

THE HARVEST OF THE EARTH

What The Bible Actually Teaches Regarding The Second Coming of Jesus

THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS will be the climactic event of human history, bringing all evil and suffering to an end and launching God's faithful children into the most glorious future imaginable. The Bible depicts the second advent of Christ as a literal event as sure to happen as did His first advent. In this study we will explore the what, who, how, when and why of the second coming.

1. WHAT exactly is entailed in the Second Coming of Jesus?

1 Peter 4:7—The _____ of all things is at hand.

Revelation 21:5—Then He who sat on the throne said, Behold, I make _____
_____. And He said to me, Write, for these words are true and faithful.

2 Peter 3:11-13—¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, 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 righteousness dwells.

2. WHEN will the event occur?

Matthew 24:36—Of that day and hour no one knows.

Revelation 14:15, 18—Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the (good) harvest of the earth is ripe... Thrust in you sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes (evil harvest) are fully ripe.

Matthew 24:14—And 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.

In Matthew 24 Jesus listed at least 10 _____ of His Second Coming.

3. HOW (in what manner) will Jesus return?

In **Acts 1:9-11** two angels explained to the disciples that Jesus would return in _____ as they saw Him depart from earth and _____.

Revelation 1:7—Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him.

Luke 17:24—For as the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day.

In **Matthew 24:37-44** and **Luke 17:24-30** Jesus explained that when He comes there will be two categories of people: those who are "taken" and those who are "left."
Who are taken and in what sense are they taken? _____
And who are left and in what sense are they left? _____

Who was left or "remained" in Noah's day after the Flood (**Genesis 7:21-23**)?

2 Peter 3:10—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; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-4—¹ But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³ For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. ⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

1 Thessalonians 4:15-18—¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Notice it is not the _____ but the _____ that comes like a thief in the night.

4. WHO will be involved in the event?

Matthew 25:31—When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

2 Thessalonians 2:8—And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

Matthew 24:30-31—³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Revelation 22:7, 12-14—⁷ “Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book... ¹² And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.” ¹⁴ Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

5. WHY will Jesus come?

John 14:1-6—¹ “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ² 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. 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. ⁴ And where I go you know, and the way you know.” ⁵ Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

There is one paramount reason why Jesus is coming, and that is because He wants _____ to be _____ Him forever. Do you want to be _____ ?

“Behold Your God”—Isaiah 40:9