**Something to Look Forward To**

Fixing our sight on God’s revelation of the future

-Part 6-

***What are the Signs?***

Matthew 24:1-3; Daniel 9:24-27

Signs tell us

* Where to Go
* What to Do
* What to Expect

**Signs are not always clear**

Review

* Rev 19:1-5 Rejoice! Evil is Defeated
* Rev 19:6-10 The King Reigns and His Bride is Ready
* Rev 19:11-21 Behold! He comes
* Rev 20:1-6 Thy Kingdom Come

Looking for the Messiah

* Qumran community (Dead Sea Scrolls)
	+ Scroll 4Q175 aka “The Testimonia”
		- a collection of verses from the Bible about the Messiah
			* Deuteronomy 5:28-29 & Deuteronomy 18:18-19
			* Numbers 24:15-17
			* Deuteronomy 33:8-11
			* Joshua 6:26
* Chief priests and scribes (Matthew 2)
* The Apostles (Matthew 24:3)

A few fulfilled Messianic Prophecies

Born of a woman Genesis 3:15

Born in Bethlehem Micah 5:2

Born of a virgin Isaiah 7:14

Come from the line of Abraham Genesis 12:3, 22:18

Be a descendant of Isaac Genesis 17:19, 21:12

Be a descendant of Jacob Numbers 24:17

Come from the tribe of Judah Genesis 49:10

Heir to King David's throne 2 Samuel 7:12-13

Be called Immanuel Isaiah 7:14

Spend a season in Egypt Hosea 11:1

Massacre of children Jeremiah 31:15

Messenger prepare way Isaiah 40:3-5

Signs of Second Coming from the Olivet Discourse

* 3 Questions (Matthew 24:3) Answers
	+ Tell us, when will (temple be destroyed)? Luke 21:20-24
	+ What will be the sign of your coming? Matt 24:15-44
	+ and of the end of the age? Matt 24:4-14
* Signs of Christ’s Return will be obvious (Matt 24:15-44)
	+ Like lightning from east to west Matt 24:27
	+ Seen by all tribes of the earth coming on the clouds Matt 24:30
* 70 Weeks Prophecy Dan 9:4-27
	+ 62 + 7 = 69
	+ 69 weeks = 483 years
	+ Jewish Calendar – 360 days
		- ½ week Dan 9:27
		- Time, times, ½ time Dan 7:25 & 12:7, Rev 12:14
		- 1,260 days Rev 12:6 & 11:3
		- 42 months Rev 11:2 & 13:5
	+ Artaxerxes decree #2 given to Nehemiah authorizing the rebuilding of the city (Neh 2:1-8). Note that Neh 2:12-17 pictures Jerusalem in ruins at this time.

**Matthew 3:1-2** In those days John the Baptist came to the Judean wilderness and began preaching. His message was, 2 “Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.”

**Matthew 4:17** From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven has come near.”

**Acts 2:37-38** Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” 38 And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”