The King Is Coming!

I’m talking this morning about the most incredible event this age is ever going to see. The return of Jesus Christ! The King coming very soon!

Many of the end time doctrines preached today, such as the great tribulation, the rapture, antichrist etc, are blindly accepted by most Christians as gospel. But what if they’re not? I have studied prophecies from the Book of Revelation for more than 40 years and it concerns me that a lot of Christians have gotten their eyes off the fact that, according to scripture, Jesus could return any day and instead, they are waiting for a 7 year treaty to be signed or the temple in Jerusalem to be rebuilt or the Antichrist to be revealed.

And the church has lost it’s sense of urgency. Jesus warned against that, many times. Show brochure.

And so the purpose of my talk this morning is, hopefully, to show that everything is in place for Jesus to come back any time!

So, before we look at what the Bible says about Jesus’ return, I want to first have a look at why the religious leaders of Jesus’ time weren’t ready and why they missed it. Because history has a habit of repeating itself, doesn’t it! 5**mins**

**Now, let’s look at the time of Jesus**

Q. Why didn’t the Pharisees and scribes recognise Jesus as the Savior?

A. Firstly, they had hard hearts…they were not teachable

But *they* were the stewards of God’s word

They knew Malachi 4:5 “Behold I will send you Elijah…”

Elijah taken up in chariot of fire; John born of local parents

Elijah was the prophet of fire but John did no miracles and he called Jesus “the lamb of God” . They wanted a warrior, a king to restore Israel

Matt. 11:13, “If you are willing to receive it.” Why say that?

Matt. 17:10 - 13 “Does Elijah come first?”

Even John’s disciples did not understand until Jesus explained. **10mins**

**SO, WHERE ARE WE TODAY?**

From Matthew to Revelation, Jesus warns His church, “Therefore, you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Q. What trumpet is blown when Jesus returns?

Show Euphrates slide. The Birth of Civilisation.

 Rev. 16:12 The sixth angel poured out and river dried up

Picture of boat on dry riverbed/new york times

Ataturk Dam

In 2018 people walked across the dried Euphrates/Tigris at Basra

Read 16:12,13,14 Demonic spirits released

Read 16: 15-16 Armageddon

Read 16:17 “It is done” What did Jesus say as He died on the cross?

Show Timeline Summary

Today, many Christians watching for 7yrs Tribulation, antichrist etc

But, maybe it’s passed. Holocaust was 7 years (night of Broken Glass) Nov 10. 1938 to May 1945 German surrender. **15mins**

**How to be sure you’re ready!**

1st Salvation.

2nd. If you have been saved a year or more and still haven’t found a ministry in the church that you feel you need to be involved in, then you’re the one I’m talking to now. There’s a scripture that sums up what a Christian walk is all about.

2 Corinthians 5:18 says the ministry of reconciliation has been committed to each of us. **10mins**