

THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST

One of the most interesting areas of Bible study is the subject of biblical prophecy and "the events yet to come." "What Happens Next?"

The subject is so vast and detailed that this lesson will only be an introduction.

As you mature in your Christian life, you will learn many things in the Bible about the future. The purpose of this lesson is to give you a foundation upon which to build your own Bible study.

The return of our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the fundamental teachings of the Word of God.

The second coming of Christ is mentioned in Titus 2:13 as the Blessed hope.

THE PROMISE OF THE COMING OF CHRIST

A. John 14:1-3

The Lord told His disciples in verse 3 "*I _____ again.*"

B. Acts 1:11

"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."

C. Hebrews. 9:28

"so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

D. 1 John 2:28 & 1 John 3:2

"when He shall _____"

E. The last promise of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Bible is

***"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."** - Revelation 22:12*

THE FIRST COMING OF JESUS CHRIST

The first coming of Jesus Christ to earth, (sometimes called "the first advent"), is a historical fact. However, before his coming into the world; first as a baby in Bethlehem, then as the crucified, buried and resurrected savior, these wonderful events were also biblical prophecies at one certain time.

There were many prophecies in the Old Testament, which have been fulfilled. There's also many prophecies about His Second Coming which will also be fulfilled.

Some prophecies regarding Christ first coming and their historical fulfillment.

Read and write what were those prophecies

Old Testament Prophecies

New Testament Prophecies

Isaiah _____	Mathew 1:23
Genesis 49:10 _____	Hebrews 7:14
Micah 5:2 _____	Luke 2:11, 15
Zechariah _____	Mathew 21:4, 5
Psalms 22:18 _____	Mathew 27:35

THE SECOND COMING OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS DIVIDED INTO TWO STAGES

In a way, the first coming of Jesus Christ was also divided into two stages

The cradle..... 33 years.....The Cross
 The coming of Jesus as a baby in Bethlehem was a private event, unnoticed in general by the world. Really a few people shared the joy of the moment, mainly only those who sought and waited for his coming.
(Luke 2:25, 36-38; Mathew 2:1,2)

But when Our Lord was hanging on the cross on Calvary, it was a public exhibition for everyone to see.
 So too the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ will have TWO different stages.

We use two words to distinguish these two phases.

The rapture.....7 years.....	The Revelation
Christ comes For His saints	Christ comes WITH His Saints

THE RAPTURE OF THE SAINTS

This is the next event in the prophetic calendar of God.

- A. The term “rapture” is not found in the Bible but its meaning “**Caught up**” is found
- B. Key Scriptures About the Rapture
 - i. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 - ii. 1 Corinthians 15:51, 52
 - iii. Phillipians 3:20, 21
- Is the rapture an instantaneous event?
- Is the rapture only for the dead (asleep in Christ)?
- Will the believers (the saints) meet up with Jesus in the air/sky?

- Will all christians dead or alive receive a new glorified body?
- In accordance to Mathew 24:42, will the rapture be announced so we can prepare ourselves?
- In accordance with 2 Peter 3:3-9, Is the only reason why the rapture hasn't happened because God wants to save the sinners?

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Second phase of the coming of Jesus Christ. (His Return)

A. Revelations 19:11-16. Jesus is called:

- i. V. 11 _____ and _____.
- ii. V. 13 The _____ of _____.
- iii. V. 16. _____ of _____, And _____ of _____.

B. According to Revelations 19:14 and Jude 14, 15 Jesus will come back with *armies from heaven and ten thousands of His saints*

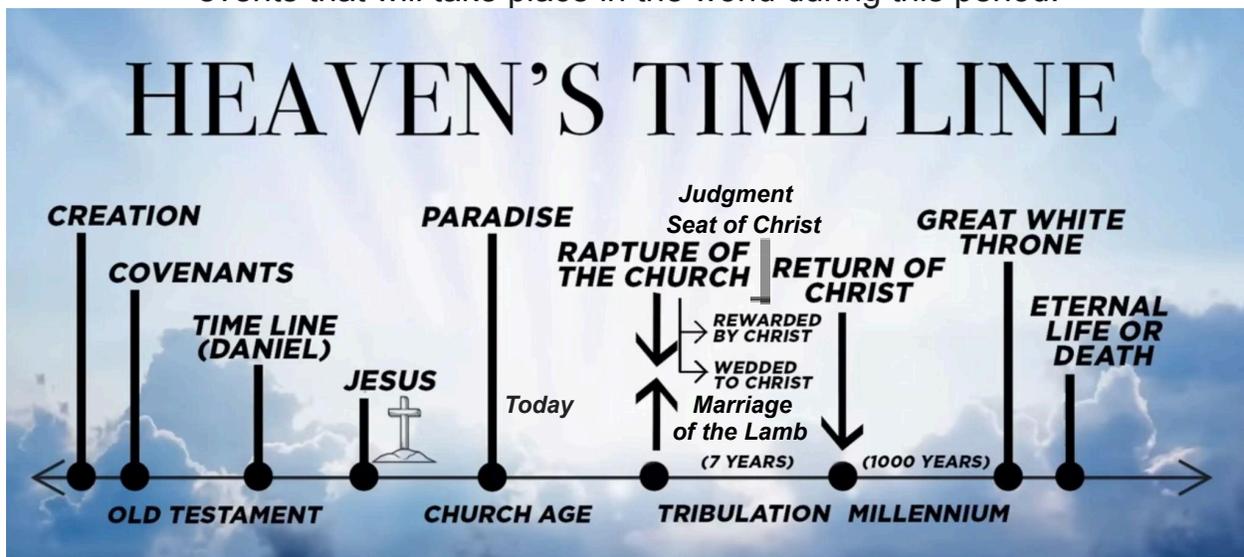
C. On Zechariah 14:1-4 Jesus "*feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives*"

D. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10 The Revelation of Christ will be a time of Rest and vengeance/punishment from God.

BETWEEN THE RAPTURE AND THE REVELATION

The prophecy of Daniel in the Old Testament reveals that there will be a period of 7 years between the two parts of Christ's second coming.

1. Daniel 9:24-27 Shows a period of 70 weeks in which "weeks" means 7 years. 69 weeks have passed but the last week is still not fulfilled.
2. The last 7 years of Daniel's prophecy will begin with the rapture. Christians will be taken away and will not participate in any of the events that will take place in the world during this period.



JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

After Rapture

- A. **Who?** *"But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ."* Romans 14:10
- B. **What will we do?** *"So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."* Romans 14:12
- C. **What will be examined?** *"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."* 2 Corinthians 5:10
- D. 1 Corinthians 3:9-15
 - a. The works of the Christian shall be revealed V.13
 - b. There is a reward *"if any man's work abides which he hath built thereupon(Jesus Christ)."* V14
 - c. *Will one who does not serve properly be sent to Hell?* V15
- E. 5 Crowns that we can receive for our Christian life
 - a. *The Crown of Rejoicing* - 1 Thessalonians 2:19
 - b. *The Crown of Life* - James 1:12
 - c. *The Crown of Righteousness* - 2 Timothy 4:8
 - d. *The Imperishable Crown* - 1 Corinthians 9:25
 - e. *The Crown of Glory* - 1 Peter 5:4

THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

- A. Husband and wife - Jesus and the Church. (*Ephesians 5:22-32*)
- B. Espoused us to Jesus(husband) - (*2 Corinthians 11:2*)
- C. "The Bride of Christ" - (*John 3:29, Revelation 22:17*)
- D. The Union will happen on the Rapture in *The Marriage of the Supper of the Lamb* - (*Revelation 19-7-9*)

THE 70TH WEEK OF DANIEL

While heaven is going through the Judgment seat of Christ and The Marriage Supper of the Lamb the world will be going through 7 years (Daniel 6-18). War, rebellion, catastrophes, division; the days of the Lord (Isaiah 2:12-22), tribulation and anguish (Rev 7:14), God's wrath (Rev 6:17).....

Christians will not go through this; (Jer 30:7, Dan 9:24, Rev 3:10, 1 Thess 5:9, Lk 21:34-36)

AntiChrist (2 Thess 2:3,8). Satan will be cast out (Rev 12:9,12). Time of trouble (Danl 12:1). The Great Tribulation (Mat 24:15-24)

The 2nd coming of Christ (Mat 24:29, 30).

