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Question #1: \_\_\_\_\_ will these things be? (v. 3b)

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\_\_\_\_\_ and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.

Question #2a: What will be the \_\_\_\_\_ of your coming? (v. 3c)

"Coming"

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- He used *Parousia* = "coming and \_\_\_\_\_ with"
- The disciples were concerned about Jesus coming to be \_\_\_\_\_ with them again.

Question #2b: What will be sign of the close of the age? (v. 3d)

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Approaching these foretelling prophecies: why did God give them to us?

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2) \_\_\_\_\_

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- 2) **Evangelism**
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