

DISCERNING THE TIMES

Matthew 16:1-4

The Signs of the Times (vv. 2-4)

What the Messiah Would Do:

*...the deaf will hear...the eyes of the blind will see. Isaiah 29:18
Then the lame will leap like a deer...And the tongue of the mute will shout for joy... Isaiah 35:4-6*

When the Messiah Would Be Revealed:

*(538BC)"So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks;
Daniel 9:25*

(445BC) And it came about in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes...I said to him, "If it pleases the king, may I have letters to the governors of Trans-Euphrates...8 And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the king's forest, so he will give me timber to make beams...for the city wall" And because the gracious hand of my God was upon me, the king granted my requests. 9 So I went to the governors of Trans-Euphrates and gave them the king's letters. Nehemiah 2:1 & 7-9

...And when He approached, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes. 43 "For the days shall come upon you when your enemies will throw up a bank before you, and surround you, and hem you in on every side, 44 and will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation. " Luke 19:32-44

Discerning the Times Today:

1. Israel will come back into the Land: (Ezekiel 36-37)

Then it will happen on that day that the Lord Will again recover the second time with His hand The remnant of His people, who will remain, From Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, And from the islands of the sea.12 And He will lift up a standard for the nations, And will assemble the banished ones of Israel, And will gather the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth. Isaiah 11:11-12

(Jesus) they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. Luke 21:24

2. There will be Signs in the World

You must understand this: In the last days there will be violent periods of time. 2 Timothy 3:1-2

"For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. 8"But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs. Matthew 24:7-8

3. Signs in the Church

Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, 4and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation." 2 Peter 3:3-4

Jesus' Two Commands Facing the End Times

...the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" 4 And Jesus answered and said to them, " See to it that no one misleads you. Matthew 24:3-4

See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place Matthew 24:6