

Session 5

Positive Sign Trends, Events, and Personalities

A. Introduction

1. We stand at a critical juncture of human history. Isaiah 60:1–3 gives us a prophetic picture of the unique dynamics of the End Times — the unfolding crises and the glory of God over His people.
2. It is important to know both the positive and negative sign trends, events and personalities that will arise during the End Times as this will prepare our hearts for what is to come.
3. In the midst of increasing darkness, the light of God will become brighter in and through His Bride. God will release the greatest outpouring of the spirit upon His Church in the midst of deepest darkness (Joel 2:28–32).
4. It will be the most glorious and finest hour for the Church of Jesus Christ. We will shine without spot or blemish (Eph. 5:27), stand victorious in love (Matt. 22:37–38) and move in unprecedented power and authority of the Spirit (Acts 2:17–20) in the midst of greatest opposition.

B. The Primary Positive Trends in The End Times

1. *Unprecedented Outpouring of the Holy Spirit and Revival*
The Lord will release a measure of the spirit of prophecy upon the Church in accordance to His promise in Joel 2:28–32 that will far surpass the book of Acts and that of previous generations (Acts. 2:17–20). What He has promised — pouring His spirit out upon all flesh (Joel 2:28–32) has not yet happened in its fullness. What happened in the book of Acts was simply a deposit.
2. *The Great Harvest*
The gospel of the Kingdom will be preached as a witness to every tongue, tribe, nation and people before the return of Jesus (Matt 24:14, Rev. 7:9). In this generation, there has been an explosive increase in the work of Bible translation into new languages, and we see the Gospel reaching unreached people groups at a faster rate than ever before (Rev. 14:6).

3. *Salvation of Israel*

There has been at least a 100-fold increase of Jewish people coming into the saving knowledge of Yeshua as their Messiah in the recent decades (Rom. 11:26; Amos 9:11-12). The Gentile Church will also increasingly walk in our destiny to provoke Israel to jealousy (Rom. 11:1).

4. *“John 17 Oneness”*

This is one of the greater glories that God will release over His End-Time Bride. There will be a fulfilment of Jesus’ prayer for His people in John 17:20–23. Denominational, cultural or national differences will no longer stand in the way of the Father’s desire for unity and oneness in His Body. This will be the new expression of Christianity, serving as a witness to the Father’s heart.

5. *The Global Worship and Prayer Movement*

There will be unceasing worship and intercession arising from the ends of the earth to the throne of God (Isa. 42:10–13; Ps. 96:1–13). Houses of prayer have been established all across the globe, including the ones that function 24/7. God will continue to establish His Houses and set His watchmen on the walls to partner with Him from the place of intercession for His purposes in Israel and in this generation (Isa. 62:4–5).

C. The Primary Positive People and Personalities in The End Times

1. *The Bride of Christ*

The people of God will arise fully mature in character, love and the power of the Holy Spirit. We will live in the fullness of the Bridal paradigm and arise to partner with the Holy Spirit in ushering in the return of the Son (Rev. 22:17).

- a. The Bride will arise to the fullness of Revelation 12:11, not backing down in the face of harshest opposition and persecution.
- b. We will overcome and stand against the gates of Hades (Matt. 16:18).

2. *The Two Witnesses or Prophets* (Rev. 11:3–6)

These are two specific people whom God will raise up in the final 3½ years of human history (most likely from the Messianic Jewish community) to move in unprecedented power and prophecy to confront and release God’s judgments on all who oppose Jesus.

3. *144,000 sealed Jewish and Gentile believers* (Rev. 7:4–8, 14:1–5)

This is not an absolute number but is meant to represent the fullness of the number of Jewish and Gentile believers who will be supernaturally sealed and protected by the power of God in the midst of God’s judgments.

D. The Primary Positive Events in The End Times

1. *The Second Coming of Christ*

This is the most prominent event in the End Times (Rev. 19:11–12; Zech. 14:1–5; 1 Thes. 4 and 5; Matt. 24; Lk. 21; Mk. 13). It speaks of the time where Jesus will appear in the sky and all the peoples of the earth will see Him. He will come to establish His earthly Kingdom, bring judgment on sin and vindication to God's people.

2. *Rapture*

This refers to the "catching up" of all of the saints into the air to meet Jesus and occurs simultaneously with His Second Coming (1 Thes. 4:13–1; 1 Cor. 15:51–52; Matt. 13:30,40–43; 2 Thes. 2:1). It includes the resurrection of all the faithful saints who have passed on before in human history.

3. *Rebuilding of the Jerusalem temple*

When Jesus returns, He will rebuild the Millennial Temple (Ezek. 43:1–7, 10:4, 18–19, 11:22–23) as the rightful heir to the throne of David, and the Gentile nations will help to finance it. This is different from the Tribulation Temple, which will be desecrated by the Antichrist, and will be the context for the ministry of the Two Witnesses (Dan. 9:27, 11:36–45; Matt. 24:15; Mk. 13:14; 2 Thes. 2:4; Rev. 11:1–2).

4. *The Judgment of the Great Harlot* (Rev. 17)

The Great Harlot refers to a worldwide religious system that will be judged by God.

5. *The fall of Babylon* (Rev. 18)

This refers to God's judgment on a worldwide economic system that would have established itself in that day.

6. *The Battle of Armageddon* (Rev. 16:16)

This refer to the final military conflict between God and the Antichrist and his international armies (Joel 3:2–15; Zech. 14:1–5; Zeph. 3:8). The Antichrist, the False Prophet and their armies will be defeated (Rev. 19:12–17).

7. *The Millennial Kingdom of Christ*

This is a literal 1,000-year period during which Jesus will rule the earth and when God's Kingdom will be fully manifest (Rev. 20:1–6; Isa. 2:1–11; Rom. 8:19–23). Jesus will rule the whole world from Jerusalem in perfect righteousness and continual peace, allowing resurrected saints with glorified bodies to rule with Him in the government. King Jesus is physically present to restore creation to the conditions of the Garden of Eden. During this time, God

will bind Satan and pronounce His judgments on the Gentile nations (Matt. 25:31–32).

8. *The Marriage of the Lamb and Marriage Supper of the Lamb* (Rev. 19:7–10)

9. *The Great White Throne Judgment*

This is when Satan will face final punishment together with all who have followed him (Rev. 20:11–15).

10. *Descent of God the Father and the New Jerusalem to the New Earth* (Rev.

21:2)

At the end of the 1000-year reign of Jesus, the earth will be prepared for God the Father and the New Jerusalem to descend upon it. This marks the fulfilment of God's desire to tabernacle with man in fullness (Rev. 21:3).