

### Interpretive Issues

**Is the timing of Christ's return known or unknown?**

1. Mark 13:29 ESV So also, when you see these things taking place, **you know** that he is near, at the very gates.
2. Mark 13:32 ESV But concerning that day or that hour, **no one knows**, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

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### The Question and the Answer

Mark 13:4 Tell us, **when will these things be**, and **what will be the sign** when all these things are going to **be fulfilled?**

- A. When will these things be?
- B. What will be the sign?
- B. Mark 13:5-31 (signs within the 70<sup>th</sup> week)
- A. Mark 13:32-37 (when the 70<sup>th</sup> week comes)

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### Signs Versus No Signs

Signs within 70<sup>th</sup> Week (Mark 13:5-31)

- Mark 13:5-6 false Christ's
- Mark 13:7 wars + rumors of war
- Mark 13:8 earthquakes/famines/birth pangs
- Mark 13:9-13 martyrdom
- Mark 13:14-23 abomination of desolation + great trib.
- Mark 13:24-31 cosmic signs/descent of Christ/ kingdom

When the 70<sup>th</sup> Week begins (Mark 13:32-37)

- Mark 13:32 no one knows day or hour
- Mark 13:33 no one knows when the time will come
- Mark 13:34-35 no one knows when the master returns
- Mark 13:36-37 be on the alert!

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The Significance of “Peri De”

Mark 13:32 ESV **But concerning** that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Peri de = Now concerning+

Mark 12:26 **Now concerning** the fact that the dead rise againō

1 Cor. 7:1 **Now concerning** the things about which you wrote, it is good for a man not to touch a woman.

1 Cor. 8:1 **Now concerning** things sacrificed to idolsō

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The Suddenness of the 70<sup>th</sup> Week

Mark 13:35-36 Therefore, be on the alert- for **you do not know when the master of the house is coming**, whether in the evening, at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning. 36 in case he should come suddenly and find you asleep.

Other Names For “70<sup>th</sup> Week”

1. Day of the Lord+(1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Thess. 2:2)
2. Parousia+(Matt. 24:37; 2 Thess. 2:1))
3. Tribulation+(Matt.24:29; Mark 13:24)
4. Days of the Son of Man+(Luke 17:22, 26)
5. Hour of trial+(Revelation 3:10)

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The Suddenness of The 70<sup>th</sup> Week

Matthew 24:37-39 For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, **so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.**

1 Thess. 5:2-3 For you yourselves know full well that **the day of the Lord** will come just like a thief in the night. 3 While they are saying, Peace and safety!+ then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.

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Good News: God's People Are Exempt

Luke 17:26-30 And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: 27 they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28 % was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building; 29 but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 % will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.

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1 Thessalonians 5:9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ

Revelation 3:10 Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.



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Isaiah 26:16-17, 19-21 O LORD, they sought You in distress; they could only whisper a prayer, Your chastening was upon them. 17 As the pregnant woman approaches the time to give birth, she writhes and cries out in her labor pains, thus were we before You, O LORD. 19 Your dead will live; their corpses will rise. You who lie in the dust, awake and shout for joy, for your dew is as the dew of the dawn, and the earth will give birth to the departed spirits. 20 Come, my people, enter into your rooms and close your doors behind you; hide for a little while until indignation runs its course. 21 For behold, the LORD is about to come out from His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; and the earth will reveal her bloodshed and will no longer cover her slain.

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