

The Rapture and the Boy Who Cried Wolf – Part 2

Introduction

1. The evangelical community has cried wolf so many times in regards to the Rapture of the church that there has been a serious _____ of integrity.
2. In this Bible Study, there are three biblical facts we will examine that would alleviate this foolishness and confusion if people would understand them.

First fact: We are living in the time of the _____, not prophecy.

- **There are _____ timetables** for when this mystery program called the dispensation of grace must end.

Second fact: _____ of Christ's coming are for Israel, not the body of Christ.

1. In Matthew 24:3, the twelve ask Jesus a very pointed and direct question: *"...what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"*
 - The word "sign" simply means "an _____."
2. Jesus does just this in verses 4-31. It will be an unprecedented time of:
 - Spiritual deception. vs. 5, 11, 23-26
 - _____ among nations. vs. 6-7
 - Geological disturbances and disasters. vs. 7
 - Persecution against _____. vs. 9, 15-21
3. The good news of Christ's approaching kingdom will be proclaimed unto _____ nations (vs. 14), then there will be supernatural disturbances in the heavens (vs. 29), and Christ will return with _____ and great glory (vs. 30).
4. In verse 33, Jesus applies the illustration of the fig tree to their original question in verse 3.
 - When they begin to see the events (signs) of verses 4-31 unfold, they will know that His coming (summer or harvest time) is _____, *"even at the doors."*
5. Jesus said, *"...This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled."*

- What generation? The generation that sees the _____ of Matthew 24 come to pass.
6. How does this apply to us today living in the time of grace?
 7. Nowhere does your apostle (Paul) instruct you to look for _____ in order to figure out the timing of the Rapture.
 - Paul only gave _____ descriptions of what would characterize this world in the last days. 1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Timothy 3:1
 - There are no signs for the _____ and the end of this time of grace. God only gave us general characteristics that have been true of every generation in this time of grace.
 - The prophetic program gives definite world events and time tables, but the mystery program of today does not.
 8. What should we do then? _____ trying to look for prophetic signs and take that energy and use it to proclaim the gospel of Christ while we still have time!

(Please scroll down to view timeline chart.)

SIGNS OF CHRIST'S RETURN TO EARTH

