

# **RETURN, PART 4**

**For weeks we've talked about God's call for people to return to Him and to His thoughts and ways.**

**Today, we're going to talk about Jesus' promise to return to gather His Church, both the living and the dead, unto Himself.**

- 1. Jesus promised to return after all preparations have been made and everything is ready.**

**“Don't worry or surrender to your fear. For you've believed in God, now trust and believe in Me also. My Father's house has many dwelling places. If it were otherwise, I would tell you plainly, because I go to prepare a place for you to rest. And when everything is ready, I**

**will come back and take you to Myself so that you will be where I am. And you already know the way to the place where I'm going."**

**John 14:1-4 TPT**

**2. Two angelic witnesses confirmed The Second Coming.**

**"Right after he spoke those words, the disciples saw Jesus lifted into the sky and disappear into a cloud! As they stared into the sky, watching Jesus ascend, two men in white robes suddenly appeared beside them. They told the startled disciples, "Galileans, why are you staring up into the sky? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but He will come back the same way that you saw Him ascend.""**

**Acts 1:9-11 TPT**

**3. No one can predict or prophesy the exact time.**

**““Concerning that day and exact hour, no one knows when it will arrive, not even the angels of heaven—only the Father knows.”**

**Matthew 24:36 TPT**

**4. It will be “business as usual” when Jesus comes again.**

**““The days of the Son of Man can also be compared to the days of Lot. The people of that time lived their lives as normal. They got married, raised families, built homes and businesses, yet they were totally unaware of what was coming until the day Lot departed from Sodom. The sky opened up and rained fire and burning sulfur upon them, destroying everyone and everything they had built. So it will be on the day of the unveiling of the Son of Man.**

**There will be two women working together at household duties; one will be suddenly swept away while the other will be left alive.” The day of the Son of Man will burst forth with the brightness of a lightning strike that shines from one end of the sky to the other, illuminating the earth. “But before this takes place, the Son of Man must pass through great suffering and rejection from this generation. The same things that happened in the days of Noah will take place in the days of the Son of Man. They were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, and they were given in marriage until the day Noah boarded the ark and the devastating flood came and swept them all away.**

**All who are obsessed with being secure in life will lose it all—including their**

**lives. But those who let go of their lives and surrender them to Me will discover true life. For in that night there will be two lying in their bed; one will be suddenly swept away while the other will be left alive.”**

**Luke 17:24-30, 33-36 TPT**

**“Now, beloved brothers and sisters, concerning the question of God’s precise times and specific seasons, you don’t need me to write anything to you. For you already know quite well that the day of the Lord will come unexpectedly and as a complete surprise. For while some are saying, “Finally we have peace and security,” sudden destruction will arrive at their doorstep, like labor pains seizing a pregnant woman—and with no chance of escape! But you, beloved brothers and sisters, are not living in the dark, allowing that day to creep up on**

**you like a thief coming to steal. For you are all children of the light and children of the day. We don't belong to the night nor to darkness. This is why we must not fall asleep, as the rest do, but keep wide awake and clearheaded.**

**For God has not destined us to experience wrath but to possess salvation through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One.”**

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9 TPT**

**5. The day after the Church leaves will be Hell on Earth.**

**Revelation 6, describes the unsealing of the Wrath of God after those who love Him and obey Him are safely gathered out of harms way.**

**-The fiery Red Horse Of War will be unsealed.**

**-The Black Horse Of Famine will be unsealed.**

**-The deathly gray, Pale Horse will be unsealed to kill one fourth of the earth's population, today, just under 2 billion people.**

**“Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the military commanders and the wealthy and the strong and everyone, [whether] slave or free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; and they called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne, and from the [righteous] wrath and indignation of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath and vengeance and retribution has come, and who is able to [face God and] stand [before the wrath of the Lamb]?””**

**Revelation 6:15-17 AMP**

**6. God's plan for you and me.**

**“For God has not destined us to experience wrath but to possess salvation through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One. He gave his life for us so that we may share in resurrection life in union with him—whether we're awake or asleep.”**

**1 Thessalonians 5:9-10 TPT**