

Study QUESTIONS

Ep.1396: What Are the Signs of Jesus' Return?

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1. Explain the meaning of the word “parousia” generally translated as “coming” in Matthew 24:3. Why is translating as “presence” correct, and why is this important?
2. How do these scriptures say Jesus returns? How is it possible he can return in all these ways?
 - a. Luke 21:27
 - b. 1 Thessalonians 4:16
 - c. 2 Thessalonians 1:7
 - d. 2 Peter 3:10 and 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2
3. Describe each of the four main objectives as to WHY Jesus returns.
 - 1) **Jesus returns to gather his true followers to him**
Will this be a visible (outward) sign of Jesus' return to the world? (John 14:1-3, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 2 Thessalonians 1:7) Who does this sign affect the most?
 - 2) **Jesus returns to bring the kingdoms of this world to an end**
Is this an outward sign? Who or what does it affect? (Matthew 24:21-22, Daniel 2:44) Why is this a necessary step in the setting up of God's kingdom?
 - 3) **Jesus returns to restore the perfect harmony to humanity that was lost in Eden**
Who or what does this sign effect? Is this an outward sign? (Acts 3:20-21, Romans 8:18-19, Daniel 12:4) Do you feel the need to be restored to a relationship with the Father?
 - 4) **Jesus returns to regather Israel as a nation**
Contrast “Your house is being left to you desolate” with the leafing fig tree. (Matthew 24:32-33, Matthew 23:38) Who does this effect? Is this an outward sign?
4. Explain the Parable of the Fig Tree. How did Jesus use this parable to illustrate the lack of spiritual fruitage in Israel? (Luke 13:6-9, Matthew 21:18-19)
5. How do Matthew 23:37-39 and Psalms 118:22-26 show the condemnation of Israel as well as the compassion of our Lord in the restoring of Israel? How does Psalm 22 illustrate the same concepts?
6. Consider the following questions about Israel as the Fig Tree: (Matthew 24:32-33, Luke 13:6-9, 21:29-30)
 - a. What does the tender budding of the tree represent historically?
 - b. What stage was Israel in when it symbolically “put forth leaves”?
 - c. Who are “all the trees”?
 - d. Where is Jesus during this process?
 - e. How do Revelation 2 and 3 echo the development of Israel with the development of the true church?
7. Where is Jesus in Revelation 3:20? How will you “open the door” to your heart and let his presence bless you?