**December 29, 2019 What Shall be the Signs of Your Return Matthew 24:1-14**

Whenever a New Year approaches, I am usually asked what the Bible says about the future and what will take place as Christians look for the event described in I Thessalonians 4:15-18. This event is known as the Rapture of the believing Church. This event is also confirmed by Scripture in I Corinthians 15:51-53.

I am not sure but I think the foretelling of the future has always been a fascination with mankind. I think back to my youth when prognosticators of the future were people like Jean Dixon and Edgar Cayce. Nostradamus a soothsayer from old was often quoted and studies were made of the various things he foretold. Others look to horoscopes trying to find how the future is slated to unfold for them. We have economists who are constantly looking at geo-political events trying to understand where the world markets are heading. They spout their theories and predictions on television and on radio. These are just some examples of mankind trying to see into the future so that they can prepare for what lies ahead. Now these are not Bible prophecies but rather are best guesses made by man.

What sets Bible prophecy apart is that God reverses the schedule and declares the end from the beginning which in itself is unique. Isaiah 46:8-11. Note the last four declarations found in verse 11…

I have spoken

I will bring it to pass

I have planned

I will do it

One of the mistakes people often make in viewing Bible prophecy is to only look at one event or sign at a time rather than viewing a number of things all at once as part of a mosaic which can lead to a better understanding and a clearer picture of what is to take place as God fulfills His plan.

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Luke 21:28… when you see these things begin to take place