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Part 1: Return

This series will cover:

- The Return of Christ
- The Rapture of the Church
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- The Reign of Christ
- The Reality of Heaven
- The Reality of Hell

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The Danger of “Sign” Infatuation

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Matthew 24:3-50

³ As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" ⁴ And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. ⁵ For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.

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⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

⁸ ***All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.***

⁹ “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name’s sake.

¹⁰ And then ***many will fall away*** and betray one another and hate one another.

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Matthew 24:3-50

¹¹ And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹² And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ **But the one who endures to the end will be saved.** ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

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The most important thing is not interpreting signs but “persevering in the hope & readiness for that day!”

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Signs You Can Look For

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Matthew 24:15-35

¹⁵ “So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, ¹⁸ and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. ¹⁹ And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! ²⁰ Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath.

Matthew 24:15-35

²¹ For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.

²² And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. ²³ Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. ²⁴ For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.

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²⁵ See, I have told you beforehand. ²⁶ So, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. ²⁷ **For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.** ²⁸ **Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.**

²⁹ **Immediately after the tribulation of those days** the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

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Matthew 24:15-35

³⁰ Then will appear in heaven **the sign** of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and **they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.** ³¹ And he will send out his angels with **a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect** from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

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³² “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near.

³³ So also, ***when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates.***

³⁴ Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

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2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

¹ Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, **to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.** ³ Let no one deceive you in any way. **For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed,** the son of destruction,

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2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

⁴ who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, **so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.** ⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶ And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.

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2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. ⁹ The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, ¹⁰ and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because ***they refused to love the truth and so be saved.***

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¹¹ Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, ¹² in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

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- **Revealing of the anti-Christ**
- **Revealing of the Real Christ**

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Calls for “Ready” Living

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Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶ “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷ For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left.

Matthew 24:36-44

⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left.

⁴² Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ **Therefore you also must be ready**, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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1 Thessalonians 5:1-5

¹ Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves are fully aware that **the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.**

³ While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

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1 Thessalonians 5:1-5

⁴ **But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.** ⁵ For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.

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Calls for Faithful Living

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Matthew 24:45-51

⁴⁵ “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper

time? ⁴⁶ **Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.**

⁴⁷ Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. ⁴⁸ **But if that wicked servant says to himself, ‘My master is**

delayed,’ ⁴⁹ and begins to beat his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards,

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Matthew 24:45-51

⁵⁰ the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know ⁵¹ and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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1 Thessalonians 3:11-15

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself,
and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you,
¹² and may the Lord make you increase and
abound in love for one another and for all,
as we do for you, ¹³ **so that he may establish
your hearts blameless in holiness before our
God and Father, at the coming of our Lord
Jesus with all his saints.**

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***Question: Are you ready for his
appearing?***

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A misty forest landscape at dawn or dusk. The sky transitions from a pale yellow at the top to a soft pink and purple near the horizon. The foreground and middle ground are filled with dark, silhouetted evergreen trees, partially obscured by a thick layer of white mist or fog. The overall mood is serene and atmospheric.

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