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A Thief in the Night

Matthew 24:36-44

36 "Now concerning that day and hour no one knows—neither the angels of heaven nor the Son—except the Father alone. 37 As the days of Noah were, so the coming of the Son of Man will be. 38 For in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah boarded the ark. 39 They didn't know until the flood came and swept them all away. This is the way the coming of the Son of Man will be. 40 Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. 41 Two women will be grinding grain with a hand mill; one will be taken and one left. 42 Therefore be alert, since you don't know what day your Lord is coming. 43 But know this: If the homeowner had known what time the thief was coming, he would have stayed alert and not let his house be broken into. 44 This is why you are also to be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

THE RETURN

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A Thief in the Night

The Days of Noah & A Thief in the Night

The Wickedness of People When Jesus Returns

The Way Jesus Will Return

THE RETURN

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The Days of Noah & A Thief in the Night

The Date Is Unknown

Matthew 24:36

Now concerning that day and hour no one knows—neither the angels of heaven nor the Son—except the Father alone.

Genesis 6:5-6

5 When the LORD saw that human wickedness was widespread on the earth and that every inclination of the human mind was nothing but evil all the time, 6 the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and he was deeply grieved.

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Methuselah – 969 (When he is gone, IT will come)
Lamech (Methuselah's son and Noah's father)
Noah (the grandson of Methuselah)

Methuselah died the very year the flood came 969

THE RETURN

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The Date Is Unknown

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Methuselah	187 when Lamech was born
Lamech	182 when Noah was born
Noah	600 when the flood came
	969

Methuselah died the very year the flood came 969

THE RETURN

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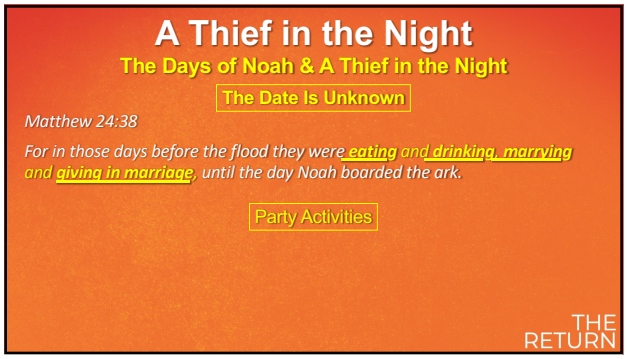
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Party Activities
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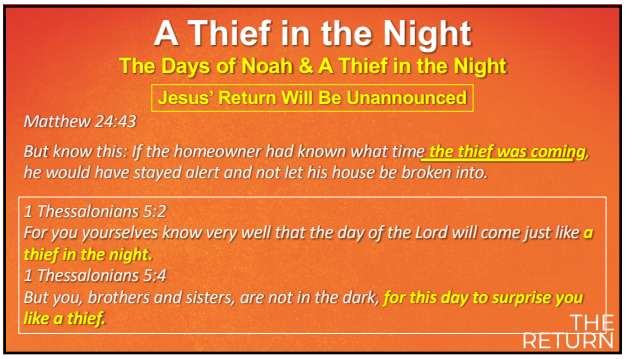
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Jesus' Return Will Be Unannounced
Matthew 24:43
But know this: If the homeowner had known what time the thief was coming, he would have stayed alert and not let his house be broken into.
1 Thessalonians 5:2
For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.
1 Thessalonians 5:4
But you, brothers and sisters, are not in the dark, for this day to surprise you like a thief.
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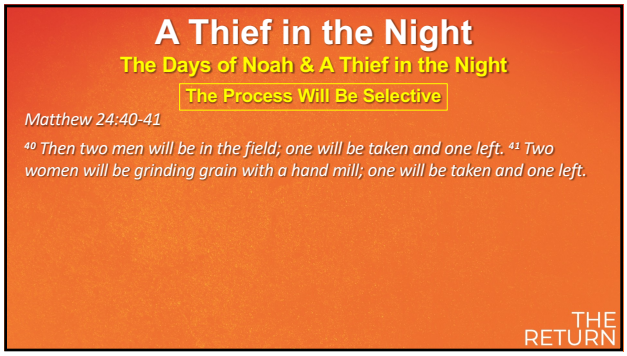
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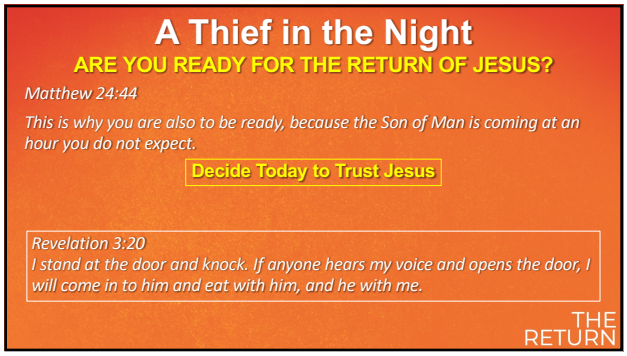
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Decide Today to Trust Jesus
Revelation 3:20
I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.
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Decide Today to Trust Jesus
Meet Jesus With Confidence
1 John 2:28
Remain in him so that when he appears we may have confidence and not be ashamed before him at his coming.
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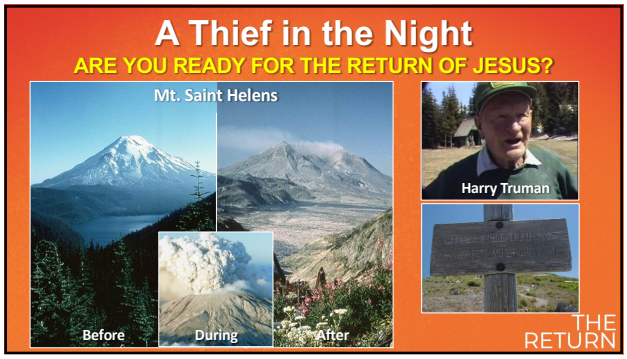
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Mt. Saint Helens
Before
During
After
Harry Truman
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