

Jesus IS Coming BACK ~ 1 Thess. 4:13-18

→Scripture Reading - 1 Thess. 4.16-17, 5.1-3, 5.9-10

INTRODUCTION

Late Great Planet Earth

88 Reasons Why the Rapture will Be In 1988

FULFILLED PROPHECY

Fulfilled Prophecies From the Old Testament

Ezekiel 26:3-4, 7 (NIV) ...this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against you, O Tyre, and I will bring many nations against you, like the sea casting up its waves. [4] They will destroy the walls of Tyre and pull down her towers; I will scrape away her rubble and make her a bare rock. ...[7] From the north I am going to bring against Tyre Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon...

O.T. Prophecies about the Messiah FULFILLED in DETAIL... in N.T.

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| Born of a Virgin | Isaiah 7:14 | → Matthew 1:18-25 |
| Descendant of Abraham | Genesis 12:1-2 | → Matthew 1:1, Galatians 3:16 |
| From Tribe of Judah | Genesis 49:10 | → Luke 3:23,33 |
| Born in Bethlehem | Micah 5:2 | → Matthew 2:1, Luke 2:4-7 |
| Crucified with Criminals | Isaiah 53:12 | → Mark 15:27-28 |
| Lots Cast for Clothes | Psalms 22:18 | → John 19:23-24 |
| Cry from Cross | Psalms 22:1 | → Matthew 27:46 |
| No bones Broken | Psalms 24:20 | → John 19:31-36 |
| Pierced His Side | Zechariah 12:10 | → John 19:34, 37 |
| Buried with Rich | Isaiah 53:9 | → Matthew 27:57-60 |

Fulfilled Prophecy from the New Testament

Luke 21:5-6 (NIV) Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, As for what you see here, the time will come when NOT one STONE will be left ON ANOTHER; every one of them will be thrown down.

IMPLICATIONS

→The safest way to interpret Biblical Prophecy is to look back on it AFTER it has happened.

→If God says Something is going to HAPPEN - it WILL

John 14:2-3 (NIV) In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am GOING there to prepare a place for you. [3] And if I GO and PREPARE a place for you, I will COME BACK and take you to be with ME that you also may be where I am.

FUTURE PROPHECY

POSTMILLENNIALISM believes Christ will return AFTER the Millennial Age MBI

AMILLENNIALISM believes there will NOT be a LITERAL future Millennial Kingdom MBI

PREMILLENNIALISM believes... MBI

- there is a **difference** between **God's PLAN** for **ISRAEL** and for the **CHURCH**
- in a **Consistent LITERAL** interpretation of the Bible

Jesus' RETURN Will be...

- Literal and Physical - Acts 1.11
- a Comfort to all Believers - John 14.1-3
- at an UNKNOWN Time - Matt. 24.36

We believe in the PERSONAL, BODILY and Premillennial RETURN of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known ONLY to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the us to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission. EFCA

- Chart of Prophecy
- Four Views on Tribulations
- Chart of Prophecy

WHEN IS CHRIST COMING? ~ 1 Thess. 4:13-18, 5:9-11

[13] Brothers, we do not want you to be IGNORANT about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have NO HOPE. [14] We believe that Jesus died and ROSE again and SO we BELIEVE that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him. [15] According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly NOT PRECEDE those who have fallen asleep. [16] For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the DEAD in Christ will rise first. [17] After that, we who are still alive and are left will be CAUGHT UP together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage each other with these words.

1 Thess. 5:1-2, Now concerning HOW and WHEN all this will happen, dear brothers and sisters, we don't really need to write you. [2] For you know quite well that the day of the Lord's return will come UNEXPECTEDLY, like a thief in the night.

[3] While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

1 Thess. 5:9-11 (NLT) For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, NOT to pour out his ANGER on us. [10] Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever. [11] So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

IMPLICATIONS

→The Return of Jesus Christ will BE LOUD

Christ's return for His saints will be announced FORCEFULLY and DRAMATICALLY. BKC

→Putting Bodies back together IS NOT a problem for God

→JESUS suffered the WRATH of God on the CROSS - so WE will NEVER have to

1 John 2:1-2 (ESV) My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. [2] He is the PROPITIATION for our sins...

TAKE AWAY??

Philippians 3:18-21 (NLT) For I have told you often before, and I say it again with tears in my eyes, that there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ. [19] They are headed for destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about this life here on earth.

[20] But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are EAGERLY WAITING for Him to return as our Savior. [21] He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which He will bring everything under his control.