

Key Scripture:

Matthew 24:44 CEV

Always be ready! You don't know when the Son of Man will come.

The Lords Return

Matthew 24:32-34 NLT

32 "Now learn a lesson from the *fig tree*. When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near. 33 In the same way, when you see all these things, *you can know His return is very near*, right at the door. 34 I tell you the truth, *this generation will not pass* from the scene until all these things take place.

8 Reasons To Be Ready...

 \checkmark God raises up the dry bones of Israel from the grave.

Ezekiel 37:11-12 NIV

11 Then He said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' 12 Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: O My people, <u>I Am going to open</u> your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel."

✓ The nation of Israel is born-again.

Isaiah 66:7-8 NIV

7 "Before she goes into labor, she gives birth; before the pains come upon her, she delivers a son. 8 Who has ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things?

<u>Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment?</u>

Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children.

✓ God gathers the Jewish People from the nations.

Ezekiel 37:21 NLT

And give them this message from the Sovereign Lord:

I will gather the people of Israel from among the nations. I will bring them home to their own land from the places where they have been scattered.

✓ God restores the Hebrew language. (Zephaniah 3:9, Isaiah 19:18)

Zephaniah 3:9 NKJV
"For then I will restore to the peoples a pure language.

That they all may call on the name of the Lord, *To serve Him with one accord*.

✓ Israel becomes fruitful.

Isaiah 35:1 & 6 NLT

1 Even the wilderness and desert will be glad in those days.

The wasteland will rejoice and blossom with spring crocuses.

6...Springs will gush forth in the wilderness, and streams will water the wasteland.

Are We There Yet?

Family Tree

✓ God gives miraculous victories.

Isaiah 54:15,17 NIV

15 If anyone does attack you, it will not be My doing;

whoever attacks you will surrender to you. 17 no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you.

 \checkmark Jerusalem is recognized as the <u>capital</u> of Israel again.

Luke 21:24 NIV

They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations.

Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

✓ Israel gives up charge of Temple Mount.

Ezekiel 44:8 NASB

And you have not kept charge My holy things yourselves, but you have set foreigners to keep charge of My sanctuary.

The Fruit does not fall far from the tree...

1. Return – Bring people back to the Lord.

James 5:20 NLT

you can be sure that <u>whoever brings the sinner back will save that person from death</u> and **bring about the forgiveness of many sins**.

2. Restore & Revive – The humble & repentant hearts.

Isaiah 57:15 NIT

I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts.

3. Reproduce – Make Disciples of Jesus.

Matthew 28:19 NKJV

<u>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations</u>, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

4. Rise Up – Listen to His voice.

Song of Songs 2:13 NKJV

The fig tree puts forth her green figs, And the vines with the tender grapes
Give a good smell. Rise up, my love, my fair one, And come away!

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