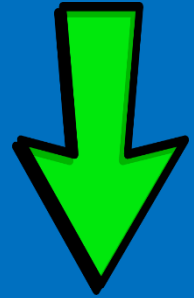


LIVING FOR HIS RETURN



Part 1: Introduction

KEY QUESTIONS

1. Since Jesus could return at any moment, should knowing this shape my interests and my priorities?
 Yes
 No
2. Does the Bible give any insights about when he will return?
 Yes
 No
3. Is Jesus coming soon, and is it possible to see the day of his return approaching?
 Yes
 No

KEY VERSES

- *He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Rev. 22:20*
- *And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming. 1 John 2:28*
- *Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Heb. 10:25*

FIFTEEN SIGNS THAT POINT TO THE RETURN OF CHRIST



1. Deceptive _____ of Jesus Christ (Mark 13:6).
2. Increase in _____ and rumors of _____ (Mark 13:7-8).
3. There will be _____ in various places, and _____ (Mark 13:8).
4. The preaching of the gospel to _____ (Mark 13:10; Matt. 24:14).
5. Rampant _____ including _____ affections (2 Tim. 3:1-4).
6. Abnormal _____ activities (Luke 17:26-30; cp. 2 Pet. 1:16 with 2:6).
7. False _____ (2 Tim. 3:5).
8. The unprecedented pursuit of _____ (Dan. 12:4).
9. Unification of world's _____ s (Rev. 13:4-8; 16-18; Psa. 2:1-3).
10. Some will _____ the faith and follow deceptive demonic teachings (1 Tim. 4:1).

11. The rebellion occurs and the " _____ " is revealed (2 Thess. 2:1-4).
12. The great _____ (Mark 13:19-20 NKJ).
13. False prophets working _____ (Mark 13:22; Matt. 24:23-24).
14. Signs in the _____ (Mark 13:24-26, Matt. 24:29-30; Luke 21:25-27).
15. The salvation of _____ (Rom. 11:25-26).

WHAT FUTURE EVENTS ARE DESCRIBED IN THE BIBLE?

Evangelicals who hold to various positions about future major events all agree that Scripture is inerrant, and they have a commitment to believe whatever is taught by Scripture. Their differences concern the interpretation of various passages relating to these events, but their differences on these matters should be seen as matters of secondary importance, not as differences over primary doctrinal matters.

Though not all theologians agree on the exact sequence of the following future biblical events, all do agree that they are important to the believer in understanding God's plan of the ages:



1. The Tribulation Period
2. The Rapture
3. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ
4. The Millennium
5. Future resurrections of believers and unbelievers
6. Future judgments of believers and unbelievers
7. The New Heaven and New Earth

DISCUSSION QUESTION

If you somehow knew that Jesus would be returning in seven days, what would you do?