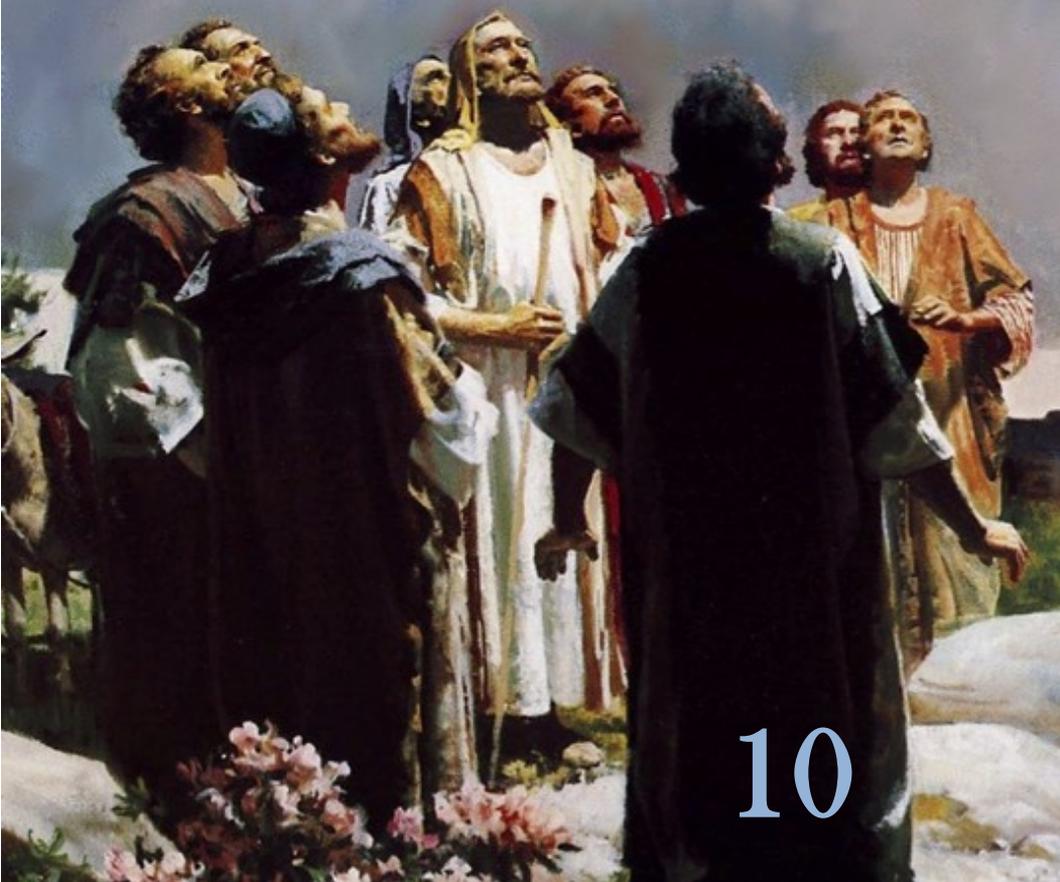


# I Will Come Again



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# and receive you unto myself.

John 14:3

**T**hat's what Jesus said. He had quite a bit to say about his return. And so did his apostles. They wanted to know, and so do we, what would be "the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world." Matt 24:3. Let's see what the Bible says about the soon return of our Saviour to this earth.

Many will come saying they are Christ. But if they say, 'Here is Christ' or 'There is Christ' don't believe it. There will be wars, and famines, diseases, earthquakes. But there is *one* sign that marks the end of the world: the "gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world...and then shall the end come." Matt 24:5-7, 14, 36.

But of that day and hour, no man knows. The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction comes upon them...and they shall not escape. But you are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Watch therefore: for you do not know when the Lord will come. It was just like that in the days of Noah. For in the days before the flood they were eating, drinking, and marrying until the day that Noah entered into the ark, then the flood came, and took them all away.

Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed *them* all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

Matt 24:36; 2Pet 3:10;  
1Thes 5:3,4; Matt 24:  
42,38,39. Luke 17:28-  
30.

But in the last days scoffers will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." The "evil servant shall say in his heart, 'My lord



delays his coming.” However, “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” 2Pet 3:4,9; Matt 24:48.

“Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.” 2Thes 2:3,4

There was a falling away from the pure teaching of Jesus to many superstitious teachings that had no basis in the Bible. And this included strange ideas about how and when the Savior would return. As time continued, some taught that the kingdom would be on this earth, ruled by men in high places with power over kings, and threatening them with excommunication.

But the brother of Jesus said, “Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waits for the precious fruit of the earth, and has long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be also patient; establish your hearts:

for the coming of the Lord draws nigh” James 5:7,8.

“What manner of *persons* ought you to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness, looking for and longing unto the coming of the day of God?” 2Peter 3:11,12.

Jesus said, “In my Father’s house are many rooms... I go to prepare a place for you.” “While they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen him go into heaven” John 14:1,2; Acts 1:9-11. Jesus will come back just as he left: visibly and in the sight of those watching.



Solomon wrote a parable about a Goodman who is “gone on a long journey... *and* will come home at the day appointed” Prov. 7:19,20.

But the Bridegroom tarries. So, be “like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he comes and knocks, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed *are* those servants, whom the lord when he comes shall find watching.” For “after a long time the lord of those servants comes” Matt 25:5,19.

Like John the Baptist, who was sent to prepare the way for Christ, and was called ‘Elijah who was to come’ by Jesus himself, another Elijah messenger will also arise before the second coming as well.

But “I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers” Malachi 4:5,6.

Just before Jesus appears in the clouds of heaven, a message goes into all the world declaring the hour of God’s judgment has come, to give Him glory and worship Him as the Creator of all things! Rev. 14:6,7.

But a power that has the attention of the whole world demands its own worship and threatens death to

all who will not submit to its authority. Rev. 13:8,12,15.

“For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world.” “At that time shall Michael stand up” and say, “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.” “And there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation” Matt 24:21; Rev. 22:11; Dan. 12:1.

“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of



nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken” Luke 21:25,26.

“There was a great earthquake; and the sun became black and the moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell” Rev. 6:12,13.

“And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.” “Then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draws nigh” And they will say, “Lo, this *is* our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this *is* the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.” For they have been “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ,” “God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour” who come together. Matt 25:6; Luke 21:28; Titus 2:13; 1:4.

“Then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven.” The coming of the Son of man will be like “the lightning coming out of the east and shining even to the

west.” “And then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven” “and every eye shall see him” “sitting on the right hand of power” “with power and great glory” “he comes in the glory of his Father” “and all the holy angels with him” Matt 25:27, 30, 34; 26:64; Mark 8:38; Rev 1:7.

And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?” Rev. 6:14-17.

There appeared “a white cloud, and upon the cloud *one* sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.” “The harvest is the end of the world...The Son of man shall send forth his angels” “with a great sound of a trumpet.” Rev.14:14; Matt 13:39,31; Matt 24:31;





“The dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.” “For the Lord himself shall descend with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and the trump of God and the dead in Christ shall rise first” “at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible” John 5:25; 1Thes 4:16; 1Cor 15:5

“Even so in Christ shall all be made alive...afterward they that are Christ’s at his coming” 1Cor 15:22,23.

And when “this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written... O death, where *is* thy

sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?” 1Cor 15:54,55.

Those who have been sleeping in the dust will awake to the voice of the Son of God who shouts, “Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust!” “And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake” Isaiah 26:19; Daniel 12:2.

“Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord” 1Thes 4:17.

“In that night there shall be two in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body *is*, there will the eagles be gathered together.” “And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That you may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all, free and bond, both small and great” Luke 17:34-37; Rev. 19:17,18.



You want to be left behind!

“When the chief Shepherd shall appear you will receive a crown of glory that fades not away.” Jesus said “I will come again and receive you unto myself.” “The Lord himself shall descend from heaven... and the dead in Christ shall rise first” and “them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.” 1Pet 5:4; John 14:3; 1Thes 4:14.



Jesus returns to his Father’s house and says, “Behold, I and the children You have given me!” Heb. 2:13; Isa. 8:18.

“Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” “Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” “Blessed *are* they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.” Matt. 25:34; Luke 12:32; Rev. 22:14.

“The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his

mighty angels, in flaming fire... When he shall come to be glorified in his saints” “Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him” “taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power” 2Thes 1:7,8,10; Psalm 50:3; 2Thes 1:8,9

“And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders” “And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie” 2Thes 2:8,9,11.

“The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up” 2Peter 3:10.

“I beheld the earth, and, lo, *it was* without form, and void; and the heavens, and they *had* no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, *there was* no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld,

and, lo, the fruitful place *was* a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, *and* by his fierce anger.” Jer. 4:23-26.

“The earth is utterly broken

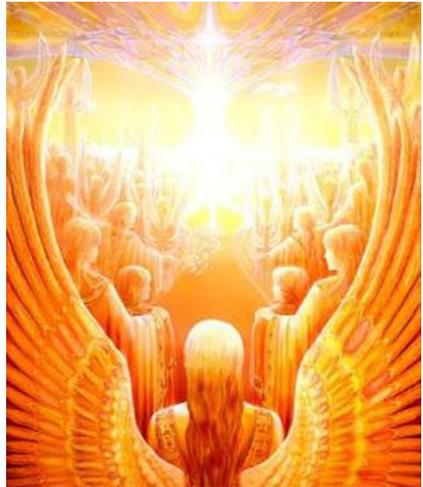


down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again. And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones *that are* on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. And they shall be gathered together, *as* prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.” Isaiah 24:19-22.

When the Son of God returns, the dead in Christ and the living saints are caught up together to meet the Lord in the air, those who have rejected the Lamb’s sacrifice are destroyed by the brightness of His coming, and Satan is left alone on a deserted and empty planet.

“And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled ...But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished” Rev. 20:2, 3,5

The earth is a wilderness. The Devil is placed in solitary confinement for a thousand years with no one to tempt. But the saints are given judgment over him and all his evil angels. “Do you not know that the saints shall judge the world? Know you not that we shall judge angels?” 1Cor 6:2,3.



“I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them... and they lived

and reigned with Christ a thousand years.” Revelation 20:4.

“When the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison” Rev. 20:7,8. The second resurrection now occurs when the lost of all ages, “the rest of the dead” live again. “And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them.” So Satan “shall go out to deceive the nations ...and to gather them to battle.” Revelation 20:8,13.

“Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations... His feet shall stand in that day upon



“And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city” “the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea” Revelation 20:5,8,9.



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And there appeared “a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the

the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, a very great valley” Then “the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven” is set upon the earth. Zech. 14:3,4; Rev. 21:1.

heaven fled away” Rev 20:11.

“And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books” Revelation 20:12.

Then the Creator of heaven and earth will say to Satan, "I will destroy you, O covering cherub. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty, you have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness: I will cast you to the ground, I will lay you before kings, that they may behold you. You have defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of you, it shall devour you, and I will bring you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold you...you shall be a terror, and never *shall* you be any more." Eze. 28:16-19.

Then the nations surrounding the city shall look upon Satan and say, "Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; *that* made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; *that* opened not the house of his prisoners?" Isa 14:16,17.

Then "a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbor, and his hand

shall rise up against the hand of his neighbor" Zech 14:13.

Lord God Almighty, true and righteous *are* thy judgments. Rev. 16:7. The LORD is known *by* the judgment *which* he executes: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Those that imagine a vain thing, who conspire against the LORD and His anointed, "his mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own skull" Psalm 2:1,2; 9:16; 7:16.

Gog and Magog, the hordes of all the rebellious against God of all ages, are deceived by Satan into thinking they are able to take the city and fulfill the Devil's ambitions from the very beginning: to be like the Most High! Isa 14:14.

But they realize it is hopeless. And now they turn on each other and release their rage upon themselves and those that deceived them.

Then "the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together." "the glory of the LORD *was* like devouring fire on



the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.” “the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the people. And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: *which* when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces.” Isaiah 40:5; Exodus 24:17; Lev. 9:23,24.

“And fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Behold, the day comes, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that comes shall burn them up... And you shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet” Rev 20:9; 2Pet. 3:10; Mal. 4:1,3.

And there was “a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea... And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new” Rev. 21:1,4,5.

Now the Creator repeats His great work of creation in making a new earth and a new heaven for the new throne of the universe.



In the city of the New Jerusalem there is no temple: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city has no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb *is* the light thereof. And there



shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God gives them light” Rev 21:22,23; 22:5.

There is “a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the tree of life, which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations” Rev 22:1,2.

“The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them... They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the

knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.” Isa. 11:6,9.

“And the LORD answered me, and said, ‘Write the vision, and make *it* plain upon tables, that he may run that reads it. For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.’” Habakkuk 2:2,3.

Though our Saviour may seem to tarry, he will indeed come at the appointed time. He loves you and is longing to come and receive you unto Himself!

So what He says,  
He says unto all,

**Watch** Mark 13:37