38 Signs of the Times

A caution: Many people seem to use the signs of the times (prophecies which alert us to the nearness of the Savior's second coming) to preach fear and panic. The Savior said, after talking about the signs of the times, “See that ye be not troubled.” (Joseph Smith—Matthew 1:23.) We will follow the Savior's advice and use these signs to strengthen our testimonies, rather than to promote fear. While there are many more, we will consider 38 of these signs of the times. They will not necessarily be presented in chronological order. We will consider whether each is already fulfilled, is being fulfilled, or is yet to begin fulfillment (remembering that we don’t know for sure on many). Thanks. Brother Ridges

1. Discovery of America, establishment of U.S.A. (1 Nephi 22:7; 3 Nephi 21:4.)
2. Coming forth of the Book of Mormon (Ezekiel 37:16-19.)
3. Restoration of the Priesthood (Malachi 4:4-6, etc.)
4. Restoration of the true Church. (Acts 3:19-21 etc.)
5. The Church will grow to fill the whole earth. (Daniel 2:35, 44-45.)
6. Scattered Israel will be gathered. (1 Nephi 10:14, etc.)
7. Lost Ten Tribes return (D&C 133:26-34, etc.)
8. Times of the Gentiles fulfilled (D&C 45:25, etc.)
9. Jews return to Jerusalem (D&C 133:13, etc.)
10. Jews accept the true gospel (2 Nephi 30:7, etc.)
11. Elijah comes (Malachi 4:5-6.)
12. Christ will come to His temple. (Malachi 3:1, etc.)
13. Genealogical research increases dramatically. (Malachi 4:6, etc.)
14. Many in Egypt will accept the gospel and a temple will be built in Egypt (Isa. 19:18-19, 21.)
15. Diseases, plagues, pestilences sweep earth (D&C 45:31; Joseph Smith—Matthew 1:29.)
16. Knowledge, science, etc., to increase (Daniel 12:4.)
17. Wars and rumors of wars (D&C 45:26; JS—Matthew 1:23.)
18. Famines, tornadoes, earthquakes, natural disasters to abound (D&C 45:26, etc.)
19. Dangers in and upon the waters (D&C 61:4; 13-19.)
20. Sexual immorality, homosexuality, etc., abounds (2 Timothy 3:3, 6, etc.)
21. Much ecological damage will occur in the last days (Revelation 8:7-12)
22. Peace taken from the earth (D&C 1:35, etc.)
23. Jerusalem to be a “cup of trembling” to people around it (Zechariah 12:2, etc.)
24. False churches, false prophets abound Revelation 13:13-14, etc.)
25. People refuse to believe the signs of the times. (2 Peter 3:3-4.)
26. Signs and wonders on earth and in the heavens (D&C 45:40.)
27. Lamanites to “blossom as the rose” (D&C 49:24.)
28. New Jerusalem to be built (Moses 7:63-64.)
29. Many temples to be built (President Benson, Elder McConkie, April Conference, 1980.)
31. Temple to be built in Jerusalem (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, p. 286.)
32. Battle of Armageddon (Zechariah 12, etc.)
33. Meeting at Adam-ondi-Ahman (Daniel 7:9-14.)
34. Two prophets killed in Jerusalem (Revelation 11.)
35. Mount of Olives divides in two (Zechariah 14:4, etc.)
36. Righteous are taken up. (D&C 88:96.)
37. Wicked are burned. (Malachi 4:1; 2 Nephi 12:10, 19, 21; D&C 5:19.)
38. Everyone sees Christ coming (Revelation 1:7, etc.)