

Mark: Cleansing the Moral Poison of Society
(Part 38) Jesus Predicts his Second Coming
(Part 2) Be Vigilant and Hopeful

There is much discussion and speculation by newspaper theologians as to the timing of Jesus' return to earth.

With the clearest and most certain words possible, Jesus boldly _____ in Mark chapter 13:

"I am coming again" to "gather my chosen ones from all over the world—from the farthest ends of the earth and heaven." (v.27)

"Since you don't know when that time will come, be on guard! Stay alert." (v.33)

(Mark 13:14-16) The first indicators of Jesus' promised return.

(v. 14) The abomination of desolation and great _____

3 prophetic references to this figure (Daniel 9:27; 11:32-33; 12:11)

Fulfilled in 167 AD (Antiochus Epiphanes)

(v. 14) Then "those in Judea were to flee to the mountains."

(v. 15-16) Everyone was to act _____ with a sense of _____.

(Mark 13:17-20) Anticipate a time of great difficulty and calamity.

(v.17-19) A time of great _____.

(v.20) God mercifully intervenes to shorten the duration of _____. (Habakuk 3:2)

(Mark 13:21-23) Beware of false messiahs.

Their power will seem to be from God, it is _____.

Watch out, you have been forewarned.

In our broken and fallen world we can expect trials, tribulations and troubles until Jesus returns.

Titus 2:13 says we are to look for "our blessed hope, the appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ."