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Bible Prophecy Seminar Second Session -- The Evidence of Hope

- **A. Can we "Know?"** Matthew 24:33 Mark 13:29 Luke 21:31
- B. Why can we "Know?" 1 Thessalonians 5:9 Amos 3:7 John 15:15
- C. When can we "Know?" Daniel 12:1, 4 Mark 13:-2829 John 13:9 1 Thessalonians 5:1-8 Luke 21:28
- D. How can we "Know?" Luke 21:37 (Private study) Mark 13:1-2 versus Mark 13:3

E. What We Can Know: Signs of Summer (Summer is Joel 2:1-2) When we see summer coming, our "Hope Meter" should peg out

1. The Fig Tree (Israel), and all of the Trees (Nations), have tender shoots before Summer even begins; Mark 13:28/Luke 29:29

2. Summer Approaches (Early Signs) Mark 13:7-8 **Matthew 24:3-8** Luke 21:8-10

- Israel is in the Land
- Wars and Rumors of War (Threats of War) 13:7a
- Nation vs Nation and Kingdom vs Kingdom 7b
- Earthquakes/Famines/ 13:8

Matthew 24:8 "All these are the beginning of birth pains" **Denotes "Convergence"**

3. Summer Has Arrived Mark 13:9-13 Matthew 24:9-14 Luke 21:20-24

- Heavy Persecution 13:9
- Gospel Proclaimed 13:10 (two witnesses)
- Great Falling Away
- Man's near Extinction 13:20
- Many False Prophets 13:22
- Believers are hated/Love of Most Grows Cold 13:13
- -- Key Note: A believer must endure to the end (Rapture has taken place)

4. The Heat of Summer Mark 14-23 Matthew 24:15-31 Luke 24:25-27

- The Abomination of Desolation begins the **Great Tribulation Period**
- Man Nears Extinction
- False Signs and Wonders

5. End of Summer

- The Heavens Shaken - Sun and Moon Darkened
- Jesus Returns
- * Key Verse denotes "Convergence": Luke 21:28 "Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise you heads because your redemption is drawing near."
- E. What do We See: Any Signs of the Approaching Summer? IOW: What do we "Know?" 1. The Earth is Groaning *Romans 8:28 2. There are "Wars and Rumors" Ezekiel 38-39
- F. What is God Doing? Ezekiel 39:21-25
- F. What are we to do? Be Warned: Ezekiel 12:22-23 Be Patient 2 Peter 3:3-4 Be Persistent Mark 13:29 Be In Prayer Luke 21:36 Be At Work John 9:4 Matthew 25:21 Be Gathering AND Be Encouraging One Another Hebrews 10:25