Concerning the Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

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Introduction: Of the return of Christ - we cannot know the time, so God has given us the signs.

Wouldn't it be great if there was a place in the Bible that told us the day and time of Christ's return?

Biblical Context: Confusion in the early church about the Day of the Lord.

1. The Activity of Satan – What the enemy will attempt to do

Deception through various falsehoods (2:2,3,9) The Man of Lawlessness / Son of Destruction (Anti-Christ=In the place of or against Christ) (2:3) Exalt himself above all gods (2:4) Already at work in the world (2:7)

2. The Activity of Man – What we are called to do

Remain calm, unshaken (2:2) Be diligent in Truth (2:3) Be grateful for one another as God's people (2:13) Continue sharing Christ for His glory and our good (2:14) Stand Firm and Hold Fast (2:15) Be Unified (John 17)

3. The Activity of God – What God will surely do

Restrain lawlessness (2:7) Remove the Restrainer (2:7) Send a delusion upon the unbelieving (2:11) Slay the enemy (2:8) Christ Himself will Descend (1 Thessalonians 4:13ff)

Conclusion: No one can know the time of Christ's return, but *everyone* can be prepared according to the signs through the greatest sign of all. Are you prepared?