

SIGNS ON THE EARTH

1. In what other place will there be signs besides in the heavens? Acts 2:19.
2. What will be the condition of the nations near the end? Luke 21:25.
3. How will the troublous times affect the people? Verse 26. What comes next? Verse 27.
4. What picture of the scene is given us by the prophet Joel? Chap. 3:9-14.
5. Of what is this warlike condition among the nations a sure sign? Rev. 11:18.
6. What sign is to be seen in the sea? Luke 21:25.
7. What will be the condition of the world socially? Matt. 24:37-39:
8. When was there to be a special accumulation of wealth? What is kept back by fraud? What is rusting? Why? What is coming upon the rich? James 5:1-4.

LESSON 05

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9. What exhortation is given to God's people? Verses 7-9.

10. What other signs are to be seen in the earth? Luke 21:11; Mark 13:8. Note 1.

11. Is the definite day for the coming of the Lord revealed in the Bible? Matt. 24:36.

12. What is clearly revealed? Mark 13:29, 30. Note 2.

13. When these things begin to come to pass, what is said of our redemption? Luke 21:28. Ans. — It is drawing nigh.

14. When these things are fulfilled, what is next? Verses 29-31.

15. What assurance have we at this time? Verses 32, 33.

NOTES

I. Space will not permit us to give an array of facts showing how all these predictions of the Word are being fulfilled. Their fulfilment is written everywhere. The accumulated evidence all around us would fill volumes. See, in the increasing armies and navies

and war spirit of the nations; the destructive conflagrations; devastations wrought by floods, and ruin wrought by tempest and cyclone; ruin by earthquake and volcanic eruption; pestilence and famine; in the unparalleled accumulation of wealth in the hands of a few, and the corresponding oppression of the poor, a fulfilment of the Word. Violence, as in the days of Noah, fills the earth, and the victims of intemperance, of mobs, strikes, murder, and suicide, move on in mournful procession, by the tens of thousands, to the tomb, as a reminder that the end is coming. The increase is appalling. All around us, in a thousand forms, we see the startling fulfilment of what the Lord has said. Meditate upon it. Study what you see, and let the voice of God, announcing through all these things the ruin of the world, and the everlasting end of sin and sorrow, speak to your soul.

2. The Lord has placed signs in the heavens, on the earth, in the sea, in society, among the nations, and in the hearts of men — in every place possible — and tells us that when we see the things fulfilled which He has foretold, He is near, even at the door; that the last generation of men is on the earth. Then He bids us watch and pray.