



Key Scripture:

1 Chronicles 12:32 NLT

All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take.

Signs of the Rapture Recession

2 Peter 3:3-4 NLT

3 Most importantly, I want to remind you that

in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires.

4 They will say, "What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again? ...

Why don't people talk about the Rapture?

✓ **Set Times emphasized over Certainty.**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-2 NLT

Now concerning how and when all this will happen, dear brothers and sisters, we don't really need to write you. 2 For you know quite well that the day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night.

✓ **Wrath emphasized over Rescue.**

1 Thessalonians 5:9 NKJV

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ
Noah rescued from the flood (Matt 24:37-41 parties, banquets & weddings- life as usual)
Lot rescued from the fire & brimstone (Luke 17:28-30 business as usual)

✓ **Delay emphasized over Discipleship.**

Luke 12:45-46 Message

45 But if he says to himself, "The master is certainly taking his time," begins maltreating the servants and maids, throws parties for his friends, and gets drunk,
46 the master will walk in when he least expects it...

✓ **Comfort emphasized over Christ.**

Luke 17:31-34 NASB

31 On that day, *let not the one who is on the housetop and whose goods are in the house go down to take them away; and likewise let not the one who is in the field turn back.*
32 "Remember Lot's wife."
33 Whoever seeks to keep his life shall lose it, and whoever loses his life shall preserve it.

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SIGNS of the Times

The Rapture Recession

How To Be Prepared for the Lord's Return...

Matthew 25:13 TLB

So stay awake and be prepared, for you do not know the date or moment of My return.

1. **Preach the Good News.**

1 Peter 3:15 NIV

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

Matthew 24:45-47 TLB

45 "Are you a wise and faithful servant of the Lord?
Have I given you the task of managing my household, to feed my children day by day?
46 Blessings on you if I return and find you faithfully doing your work.

2. **Practice living like Jesus.**

James 1:22 TEV

Do not deceive yourselves by just listening to His word; instead, put it into practice.

1 John 3:3 Message

All of us who look forward to His Coming stay ready, with the glistening purity of Jesus' life as a model for our own.

3. **Patiently stay the course.**

Matthew 24:13-14 NLT

13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved.
14 And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.

2 Peter 3:9 NLT

The Lord isn't really being slow about His promise, as some people think.
No, He is being patient for your sake.
He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

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