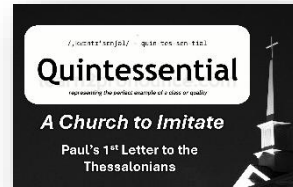




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SURPRISED *or* NOT SURPRISED? part 2

Signs of Jesus' Return

1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-6; 2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-5

- ***My Father's Return***
- ***Review –***
 - ***Paul and Jesus*** 1 THESSALONIANS 4:15-17; MATTHEW 24:30, 31
 - ***Two Groups: Surprised and Not Surprised*** 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-6

2 THESSALONIANS 2:5 ***“Don’t you remember that when I was with you
I used to tell you these things?”***

- **Paul** *“for that day will not come until...”* 2 THESSALONIANS 2:3
- **Jesus** - *“Immediately after the distress of those days...”* MATTHEW 24:29

Sign #1...

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1. **A WORLDWIDE** _____ *...for that day will not come until the **rebellion** occurs...;*
MATTHEW 24:9-11; LUKE 8:13

Sign #2...

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2. **A WORLDWIDE** _____ *...and the **man of lawlessness is revealed**, the man doomed to
destruction.;* REVELATION 13:14b; MATTHEW 24:15

Sign #3...

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3. **A JEWISH** _____ *... so that he sets **himself up in God’s temple**, proclaiming himself to be God.;*
EZEKIEL 43:4; 44:1-3

- ***Political and religious status of the Temple Mount***

➤ ***The Fourth Soil*** - DANIEL 12:11, 12; COLOSSIANS 3:16

LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES
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Sermon Review:

- What is your understanding or what have you been taught about the sequence of events that lead up to the rapture and return of Jesus? Have you settled on a particular belief?
- How familiar are you with the different teachings about the timing sequence of the rapture and return of Jesus with the Great Tribulation?
- Do you think we can know for certain the sequence of events that lead up to the rapture and return of Jesus?
- How could a misunderstanding about the sequence of the rapture and return of Jesus impact one's belief in Jesus if it doesn't turn out that way?

GOING DEEPER *"According to the Bible..."*

Answer the following questions from what the Bible says in the indicated passages....

- **Read 2 Thessalonians 2:1 and Matthew 24:30, 31.** Do you think these days could be the same event? What word does Paul use to describe Christians being "raptured" and what word does Jesus use? Think Paul got his term from Jesus?
- **Read 2 Thessalonians 2:2** What issue was Paul confronting in the church of the Thessalonians? How does he correct this issue? To what day was Paul referring when he references *"the day of the Lord"*?
- **Read 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4.** What two signs does Paul say that must happen before Jesus returns and rescues His church? What does this say about the teaching of the "imminent return of Christ"? (*"imminent" - that Jesus returns any time with no signs*)
- **Read Matthew 24:15-22.** To whom is Jesus talking when he says ***"when YOU see..."*** who are the ***"You"*** who will see this? What event does he warn them to look for? What kind of tribulation happens after this event?
- **Read Daniel 9:25-27 and Daniel 12:11, 12.** What are the specific timelines surrounding the ***abomination of desolation***?