

The Coming Of The Lord

There are two parts of the Second Coming of Christ: His retrieval of believers (the Rapture of the Church – 1 Thes. 4), and when He returns to earth to Jerusalem with the Church as “*Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, ‘Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His Saints, to execute Judgment upon 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.’*” (Jude 1:14-15) “*Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against*



those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle. And His Feet shall stand in that Day upon 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, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with Thee.” (Zechariah 14:3-5) Believers can’t return WITH Him unless first they return TO Him. Jesus Promised; “*Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's House are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a Place for you. And if I go and prepare a Place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*” (John 14:1-3) “*When they therefore were come together, they asked of [Jesus], saying, ‘Lord, wilt Thou at this time restore again the Kingdom to Israel?’ And He said unto them, ‘It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own Power. But ye shall receive Power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.’ And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, ‘Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven.’*” (Acts 1:6-11) Jesus Prophesied, “*And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the End is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of Sorrows.”* (Matthew 24:6-8) “*So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Words shall not pass away. But of that Day and Hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the Coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the Coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.”*

(Matthew 24:33-44) Paul wrote, "Now this I say, Brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the Last Trump: for the Trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on Incorruption, and this mortal must put on Immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on Incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on Immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, 'Death is swallowed up in Victory.'" (1 Corinthians 15:50-54)

We know not when; be noon or night,
When we shall see His Glory Bright,
With Shout of Joy and Trumpet sound,
That we will then with Him be found! –CGP

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no Hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the Word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the Coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a Shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the Trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 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. Wherefore comfort one another with these Words." (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) Watch! Be ready! The Time is at hand!

*"He which testifieth these things saith, 'Surely I come quickly.' Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."
Revelation 22:20 KJV*