

# The Gospel of the King

## Signs of the End, Part 3

Mark 13:14-24a

**"Abomination of desolation"** as precursor to Tribulation:

Prophesied by Daniel (chs. 9-11) ... *fulfilled* in 168-167 BC under Antiochus Epiphanes;

Prophesied by Jesus ... *fulfilled* in 70 AD under Roman general (future emperor) Titus;

Both of which are **foreshadows** of another prophecy with *future* fulfillment ...

(2 Thessalonians 2:1-4)

**Tribulation** as precursor to Jesus' Return:

The "antichrist" figure demands \_\_\_\_\_ from mankind. Fearful \_\_\_\_\_ of God's people follows – causing them to need to \_\_\_\_\_.

This period of tribulation is \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_.

Almost every reference to "tribulation" in the New Testament applies to what true Christians \_\_\_\_\_, rather than what they \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 24:21-22, John 16:33, Acts 14:22, Romans 5:3, 2 Thessalonians 1:4, Revelation 1:9, 2:9-10, 7:14)

The scriptures promise God's people \_\_\_\_\_ *in* tribulation, not \_\_\_\_\_ *from* tribulation. (Revelation 12:1-17, Revelation 20:4-6, Galatians 1:4, John 17:15)

The comfort and hope we are given in scripture is Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_, not a preceding \_\_\_\_\_.

**Jesus' Return** as "Blessed Hope": (Titus 2:11-13, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

The \_\_\_\_\_, which includes the \_\_\_\_\_ of the 'dead in Christ' along with the \_\_\_\_\_ of all living saints, is a non-negotiable Biblical certainty.

His return is not is \_\_\_\_\_, but is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thess 4:16-17), and \_\_\_\_\_ to all (Matthew 24:30).

It will be \_\_\_\_\_ in timing (1 Thess 5:2-3, 2 Peter 3:3-10), but clearly \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 24:27).

This \_\_\_\_\_ is, and has been, the abiding hope of every Christian for 2,000 years.

In times of duress, persecution, tribulation, and even in the face of \_\_\_\_\_, it is our sure \_\_\_\_\_, enabling us to \_\_\_\_\_.

**All Christians** should agree that ...

Jesus will soon return \_\_\_\_\_. Time is not an endless cycle. History is headed towards a conclusion.

In his return, Jesus will come as a conquering \_\_\_\_\_. When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem for holy week, he came on an animal of peace (Zechariah 9:9, Matthew 21:1-11). But when He comes again, he will come on a white stallion symbolizing victory (Revelation 19:11-16). Every knee will bow. Every tongue will confess.

Knowing that Jesus will return motivates us to live \_\_\_\_\_ lives (2 Peter 3:11-14, 1 John 3:1-3), \_\_\_\_\_ lives (Psalm 22:7, Matthew 24:14), and to be \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives (1 Peter 4:7-11).

We joyfully anticipate a \_\_\_\_\_. Death does not have the final word! (1 Cor. 15:50-58)

God's people will spend \_\_\_\_\_ with Him. (Revelation 21:3-5)

\_\_\_\_\_ awaits those who reject Christ. Those who do not receive Christ as Lord and Savior await eternal condemnation with no hope of reversing their state (Matt 10:28, 25:46, John 3:36, 2 Thess 1:9, Revelation 14:11, 22:8-10).