

Eschatology

Part 5

Three Views of Tribulation: Post-tribulationists, Mid-tribulationists & Pretribulationists. We discussed these briefly in earlier teachings, which we will discuss them more as we get into the book of revelation. But what we need to remember is that no one really knows the time or the hour that of the return:

Mark 13:32, Matthew 24:42, Matthew 24:44, Matthew 25:13, Luke 12:40, Acts 1:7

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

There is an old seaman's proverb:

Red sky at night, sailor's delight;
Red sky in the morning, sailor take warning.

This was a well-known proverb even in Jesus' day. He quoted it to the Pharisees and Sadducees, and then chided them that they could discern the face of the sky, but could not discern the signs of the times!

If that was true then, how much more, for us, today!

I believe that you and I are being plunged into a period of time about which the Bible says more than it does about any other period of time in human history—including the time that Jesus walked the shores of Galilee and climbed the mountains of Judea!

That is, intentionally, a rather preposterous statement. It is my earnest desire for you to *challenge* it! To do that, you need to do two things:

1. Find out what the Bible says about the end times;
2. Find out what is really going on.

The first challenge is direct, and you have already begun by this review. The second is bit more difficult; you won't find out on the ten o'clock news! But with the alternative media, talk radio, and, above all, the Internet, you can easily find out what is really happening anywhere and everywhere. Here are some things to watch for:

***The Magog Invasion:** The Russian Invasion of the Middle East. **Ezekiel 38 & 39**

***The Rebuilding of the Temple:** Seven different groups are pushing for the rebuilding of the Temple. We know that it is going to be rebuilt because Jesus, Paul & John all make reference to it. **Matthew 24:15; 2 Thessalonians 2:4; Revelation 17, 18**

***The Rebuilding of Babylon.** Saddam Hussein made a modest attempt. Isaiah & Jeremiah each refer to a real Babylon being destroyed, like Sodom & Gomorrah, which has yet to happen. **Isaiah 13, 14; Jeremiah 50, 51; Revelation 17, 18**

***The Rise of a European Superstate.** **Daniel 2, 7; Revelation 13**

***The Battle of Armageddon.** The battle of Armageddon is at the climax of the seven-year period and is interrupted by the Second Coming. The four major world powers will participate. **Daniel 11:36-45; Revelation 16:16**

***The Refuge in Edon.** The believing remnant in Israel will flee to Edon(modern day Jordan), the one place that escapes the rule of the Antichrist. **Daniel 11:41; Isaiah 63:1-6**

Our Challenge is to be like the Bereans:

These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, but searched the scriptures daily, to prove whether those things were so. (Acts 17:11)