

Christ's Second Coming (b)

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Why will Jesus return?

a) To destroy the last enemy – death!

1 Corinthians 15:24-26. Then the end will come, 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

1 Corinthians 15:51-55., then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” 55 “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

▫ **Death will be finally defeated!**

b) To undertake the day of judgement!

Matthew 25:31-33, 46 “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, ... He will separate them one from another, ...And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the

left....46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

2 Thessalonians 1:4-10.

5 All this is evidence that God’s judgment is right, ... God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you 7 and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. 8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might 10 on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

▫ **This is sobering & heart-breaking!**

- He so loved that he gave himself – for us!
- The Lord of heaven shall judge!

c) To reward believers!

•**Paul speaks rewards...**

2 Timothy 4:6-8. ...the time for my departure is near. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 **Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.**

d) To live with his people for eternity!

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Jesus is coming to finalize the affairs of this age and usher in heaven in all its infinite wonder & splendor!

When will Jesus return?

- **Lots of fascinating theories & ignorance of scripture!**

- **Writers who claim a date in their own lifetime!**
- **During most crises there is a surge of predictions!**

a) Scripture teaches that no-one will know the time

*Matthew 24:35-36 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. 36 **“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.***

▫ **What about the signs?**

➤ These signs have been in every generation.

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-11. Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, 2 for you know very well that **the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.** 3 **While people are saying, “Peace and safety,**” destruction will come on them suddenly, 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. 5 You are all children of the*

*light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. 6 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, **but let us be awake and sober.** 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.... .10 **He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.** 11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*

- **Those who teach dates contradict scripture!**

If Paul had believed other matters re the Second Coming needed teaching – he would have included them in his letters to the Thessalonians!

b) Christs return is imminent

Revelation 1:3. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed

are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

▫ **Wait for the return of Jesus**

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10. ... and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

▫ **This expectant hope is clearly biblical.**

Many of Gods people under persecution & hardship had a great hope that Jesus would 'come quickly'!

▫ **Walk an upright life while waiting!**

1 Timothy 6:13-16. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, ..., I charge you 14 to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

God alone know when Jesus will return but He instructs us to live a life filled with His Presence and Power as we expectantly wait for the glorious return of Jesus Christ!

Am I ready?

Live like Jesus will return tomorrow and plan like he will return in 500 years!

1 Thessalonians 3:13. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Review...

- **Who is coming?**
- **How is He coming?**
- **Why is He coming?**
- **When is Jesus Coming again? –**

➤ No one but God knows – but His coming is imminent!

Revelations 21:1-4. 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. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 ‘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.” 5 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.”

We have an incredible & great hope!

▣ Recommended reading:

Barry Chant – The Return (This book is out of print and hard to get).

Ian Miller – The Lost Message of the End Times. (Recently released. It will de-mystify much teaching).

Ken Chant – When the trumpet sounds. (Vision 2013).