

The Promise of Jesus' Second Coming

What the Bible Has to Say about the End of Time

2 Peter 3:7-14

“Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” Revelation 19:10

Reasons Why We Should Study Biblical Prophecy

- It motivates us to _____
- It stimulates us to _____

Jesus' Return is the strongest _____ of righteous living.

Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. 2 Peter 3:11-12

- It increases our _____
- It is a source of comfort to know _____

“Therefore encourage each other with these words.” 1 Thessalonians 4:18

Why are some frightened by prophecy?

- They lack _____ of their salvation

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

- They are in love with the _____ (carnal)
- They are _____ of the Word of God

Revelation tells about the Judgment of God on this world after Jesus Comes and takes the Church out of the world. Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the Church

End Time events are studied by piecing together different passages of Scripture. Any program of the future is arrived at by inference and is a matter of opinion.

We must be careful not to just manipulate Scripture to say whatever we like. Carefully study the whole Bible in its context.

Absolutes about the Second Coming of Christ

1. Jesus is going to return _____

*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. **John 14:3***

*"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." **Acts 1:11***

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.

1 Thessalonians 4:16

*But the day of the Lord will come **2 Peter 3:10***

Two factors about the Lord's return

- **It will be _____**

*First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." **2 Peter 3:3-4***

*But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. **2 Peter 3:5***

*But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. **2 Peter 3:8-9***

- **It will be _____**

*But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. **2 Peter 3:10***

*So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him. **Matthew 24:44***

2. The earth will be _____ by fire

*The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. **2 Peter 3:10***

*That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. **2 Peter 3:12***

God is going to send fire to judge the world

*By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. **2 Peter 3:7***

*See, the LORD is coming with fire, and his chariots are like a whirlwind; he will bring down his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For with fire and with his sword the LORD will execute judgment upon all men, and many will be those slain by the LORD. **Isaiah 66:15-16***

*They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! **Revelation 6:16***

God is going to send fire to _____ the earth

*But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. **2 Peter 3:13***

*We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. **Romans 8:22***

*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. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. ...God himself will be with them and be their God. **Revelation 21:1-3***

1 Thessalonians 4:16

Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.

Revelation 3:10

if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others; if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of

what is going to happen to the ungodly; and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men **2 Peter 2:5-7**

if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, **2 Peter 2:9**

3. Christians should be _____

Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. **2 Peter 3:11-12**

So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. **2 Peter 3:14**

But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Luke 12:39-40

Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.
Luke 21:24

When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. **Luke 21:28**

Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. **Luke 21:29-30**

Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. **Luke 21:31**

this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.
Luke 21:31-32

Jesus is coming again, soon

- ***The Lord is going to return someday***
- ***The World is going to be renewed by fire***
- *What kind of people then ought you to be?*

You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the Day of God and speed its coming. **2 Peter 3:11-12**

- **Is Jesus going to come for you as your “Blessed Hope?”**
- **Or, is He going to come as your holy terror?**

If you have never accepted Christ

- **Ask Him to forgive you of your sins**
- **Place your faith in Him**
- **Commit your life to Him today and tell Him you are sorry in your own words**

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