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THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

Final Crisis • Final Call



STANDPOINTS

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"The end of all things is at hand - keep a clear mind, and remain alert through prayer!" (see 1 Pet 4:7)

In the end, only this matters. ⌚ In the end, nothing else matters.

Read these texts *carefully*. Then make *decisive* changes in your life. **Don't delay - Start today!**

CERTAINTY

John 14:2,3 "I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again**, and receive you to myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

Acts 1:10,11 "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you have seen him go into heaven!"

Every chapter in 1 Thessalonians ends on the Second Coming!

Hebrews 9:28 "To them that look for him he will appear the second time without sin for salvation."

Revelation 1:7 "Behold, he comes with clouds; and every eye will see him, and also those which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth will wail because of him. Even so, Amen."

CLOSENESS

Matthew 24:34, 35 "Verily I say to you, This generation will not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

Romans 13:11 "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."

Titus 2:13 "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

CONDUCT

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 "Don't you know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Don't be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. **And such were [past tense] some of you.** But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God." **Do you want to inherit the kingdom of God?!**

In the end, the world will witness a full manifestation of genuine love among God's people: "But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away" (1 Cor 13:10). "... that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them" (Jesus' last words in His last prayer, John 17:26).

"I am coming quickly!" (Rev 22:7, 12, 20)



CAUTION

1 Timothy 4:1 "In the latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."

2 Timothy 3:1-5 "In the last days perilous times will come. 2 For men will be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying its power: from such turn away."

Jude 1:14-15 "The Lord comes with ten thousands of his saints, 15 to execute judgment on all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him." *Do you live godly or ungodly?!*

CONFLICT

2 Peter 3:3-7 The last days will see "scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 4 And saying, 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. 5 ... they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: 6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: 7 But the heavens and the earth ... by the same word are kept in store, reserved for fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

2 Peter 3:9-10 "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some people count slackness; but is longsuffering to us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works in it will be burned up."

2 Peter 3:11-14 "Seeing then that all these things will be dissolved, what kind of persons ought you to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 looking for and hasting the coming of the day of God, in which the heavens being on fire will be dissolved, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, in which dwells righteousness. 14 Therefore, beloved, seeing that you look for such things, be diligent that you may be found by him in peace, without spot, and blameless."

His Promise is greater than our Problem!

THE SECRET RAPTURE . . . TRUTH LEFT BEHIND?!

Second Coming, not Second Chance!

- Immortality @ Second Coming, not @ rapture (Mt 24:27; Jn 14:1-3; 1 Cor 15:51-53; Phil 3:20-21; 1 Thess 4:13-18)
- The Second Coming will be loud, visible, and impossible to miss, not secret!
- "One will be taken, the other left" (Lk 17:36): You want to be left behind!
Matt 24:39: the flood "took them all away" = "destroyed them all" (Lk 17:27)
- The saints will go through the great tribulation (Mt 24:9; Mk 13:11; Lk 21:12-19; Rev 19)

Make your eternal decision NOW; there is no 2nd chance later (2 Cor 6:2).



Rapture Roots - The History of Heresy: Roman (Jesuit) strategy to distract from the Papacy in Prophecy

- First to suggest a rapture: Irenaeus, *Against Heresies* 5.25.3/Ante-Nicene Fathers, 1:554
- Cardinal Robert Bellarmine (1542-1621): contra year-day principle to distract from 1,260 prophetic years
- Francisco Ribera (1537-1591): father of futurism, deflecting from papacy in prophecy (so also Samuel R. Maitland, John Henry Newman, and Edward Irving), ultimately leading to dispensationalism (esp. with John Nelson Darby, 1800-1882; The Brethren, Scofield, and Hal Lindsay/Tim LaHaye)
- Luis de Alcazar (1554-1613): father of preterism = prophecies fulfilled in 1st century (also Hugo Grotius, 1583-1645)

| DANIEL 9:24-27 | EXPLANATION |
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| v24: 70 weeks determined To finish transgression To make and end of sins To anoint the Most Holy | 457 BC + 70 weeks (490 years) = AD 34 <i>Stoning of Stephen</i> <i>Conversion of Paul</i> <i>Gospel to the Gentiles</i> |
| v25: Command to restore Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince: 7 weeks + 62 weeks | = AD 27: Baptism of Jesus the Messiah 457 BC + 69 weeks (483 years) = Fall AD 27 |
| v26: After the 62 weeks: Messiah cut off | + Time after Fall AD 27: Crucifixion, AD 31 |
| v27: Confirm Covenant for 1 Week Middle of the week End of sacrifice and offering | 1 week = 7 years: from Fall AD 27 - Fall AD 34 Middle of the week: Crucifixion Spring AD 31 Jesus our Passover Lamb |

ENDTIME SIGNS

Destruction of Jerusalem (AD 70): Preview of a Global Crisis

- 1) Negative Signs: Deadly & Deceptive** (key word: "many" = global issues: Mt 24:5, 9-13)
Deception - Wars - Famines - Pestilences - Earthquakes - Hatred - Coldness (Mt 24:1-13)
- 2) Positive Sign: Life-Saving** - "This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come" (Mt 24:14) - *Are you part of this message?!*
- 3) Final Warnings from:** Nature (Mt 24:32) | Noah (Mt 24:37) | Normal Life (24:40,41)
- 4) Specific Signs (Mt 24:29): The Millerite Awakening and the Roots of the Advent Movement**
 - **Lisbon Earthquake:** Nov. 1, 1755 - All Saints day, before All Souls' Day = judgment on spiritualism
 - **Darkness & Moon:** May 19, 1780 - New England (precise territory of Great Advent Movement)
 - **Star Shower:** Nov. 13, 1833 - "The most grand and brilliant celestial phenomenon ever beheld and recorded by man" (R. M. Devens, *Our First Century*, 1876, p. 329).

THE FINAL HARVESTS

Final Option - Final Outcome

Angel to Jesus: "Thrust in your sickle, and reap: for the time is come for you to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. 16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped" (Revelation 14:15-16). **Soil. Seed. Sun. Sickle.**



"first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear" (Mk 4:28).

Angel to angel: "Thrust in your sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. 19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God" (Revelation 14:18-19).

URGENT. IRREVERSIBLE. FINAL.

ARE YOU READY?!

"Prepare to meet your God!" (Amos 4:12)

- **Prioritize:** Disciples @ the Temple: Wow! Jesus: Woe! Temporal things won't last! *Eternity > Earth*
Matthew 24-25: 1/3 Prophetic Details, 2/3 Personal Devotion + Dedication *Focus Daily!*
- **Prepare:** 3 Practical Parables: 10 Virgins: **Watching** (Spiritual) | Talents: **Working** (Secular) | Sheep/Goats: **Welfare** (Social)
- **Plan:** **What do YOU need to do NOW before the Second Coming of Christ?**

My Preparation . . .

Get Ready!

. . . My Priorities