Preparing For Messiah’s Coming

I. Be Aware Of Promises And Purposes
   A. Promises
      1. John 14:3
      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 imaginations
       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
    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
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