

The Main Sign of the Lord's Return

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Peter shared this video clip with us at our Kingdom Community gathering on Sunday.

"And of course, if you look at Luke 17, it's all about the End Times. And again I believe there's people alive on the Earth right now that will see it. My personal opinion: We're several decades out. Doesn't mean I'm right. It may be sooner or it may be a little bit longer. But I have a lot of reasons, which I'm not going to go into, why I think it's several decades out.

The biggest reason is the church is not remotely prepared in the Earth, and Jesus is only coming back to a prepared church. The greatest sign of the times is not all the events that are happening, political, the technology, the economic realms, 'though they are important. The number one sign of the times is the state of the church. There's about 10 different prophecies or 10 different categories of what the church will look like: fullness to prophecy (?); mature in love; unified; on and on and on.

When I look at the church, I go, "Lord, we're not all that close". But I feel the Holy Spirit would say, "We're closer than you think because I have some surprises that will speed the process up." And the surprises will be both positive and negative. There will be an outpouring of the Spirit before the Lord returns that will surpass even the book of Acts – far surpass the book of Acts. But there will be trouble in the nations, the distress of nations that will also work together with the outpouring of the Spirit to wake up the church. And there will be persecution from the realm of darkness. So, trouble in the nations – just the distress of nations that will trouble everyone, not just the church – the persecution of the enemy and the outpouring of the Spirit, with deep revelation and power, etc., unity and purity, they will work together to speed up the process of the church being ready.

So you don't know for sure. I look at the church and go, "I'm not very encouraged that the coming of the Lord is that close". And I sense the whisper of the Spirit, "I have some surprises. Things will go faster than you think." There will be a glory dimension and there will be a pressure dimension to these surprises."

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