Contemporary Signs Of The Lord's Return

Part 4



Scriptures

• <u>2 Tim. 3:5</u>

⁵ holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.

• <u>I Tim. 4:3</u>

³ men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.

• <u>II Tim. 3:1-4</u>

3 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. ² For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, ⁴ treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

• Zechariah 12:3

³ It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it.

• Matthew 24:14

¹⁴ This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Other Scriptures

- Rev.22:20
- I Tim. 4:8
- Luke 12:15
- I John 3:3
- Matthew 10:28
- Rev. 22:12

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Main Points

- Contemporary sign #6 is that churches and ministries that were once on fire, have become religious institutions, devoid of power.
- Contemporary sign #7 is the desecration of marriage.
- Contemporary sign #8 is the turning of diets into a god.
- Contemporary sign #9 is that our culture has become cynical, pleasure seeking, and materialistic.
 - o When we agree with a spirit of cynicism and bitterness, we get defiled.
- Jesus...is coming back for me.
- Contemporary sign #10 is that Jerusalem is at the center of international conflict.
 - o This couldn't have happened before 1948.
- Contemporary sign #11 is that the Gospel is being preached to the ends of the earth.
 - This couldn't have happened before this age of information and technological advancement.
- Why is this important? He wants us to act on your knowledge of His soon return.
 - o Prepare by focusing on His return.
 - o Prepare by fearing God in a holy way.
 - o Spend yourself on being used by God to build His Kingdom.
- Jesus is coming back for me...and Jesus we love You!

Discussion Questions

- 1. Did any of these signs of the Lord's return surprise you? Did any of them cause you to center yourself again in Him? Write a statement of recommitment to God here stating what has taken center stage and putting God back into first place.
- 2. How can you temper the spirits of cynicism and materialism in your life? How can you assist in the sharing of the Gospel throughout the whole world?
- 3. Your redemption is drawing near. The kingdom of light is advancing toward the earth. Are you ready? Focus on Him, fear Him, and purify yourself for this hour. Soak in the scriptures that Rabbi shared and continue to spend yourself for HIM!