

Series: A THRIVING HOPE!

Title: Our Compelling Hope - What's Next?

Text: Matt 24

Our Compelling Hope: (Matt 24:25)(John 16:4)

Impressive: (Matt 24:1) *Bulk, Beauty, Buildings*

Identity:

Irony: (Matt 24:2)

Inquiry: (Matt 24:3) Three Question.

Jesus Answered Their 1st Question:

- A. Jesus gives them the Sign to look for: (Lk 21:20)
- B. Jesus gives them the warning.(Lk 20:21)

Jesus Answered Their 2nd Question: (Matt 24:15-21)

- A. The Sign of "Abomination of Desolation"
(Dan. 9:27; 11:31; 12:11)(2 Thess. 2:1-4*).
- B. The "SIGN OF THE SON OF MAN," (Matt. 24:30)
Like at the Ascension: (Acts. 1:9)(Rev 1:7)
- C. The "Sign of the FIG-TREE" (Matt 24:31-35)
Fig Tree = Israel (Jer 11:16) (Rom 11:24-25)
- D. The "Sign of the DAYS OF NOAH": (Matt 24:37-40)
 - 1. Days of Secular Philosophy (Gen 6:5)
 - 2. Days of Scientific Progress: (Gen 6:4,17, 22)
 - 3. They had Social Plagues: (Gen 6:11-13)
 - 4. Days of Sexual Perversion: (Gen 6:5)(Lk 17:26-30)
 - 5. Days of Selfish Prosperity: (Ezek 16:49-50)
 - 6. Days of Solemn Preaching: (Gen 6:13)(2 Pet 2:5)
 - 7. Days of Sudden Panic: (Gen 7:17) (Matt 24:38-39)

Jesus Answered Their 3rd Question:

- A. Deceivers: (Matt 24:4)
 - 1. The man of Sin - Antichrist. (Jn 5:43)(2 Thes 2:3-4)

B. False Christianity: (Matt 24:5)

C. False Teachers: (Matt 24:11; 26-28) (2 Tim 4:3-4)

D. National & International Conflicts (Matt 24:6-7a)

E. Natural Disasters (Matt 24:7b)(Rev 6:5-6)(Is 2:21)

F. Religious Persecutions (Matt 24:9-10)

G. Abounding Sin (Matt 24:12) (2 Tim 3:1-5)

H. Extensive Gospel Preaching. (Matt 24:14)

(Rev 7; Rom 11:26) during the Tribulation,

(Rev 11) - 2 witnesses - 144K will preach the Gospel

I. Unfortunately many will be Martyred: (Matt 24:16-22)

1st Phase 2nd Coming of Christ: The Rapture: (Vs 40-41)

- A. Jesus taught us this. (John 14:3)
- B. The Apostles also taught this as fact. (1 Thes 4:13-18)
- C. He is coming for those who are
 - "*Hope in Christ*" (1 Thes 4:13)
 - "*Sleep in Jesus*" (1 Thes 4:14)
 - "*Dead in Christ*" (1 Thes 4:16)

How will the Rapture Work? (Matt 24:36)(1 Cor 15:51-58)
(Mk 13:32)

- A. Our "Blessed"~Happy~ Hope: (Tit 2:13)(James 5:7-8)
- B. It will be A Sudden Event: (Vs 27)
(2 Pet 3:10a)(1 Thes 5:3)(Rev 22:20)

The 2nd Stage of the Return of Christ is the Revelation
(Matt 24:29-36)

The Gospel is preached to the earth.

The Abomination of Desolation set up.(2 Thes 2:3b-4)

Antichrist sit in rebuilt Temple: (Rev 13:14-15)

Cataclysmic Natural Disasters: (Matt 24:30)

Jesus answers their 3rd question: (Matt 24:32-34)

(Micah 5:2)(Isa 7:14)(Zec 9:9)(Psa 22:16)

The Second Coming of Christ - Revelation of Christ

(Luke 21:27)

The Angels confirmed this. (Acts 1:11)(Jude 1:14-15)

(Rev 1:4) (James 5:8) (1 Th 4:17)(Heb 9:28)

I am waiting for Jesus, not the Tribulation: (1 Thes 1:10)

This is our Compelling Hope: (Matt 24:40-42) (Titus 2:13)

What are we to be doing while we wait? (Matt 24:42-51)

#1. **Watch:** (Vs 42) “Watch therefore:”

#2. **Be Ready:** (Vs 43) “Therefore be ye also ready:”

#3. **Be Faithful Serving God:** (Vs 45-47)

(Rom 13:11-14) - It pays to serve Jesus.

We Know What NOT Serving God Looks Like:

(Matt 24:48-51) (Rom 14:12)

Are you ready for the Rapture?

The Rapture Shuts the Door to heaven for those who have heard the Gospel.

RU Saved, Can you show from the Bible you are saved?

RU Sure, Can you show your Eternal Security from the Bible?

RU Serving, Can you show from the Bible why you serve?

Can you See the Signs of the Times Jesus Mentioned happening Now?

Can you Hear our Leaders “say, Peace & safety,”?

(Rev 22:20) *He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly.*

Can you confidently respond to these prophecies with the same Hope as the Apostle John?

“Amen! Even so, come, Lord Jesus”