

Contemporary Signs Of The Lord's Return

Part 3



Scriptures

- **Romans 1:25-27**
²⁵For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.²⁶ For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,²⁷ and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.
- **2 Timothy 3:1**
¹But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come.
- **Daniel 12:4**
⁴ But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase.
- **2 Peter 2:1-3**
¹But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.² Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned;³ and in *their* greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.
- **2 Timothy 4:3-4**
³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,⁴ and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.
- **Matthew 24:11**
¹¹ Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many.
- **2 Tim. 3:5**
⁵ holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.

Other Scriptures

- Daniel 7:13-14; 9:27; 11:31; 12:11
- Matt.24:15
- Rev. 22:7, 12, 20
- Matt.6:33; 7:14; 16:24
- Luke 9:23
- I John 1:9
- Rom. 2:4
- John 3:30

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Main Points

- Sin has defiled all of creation, and as a result, death, sickness, and evil exist.
- Jesus wants to cleanse, change, and transform us into His own image.
- **Contemporary sign #1** of the Lord's return is the removal of the Ten Commandments from the fabric of society.
- **Contemporary sign #2** is the widespread acceptance of homosexuality.
- **Contemporary sign #3** is the increase of stress in society.
 - Technology has increased stress rather than diminished it.
- **Contemporary sign #4** is increase of travel and information.
- "Yes Daddy...Jesus is coming back for me."
- **Contemporary sign #5** is the rise of false teachers.
 - People will not hear or endure sound teaching.
 - People accumulate for themselves teachers that are in accordance with their own desires. They don't want to be confronted.
- Conviction of sin is a gift of the Holy Spirit.
 - He starts with the obvious things of our life and progresses deeper into our lives with conviction of things that He wants to change in us.
 - It can be a painful process as He changes our hearts for His glory.
 - The goodness of God leads us to repent.
- The true Gospel is the glorification of Jesus, not the glorification of man.
- The real Gospel is allowing Jesus to have His way in our lives for His purposes.
- **Contemporary sign #6** is that churches and ministries that were once on fire become religious institutions.

Discussion Questions

1. What does God's Word, through Rabbi, say to your heart about your own heart attitudes? Are you willing to take correction and do you embrace the correction of the Word of God concerning your life?
2. How deep are you willing to let God take you in relationship with Him? Are you willing to let go of some things that might be keeping you from Him? Ideas, material possessions, activities, lifestyles, etc.,
3. Identify one or two areas that might need His help toward change right now. Begin praying about it and look for His love, not His condemnation in the process.
4. His kindness leads to repentance (Rom. 4:2). He loves you intimately. Let Him love you today and love Him today through surrender of your life to Him and to His purposes. If you made a life-change decision today, why not let Rabbi know about it via one of the methods listed at the end of the show?