

COMING SOON... The Return of Christ (Week 2)

“Don’t divide over disputable matters.” – Romans 14:1

“Now there’s coming a day when not one stone of this temple is going to be left standing on another.” – Matthew 24:2

“When is this going to happen? And what’s going to be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?” – Matthew 24:3

“At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky. All the nations will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky... with power and great glory. He will send his angels with a loud trumpet call. They will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.” – Matthew 24:30-31

“The Messiah, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him.” – Hebrews 9:28

“No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man... Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.” – Matthew 24:36-39

“Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.” – Matthew 24:40

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day the Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect it.’ So Jesus said, ‘I’m coming back unexpectedly, visibly. I’m going to gather my followers from the four winds of the earth.” – Matthew 24:42-44

“Brothers, I don’t want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep or to grieve like the rest of men who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord’s own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive are left to be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

“We believe that God will bring with Jesus those who sleep in him.”¹⁶ “The dead in Christ will rise.” – 1 Thessalonians 4:14-16

“Don’t be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in the graves will hear his voice and come out.” – John 5:28

“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” – Luke 23:46

“to be absent from the body is immediately to be present with the Lord.” – 2 Corinthians 5:8

“I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed – in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable and we shall be changed. The perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable and the mortal with immortality.” And when that happens, “then the saying that is written will come true: ‘Death has been swallowed up in victory.’” – 1 Cor. 15:50

“We wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.” – 1 Thessalonians 1:10

Jesus’ First Coming – He came to rescue us from the eternal punishment.

Jesus’ Second Coming – He came to rescue us from the earthly consequences.

“After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, ‘Come up here. I’ll show you what must take place after this.’⁸ Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, who is, and is to come.” – Revelation 4:1,8

Revelation 6 – Judgments and Plagues – The Great Tribulation – These plagues are orchestrated by the beast (Revelation), the antichrist (1John) or the man of lawlessness (2 Thessalonians 2).

The Seven Seals are Opened and There Is – War, Famine, Death, Plague, Earthquake, and Horrible Windstorm.

“Smoke comes out like from a gigantic furnace and it darkens the sun and the sky.” – Rev. 9:2

“Out of the smoke the locust come down upon the earth.⁷ The locusts look something like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces. Their hair was like women’s hair, and their teeth were like lion’s teeth. They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. They had tails with stingers, like scorpions, and in their tails they had the power to torment people for five months.” – Rev. 9:3,7

Revelation 11 – Two special witnesses who are sent by God, who are so powerful in their witness, trying still to get people to repent, and the antichrist can’t destroy them.

Revelation 16 – The seven bowls of God’s wrath.

Revelation 19 – Christ returning with His saints in power and glory, and this signals the Battle of Armageddon, when the Bible says Christ is going to overthrow the lawless one with the breath of His mouth.

2 Peter 3:10 – Just as God cleansed the world with a flood on one occasion, in the end times He’s going to purge the world with fire, and then He’s going to start all over again.

“I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice He judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on Him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and His name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. ‘He will rule them with an iron scepter.’ He threads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.” – Rev. 19:11-16

“I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended.” – Revelation 20:1-3

“Then I saw ‘a new heaven and a new earth,’ for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death” or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’ He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making everything new!’ Then he said, ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.’” – Revelation 21:1-5

“I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I’ll come again and receive you to myself that where I am there you may be also.” – John 14:3

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man the things that God has prepared for those that love Him.” – 1 Corinthians 2:9

Reflect: How will you apply this teaching? What really stood out to you in this message?
