

The background features a dark blue gradient on the left, transitioning into a series of curved, overlapping lines on the right. These lines form a tunnel-like perspective, with a grid pattern of small squares visible on the inner surfaces. The overall effect is a sense of depth and movement, with a bright light source at the end of the tunnel.

The Times and Seasons of Christ's Return

Why must we talk of “times and seasons”?

Times and Seasons?

- We cannot know the day nor hour of Christ's return – Matt. 25:13; Lk. 12:35-40
- Premillennialists claim we can't know the day nor hour, but can know the times and seasons.
- If this distinction were true...
 - Christ's warning in Luke 12 wouldn't apply to the ones he warned!
 - If Christ revealed signs that tell the general time of his return, why would he tell his disciples his return would happen when they *did not expect it*?

“Times and Seasons” and 1
Thessalonians 5:1-2

Times/Seasons VS. Day/Hour

- Premillennialism claim Paul taught we can know time/season (general), while not knowing day/hour (specific) of His coming – 1 Thess. 5:1-2
- The passage doesn't say they knew of the times and seasons of Christ's return!
- It ignores Paul's reason why he didn't have to write about times/seasons.
 - Reason: They knew Christ's coming would be "as a thief in the night."
 - Point: Because they knew Christ's return is unpredictable, there was nothing to discuss about times/seasons.
 - Thieves don't announce the season they are coming!

Why do Premillennialists insist that Christ has revealed the times/seasons of his return?

Matthew 24!

- Premillennialism claim Matthew 24 lists the signs of Christ's return.
- Truth: Jesus listed signs that apply to the destruction of Jerusalem
 - Jesus prophesied of the destruction of Jerusalem – 24:1-2
 - These signs were given in answer to the apostles' question concerning when this prophecy would be fulfilled – 24:3-14
 - The signs were revealed to warn the disciples so they could escape the destruction coming on Jerusalem by the Roman army – 24:15-16; Lk. 21:20-22

Premillennial Objections

- Premillennialism claim Matthew 24 can't be about the destruction of Jerusalem because...
 - Jesus spoke of apocalyptic events – 24:29; Isa. 13:1, 9-10, 13
 - Jesus said this would be the time of his coming in the clouds – 24:30; Isa. 19:1
 - Jesus said he would send out his angels to gather the elect from the world – 24:31; 2 Thess. 2:13-14
- All these objections fly in the face of Jesus' time frame that limited all these events to *their generation!* – 24:32-35

Are there any signs of Jesus' 2nd
Coming?

The List

Conclusion

- If there were times/seasons revealed by Christ concerning his return, the apostles were not allowed to know them – Acts 1:6-7
- Our duty is not to speculate, but to be ready at all times for Christ's return – Lk. 12:40
- **Are you ready...right now?**