

Matthew 24:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

Analysis

When ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors—

The Greek eggys (ἐγγύς) means near/at hand, and epi thyrais (ἐπὶ θύραις) pictures someone at the door, about to knock. Jesus promises recognizable proximity, not precise chronology. 'All these things' (panta tauta, πάντα ταῦτα) references the signs just described—false messiahs, wars, famines, persecution, abomination, tribulation, cosmic disturbances.

The ambiguous pronoun 'it' (not 'he') may refer to Christ's coming, the kingdom's consummation, or judgment's arrival. The cumulative convergence of signs indicates imminent fulfillment—like a homeowner hearing footsteps on the porch. This demands vigilance, not complacency, since the door could open any moment.

Historical Context

The 'door' metaphor appears throughout Scripture—Noah's ark door (Genesis 7:16), Passover door blood (Exodus 12:23), closed door of the wise virgins (Matthew 25:10), Jesus knocking (Revelation 3:20). In AD 30, Jesus spoke to disciples who would witness some 'things' (temple destruction, AD 70) but not all (Second Coming). The overlapping fulfillments create prophetic tension.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How do you balance urgency about Christ's return with patient endurance, given that He has 'stood at the door' for 2,000 years?
2. Which of the 'all these things' signs do you see converging in your lifetime that might indicate nearness?
3. What practical changes would you make today if you truly believed Christ was 'at the doors'?

Interlinear Text

οὕτως	καὶ	ὑμεῖς	ὅταν	ἴδητε	πάντα	ταῦτα
So	likewise	ye	when	ye shall see	all	these things
G3779	G2532	G5210	G3752	G1492	G3956	G5023
γινώσκετε	ὅτι	ἐγγύς	ἐστιν	ἐπὶ	θύραις	
know	that	near	it is	even at	the doors	
G1097	G3754	G1451	G2076	G1909	G2374	

Additional Cross-References

James 5:9 (Parallel theme): Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.

Hebrews 10:37 (Parallel theme): For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.