



REVELATION: A STUDY OF THE END TIMES

Part 1: The Second Coming of Jesus | July 17, 2022

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Why talk about the End Times and Prophecy?

Bible in Three Statements

- Jesus Is Coming
- Jesus Has Come
- Jesus Is Coming Again

- 30% of the Bible is Prophecy
- 1 out of every 25 verses in the New Testament deals with the Second Coming
- Jesus speaks of His Second Coming 21 times
- 1800 statements about the Second Coming - 5 times more than the First Coming
- God assures a blessing to those who study prophecy (Revelation 1:3)
- Prophecy wasn't given to frighten us - it was written to encourage us

What is the Second Coming of Jesus?

Second Coming is the return of Jesus Christ to the earth to fulfill the remaining prophecies and fully establish the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

- Living will be transformed
- Dead will be raised
- Creation will be healed and restored
- Believers will be rewarded
- Unbelievers/wicked will be judged and punished

"Men of Galilee," they said, "why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!"

[Acts 1:11 NLT](#)

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¹¹ Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. ¹² His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. ¹³ He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses. ¹⁵ From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. ¹⁶ On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.

[Revelation 19:11-16 NLT](#)

And then at last, the sign that the Son of Man is coming will appear in the heavens, and there will be deep mourning among all the peoples of the earth. And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. [Matthew 24:30 NLT](#)

Second Coming will be public and seen by all.

For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other, so it will be on the day when the Son of Man comes.
[Luke 17:24 NLT](#)

When will Jesus return?

"However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows." [Matthew 24:36 NLT](#)

How does the Second Coming affect us?

³⁵ "Be dressed for service and keep your lamps burning,³⁶ as though you were waiting for your master to return from the wedding feast. Then you will be ready to open the door and let him in the moment he arrives and knocks. ³⁷ The servants who are ready and waiting for his return will be rewarded. I tell you the truth, he himself will seat them, put on an apron, and serve them as they sit and eat! ³⁸ He may come in the middle of the night or just before dawn. But whenever he comes, he will reward the servants who are ready." [Luke 12:35-38 NLT](#)

We should be watching.

It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them.

[Luke 12:37 NIV](#)

We should be ready.

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We should be eagerly anticipating His return.

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[Luke 12:38 NLT](#)

Don't let delay keep you from God's promise.

⁴¹ Peter asked, "Lord, is that illustration just for us or for everyone?"

⁴² And the Lord replied, "A faithful, sensible servant is one to whom the master can give the responsibility of managing his other household servants and feeding them.⁴³ If the master returns and finds that the servant has done a good job, there will be a reward.⁴⁴ I tell you the truth, the master will put that servant in charge of all he owns.⁴⁵ But what if the servant thinks, 'My master won't be back for a while,' and he begins beating the other servants, partying, and getting drunk?⁴⁶ The master will return unannounced and unexpected, and he will cut the servant in pieces and banish him with the unfaithful."

[Luke 12:41-46 NLT](#)

³ Most importantly, I want to remind you that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires.⁴ They will say, "What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again? From before the times of our ancestors, everything has remained the same since the world was first created." [2 Peter 3:3-4 NLT](#)

God's Perspective of His Return

But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day.

[2 Peter 3:8 NLT](#)

God's Patience in His Return

⁹ The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

¹⁵ And remember, our Lord's patience gives people time to be saved. This is what our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you with the wisdom God gave him— [2 Peter 3:9, 15 NLT](#)