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The Return of Jesus Christ

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One of the most interesting areas of Bible study deals with the subject of Bible PROPHECY and “things to come.” It is such a large subject and so detailed that this particular study can only be of an introductory nature. As you grow in your Christian life, you will learn many things from the Bible about the future. The aim of this lesson is to give you a basic framework to build on. The Return of our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the fundamental teachings of the word of God.

For every believer the coming of Christ is referred to in ***Titus 2:13*** as the B \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

As far as Bible doctrine goes, the “Return of Jesus Christ” is spoken of more in both Testaments than any other doctrine, such as Salvation, The Virgin Birth, The Rapture, Hell or Heaven. It is the single most important doctrine spoken of in the Bible. Jesus Christs return.

The Promise of Christ's Coming

1. Read ***John 14:1-4*** Jesus said to His disciples in ***verse 3***

 “I W \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ A \_ \_ \_ \_.”

1. Read ***Acts 1:11*** The two angels said to the disciples

“This \_ \_ \_ \_ Jesus ... shall so \_ \_ \_ \_ in \_ \_ \_ \_ manner...”

1. Read ***Hebrews 9:28*** This promise states that Christ shall appear

“…the S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ T \_ \_ \_ without sin unto salvation.”

1. Read ***1 John 2:28*** and ***1 John 3:2*** Both these verses say

“…when He (*Christ*) s \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_...”

1. The last promise of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Bible is

“And, behold \_ c \_ \_ \_ q \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_...” ***Revelation 22:12***

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The First Coming of Jesus Christ

The first coming of Jesus Christ to earth sometimes called the “first advent” is now a fact of history. Yet, “**before”** His coming into the world - *first as a babe in Bethlehem*, *then as the* *crucified, buried, and risen again Saviour* – all of these wonderful events were themselves “Bible prophecies.”

There were hundreds of Old Testament prophecies relating to the First Coming of Jesus, each one was fulfilled exactly to the letter! There are EVEN MORE prophecies relating to His Second Coming, and they will also be “fulfilled literally.” Below are some of the major prophecies concerning the First Coming of Christ - and their actual historical fulfillment.

 Read these, then write out what the prophecy was.

Old Testament Prophecy

***Isaiah 7:14***

***Genesis 49:10***

***Micah 5:2***

***Zechariah 9:9***

***Psalms 41:9***

***Zechariah 11:12,13***

***Psalms 22:16***

***Psalms 69:21***

***Psalms 22:1***

***Isaiah 53:9***

***Psalms 16:8-11***

***Psalms 22:18***

New Testament Fulfillment

***Matthew 1:23***

***Hebrews 7:14***

***Luke 2:11,15***

***Matthew 21:4,5***

***John 13:18***

***Matthew 26:15; Matthew27:9,10***

***John 19:36,37; John 20:20,25***

***Matthew 27:34***

***Matthew 27:46***

***Matthew 27:57-60***

***Acts 2:27***

***Matthew 27:35***

Prophecy Fulfilled

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The Second Coming of The Lord Jesus Christ Is in Two Stages.

In a sense, the first coming of the Lord Jesus Christ was in two stages:

The Cradle ……. 30 Years ……. The Cross

The coming of Jesus as a babe to Bethlehem was a **private event**, unnoticed by the world at large. Relatively few got to share the joy of the moment – primarily those who were looking and waiting for his coming. See ***Luke 2:25***, ***36-38***; ***Matthew 2:1,2*** But when our Lord hung upon Calvary's cross, it was a **public display** --- In view of all.

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And so too, the Second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ will be in **TWO distinct stages**. We use two words to distinguish these phases:

The Rapture ……. 7 Years ……. The Revelation

 Christ *Privately* coming Christ *Publicly* coming

 **FOR** **WITH**

 His saints His saints

The Rapture of The Saint's

This is the next event on God's prophetic calendar.

1. The term “rapture” is not found in the Bible, but its meaning “caught up” certainly is.
2. Read the following key Scriptures about the Rapture:

***1 Thessalonians 4:13-18***

***1 Corinthians 15:51,52***

***Philippians 3:20,21***

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Now, initial (with yours) the following as either TRUE or FALSE

1. The Rapture is an instantaneous event.

1. The Rapture concerns only deceased Christians,

that is, only those who "sleep" in Christ.

1. At the Rapture, the Lord sends His angels to

gather the saints and bring them to Heaven.

1. At the Rapture, believers (saints) will be caught up

into the air to meet Christ.

1. At the Rapture, all Christians, living and dead, will

receive a glorified resurrection body.

1. According to ***Matthew 24:42*** the Rapture will be

announced to give us time to get ready.

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1. According to ***2 Peter 3:3-9***

The only reason the Rapture has not yet taken place

is that the Lord wants to save sinners.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

This is the **second phase** of the return of Jesus Christ.

1. Read ***Revelation 19:11-16*** Here the Lord Jesus is called
2. F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and T \_ \_ \_ ***verse 11***
3. The W \_ \_ \_ of G \_ \_ ***verse 13***
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5. According to ***Revelation 19:14*** and ***Jude 14,15*** the Lord Jesus Christ will return with

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1. Read ***Zechariah 14:1-4***

When Jesus Christ returns, He will set his feet down on the M \_ \_ \_ \_ of \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

1. Read ***2 Thessalonians 1:7-10***

The Revelation of Jesus Christ will be a time of V\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and D \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Events Between the Rapture and The Revelation

1. The Old Testament prophecy of Daniel reveals there will be a seven-year period between the two phases of the Second Coming of Christ.
2. ***Daniel 9:24*** speaks of a time period of 70 weeks.
3. ***Daniel 9:25*** shows that these “weeks” are in fact “heptads” or *seven-year* periods.

From the going forth of the commandment to rebuild Jerusalem to Messiah (Christ) being “cut off” would be 69 weeks. From 445 B.C. to 30 A.D. equals 69 x 7, or 483 Jewish years, or 475 sidereal years. This part has been fulfilled.

1. ***Daniel 9:27*** speaks of the 70th week yet to begin. The present ‘Day of Grace’ stopped God's prophetic clock at the end of the 69th week when the Jews rejected their King, and Messiah was cut off, i.e., crucified.

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1. The final seven years of Daniel's prophecy will begin with the Rapture. Christians will be caught up and will not be involved in any of the events which will transpire on the earth during this period.
2. The following diagram shows the main events that will occur during this time period:

Great White Throne Judgment

Resurrection of the Dead

Judgment Seat of Christ

Saints works in the body judged

Heaven

Marriage Supper of the Lamb

Revelation of Jesus Christ

The Second Coming

Day of the Lord

Puts His feet on the earth

Great day of His Wrath

Comes to make war

KING of KINGS and LORD of LORDS

Rapture of the Saints

A Private Event

Meet Him in the air

The Body of Christ leaves

LAKE

OF

 FIRE

Daniels 70th week

The Great Tribulation

Time of Jacob’s Trouble

1000 Year Millennium

Earth

The Judgment Seat of Christ

This event takes place in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ after the Rapture.

1. According to ***Romans 14:10*** who will take part in this Judgment? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. According to ***Romans 14:12*** what will we do in this Judgment? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. According to ***2 Corinthians 5:10*** what aspect of our lives will come under scrutiny at this Judgment? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Read carefully ***1 Corinthians 3:9-15***
3. In ***verse 9*** the church at Corinth is called God’s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, the foundation of which is \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. ***Verse 11***
4. The Lord is interested in how we \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ upon this foundation. ***verse 12***; ***Matthew 7:24-29***

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1. According to ***verse 12*** these works are likened to:

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1. The fire of this judgment will try the W \_ \_ \_ \_ of the Christian.
2. According to ***verse 15*** can a Christian who has never acceptably served the Lord now be lost and cast into Hell? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. According to ***verse 14*** what will the Christian who has acceptably served the Lord receive? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. The Bible speaks of these rewards as “**crowns**.” There are five crowns we can receive as a reward for our life as a Christian. Let’s name them.
5. The Crown of \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. ***1 Thessalonians 2:19***

This is the **soul winner's** crown.

1. The Crown of \_ \_ \_ \_. ***James 1:12***

This is the **faithful Christian's** crown.

1. The Crown of \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. ***1 Timothy 4:8***

This is the crown for those **who live and look for the Lord's return**.

1. The L \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Crown. ***1 Corinthians 9:25***

This is the crown for the **victorious Christian**.

1. The Crown of \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. ***1 Peter 5:4***

This Crown is for the **FAITHFUL Pastor**.

The Marriage Supper of The Lamb

1. According to ***Ephesians 5:22-32*** the relationship between the Lord Jesus Christ and His church is likened to that between H \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and W\_ \_ \_.
2. According to ***2 Corinthians 11:2*** the church at Corinth was E \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (engaged) to one Husband - The Lord Jesus Christ.
3. From ***John 3:29*** and ***Revelation 22:17*** one of the names used of the New Testament

church is “The B \_ \_ \_ of Christ.”

1. The union of Bride and Bridegroom occurs at the Rapture and the wedding celebration is called in ***Revelation 19:7-9*** the M \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of the L \_ \_ \_.

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1. In ***Luke 12:35,36*** the Lord Jesus is speaking to those that will be waiting for His coming at His Second Advent at the end of the Tribulation and says, “…when He will

r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_;” It also appears that in ***vs 37*** the Scriptures teach there is going to be another supper after His return that does not pertain to the one in heaven. The Lord is Wonderful!

Daniel's 70th Week

While the Judgment Seat of Christ and the Marriage Supper of the Lamb are taking place in Heaven, an entirely different scene will unfold on earth.

1. The Book of The Revelation gives the details of the events of this seven-year period prophesied by ***Daniel*** – ***Chapters 6*** ***through 18*** in particular. It is a horrifying record of war, rebellion, catastrophe, and desolation. It is called by several names, including:
2. The Day of the LORD - ***Isaiah 2:12-22 2***
3. Tribulation - ***Deuteronomy 4:30***; ***Revelation 7:14***
4. The Great Day of Wrath – ***Revelation 6:17***
5. Christians **will not** pass through **any** of this period. How do we know this?
6. According to **Jeremiah 30:7** it will be a time of \_ \_ \_ \_ \_’ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; i.e., it has specifically to do with the Jews and the Nation of Israel.

(See also: ***Daniel 9:24*** – “thy people,” “thy holy city”)

1. The Lord's promise to His faithful church at Philadelphia was that He would

\_ \_ \_ \_ them from the hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world – ***Revelation 3:10***

1. Our salvation through Jesus Christ assures us that we are not \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ unto wrath. ***1 Thessalonians 5:9***.
2. According to ***Luke 21:34-36*** Christians are to be ready at all times, for the Rapture is (and always has been) imminent - i.e., it could happen at any time.

1. According to ***2 Thessalonians 2:3,8*** there will be the revealing of the M \_ \_ of S \_ \_ at the commencement of this seven-year period.

This person is most commonly referred to as The Antichrist. He is the Devil incarnate. See ***1 John 2:18***

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1. According to ***Revelation 12:9,12*** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ will be cast down to the earth at the mid-point of this period.
2. According to ***Daniel 12:1*** then will come a time “...such as \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ since there was a nation…”
3. Read ***Matthew 24:15-24*** According to ***verse 21***, this awful time is called the G \_ \_ \_ \_

T \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

1. According to ***Matthew 24:29,30*** the *Second Coming of Christ to the earth* occurs at what point of the Great Tribulation?

Beginning

End

Mid-way Point

The Millennium

1. Following the return of Christ in glory, He will judge the N \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

***Matthew 25:31,32***

1. According to ***Joel 3:12-16*** this judgment will take place in the Valley of

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1. According to ***Revelation 20:2,3*** Satan will be bound for a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years.
2. According to ***Revelation 20:4*** Christ will reign on the earth for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years.
3. According to ***Isaiah 2:4*** the Millennium will be a time of ­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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MEMORIZATION: Try to commit to memory: ***Titus 2:11-13***

This concludes our ABC study of the Return of Jesus Christ. Thank you for studying Gods wonderful word. The Lord be kind to you and yours.

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