

Preparing For Messiah's Coming 4115

I. Be Aware Of Promises And Purposes

- A. Promises
 1. John 14:3
 2. Acts 1:11 & Zech. 14:3–5
 3. 1 Thess. 4:16–17
- B. Purposes
 1. Receive *church*
 2. Overthrow *Antichrist*
 3. Deliver *Israel*
 4. Judge the *nations*
 5. Establish His *kingdom*

II. Be Eagerly Expectant

- A. Mark 13:33–37
- B. Titus 2:11–13
- C. Heb. 9:28

III. Understand Times And Seasons

- A. 1 Thess. 5:16; contrast Mark 13:32
- B. Matt. 24:44

IV. Recognize The Signs

- A. Matt. 16:2–3
- B. Luke 17:26–30—Days of *Noah* and *Lot*:
 1. Carnal *corruption*
 2. Evil *imaginings*
 3. *Violence*
 4. *Homosexuality*
 5. *Materialism*
- C. Matt. 24:7
 1. *World wars*
 2. *Famines*
 3. *Pestilences*
 4. *Earthquakes*
 5. Worldwide *persecution of Christians*
 6. Many Christians *renege* and *betray* fellow believers
 7. Many *false prophets (cults)*
 8. Increase of *lawlessness*—many Christians grow cold
- D. Ps. 102:16—Rebuilding of *Zion*. Dan. 12:4—Increase of *knowledge* and *travel*
- E. Luke 21:24—*Jerusalem* delivered from Gentile domination
- F. 1 Tim. 4:1–2—Christians influenced by demons and false doctrines
- G. 2 Tim. 3:1–5—Degeneration of *character* and *ethics*—behind a facade of religion
- H. 2 Tim. 3:8–9—Opposition from practitioners of the occult
- I. 2 Thess. 2:3—A great apostasy

V. Cultivate Holiness And Right Relationships

- A. Heb. 12:14
- B. 2 Pet. 3:10–12, 14
- C. 1 John 3:2–3

VI. Proclaim The Kingdom Gospel To All Nations

- A. 2 Pet. 3:12
- B. Matt. 24:14
- C. Rev. 5:9

VII. Help To Prepare Israel

Rom. 11:25–26, 30–31

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