

THE COMING OF THE LORD

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LIVING GOD

In dedication to all the soul-winners that need a Bible study on the signs of the end times and particularly on the rapture of the Church.

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The teaching of the end times is a prominent subject found within the Scriptures. It is a foundational teaching that the early church did not hesitate to proclaim. There are so many prophecies that can be found within the Old and New Testament books. While there are prophecies about the end times found throughout the whole Bible, the books that are most well known for addressing the subject are Ezekiel, Isaiah, Zechariah, Daniel, Matthew, Luke, 1&2 Thessalonians, and Revelation.

Jesus told the Pharisees that they were able to discern the weather from looking at the signs found in the sky, yet they were ignorant on the signs showing how soon the end of the world would be. Jesus addressing the Pharisees says, *“He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?”* (Matt. 16:2-3).

This study will give an introduction into the teachings on the end times and will address the timing, signs, and preparation for the rapture.

HIS COMING IS SOON

The Scriptures are quite clear from the New Testament that the Lord's coming is imminent, which means it can take place at any moment. There are many passages where the New Testament writers warned their readers of His soon coming.

Heb. 10:25

“Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

1 Pet. 4:7

“The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.”

Jas. 5:8

“...Also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.”

SIGNS OF HIS COMING

In the books of Matthew and Luke, Jesus warns his disciples at the Sermon on the Mount about the future events that will take place and he answers their questions concerning these end time events.

Matt. 24:3

“As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”

Matt. 24:4-8

“And Jesus answered them, “See that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.””

Luk. 21:25-28

“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

2 Tim. 3:1-5

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.”

Dan. 12:4

“But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

Our generation has seen a dramatic increase in knowledge -especially in the area of technology. Even those that lived a hundred years ago would not be able to imagine the advances in communication, transport medicine,

materials science, electronics, and nuclear physics.

DOUBTERS AND SCOFFERS

2 Pet. 3:3-12

“...knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!”

BEING READY FOR HIS COMING

Rom. 12:12-13

“The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.”

Matt. 24:36-42

“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.”

Are you ready for His Coming?

It's time to make your election sure.

A dramatic sky scene with sunbeams and clouds. The sun is positioned behind a large, dark, billowing cloud in the lower center, creating a powerful lens flare effect with numerous bright rays of light radiating outwards across the clear blue sky. Smaller, wispy white clouds are scattered in the upper portion of the frame.

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