



Sign 1 - Disease

# Swine Flu

Infection in  
210 countries



Sign 1 - Disease

# Swine Flu

Deaths in  
39 countries



Sign 1 - Disease

# Swine Flu

*“..... and  
pestilences in  
various places”*



Sign 1 - Disease

## Sign 2 - War



## War or Peace?

23 wars &  
conflicts in the  
world



Sign 2 - War

*“You will hear of wars and  
rumours of wars.....*

*Nation will rise against nation,  
and kingdom against kingdom.”*

Matthew 24 v 6,7

During the last week....

More soldiers  
killed in  
Afghanistan



Sign 2 - War

## During the last week....

Simon Mann  
pardoned for  
coup role



Sign 2 - War

## During the last week....

Tensions with  
Iran



Sign 2 - War

## Sign 3 - Money



Not so long ago.....

Money  
dominated



Sign 3 - Money

*“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.”*

1 Timothy 6 v 10

But now .....

End of the housing boom

Are we to blame?



Sign 3 - Money

But now .....

Is it the bank's  
fault?



Sign 3 - Money

But now .....

Longest  
recession on  
record



Sign 3 - Money

*“Men’s hearts failing them for fear ”*

Matthew 24 v 21

But now .....



Unemployment  
Pay freezes  
Strike action



Sign 3 - Money

## Sign 4 - Environment



It won't go away

How should we react  
to the environmental  
crisis?



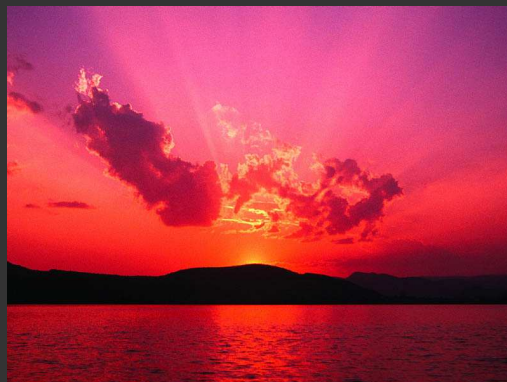
Sign 4 – Environment

*“The time has come for judging  
the dead, .....and for  
destroying those who destroy  
the earth. ”*

Revelation 11 v 18

God's plan

God's plan is clear



Sign 4 – Environment

*“For the earth will be filled with knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. ”*

Habakkuk 2 v 14

## Other warnings

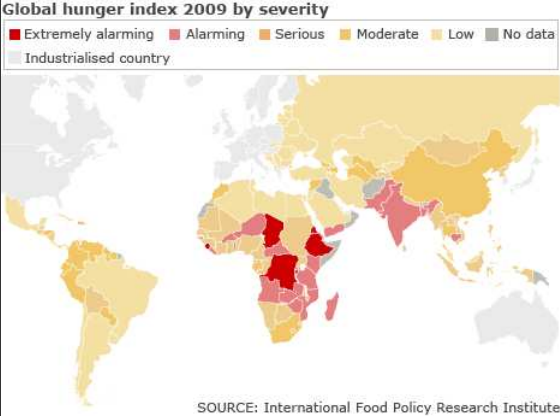
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Sign 4 – Environment

# Other warnings

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Sign 4 – Environment

# Sign 5 - Israel



## Why Israel?

Frequently in  
news



Sign 5 – Israel

## Why Israel?

Key to God's plan  
and purpose



Sign 5 – Israel

*“Then the LORD will scatter you among all nations, from one end of the earth to the other. ”*

Deuteronomy 28 v 26

## Distress

Israel's scattering  
prophesied



Sign 5 – Israel

*“I am with you and will save you, declares the LORD. Though I completely destroy all the nations among which I scatter you, I will not completely destroy you.”*

Jeremiah 30 v 11

## Re-gathering

Israel's re-gathering prophesied



Sign 5 – Israel

## Sign 6 - Time



## Busy lives?

How we use our time



Sign 6 – Time

*“No-one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ”*

Matthew 24 v 36

When will Christ come?

Example of Noah's day



Sign 6 – Time

*“Therefore keep watch,  
because you do not know on  
what day your Lord will come...*

*If the owner of the house had  
known at what time of night the  
thief was coming, he would  
have kept watch... ”*

Matthew 24 v 43

## Keeping watch

The ‘thief’ is coming  
Are you prepared?



Sign 6 – Time

