

Jesus Is Coming Back

1 Thessalonians 5:1–13 (NIV) — **(1)** Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, **(2)** for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. **(3)** While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. **(4)** But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. **(5)** You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. **(6)** So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. **(7)** For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. **(8)** But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. **(9)** For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. **(10)** He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. **(11)** Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. **(12)** Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. **(13)** Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

I) The Secrecy of The Times.

Amos 5:18–19 (NIV) — **(18)** Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD! Why do you long for the day of the LORD? That day will be darkness, not light. **(19)** It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him.

Zephaniah 1:14–18 (NIV) — **(14)** “The great day of the LORD is near— near and coming quickly. Listen! The cry on the day of the LORD will be bitter, the shouting of the warrior there. **(15)** That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness, **(16)** a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers. **(17)** I will bring distress on the people and they will walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD. Their blood will be poured out like dust and their entrails like filth. **(18)** Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD’s wrath. In the fire of his jealousy the whole world will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end of all who live in the earth.”

II) The Surprise of His Return.

III) The Safety of Believers

IV) The Soberness of Believers

V) The Salvation of Believers, vs. 9-11