

A Bible Prophecy Series

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The Return of Jesus

Lesson #6

Introduction:

Just as important as it was to understand the first coming of Jesus, we must so understand the second coming. Today we will look at how, when, why and who will come with Him. Let's pray.

1. **Is it possible that many will be deceived about the second coming?**
Matthew 24:3-5
By the words of Jesus many will be deceived. Thank God He has given us the tools needed so we won't be deceived.
2. **How can we avoid being deceived?** - Matthew 24:25, Isaiah 8:20
Jesus has told us in His Word how we can avoid being deceived.
3. **Would it be safe to go see a false Christ?**
Matthew 24:26
We are not to go see it or believe it.
4. **Who will personate Christ?** – 2 Corinthians 11:14
Satan himself will personate Christ in such a deceiving manner that most of the world will be destroyed.
5. **What signs will precede Jesus' coming?** - Matthew 24:5-7
Just as the contractions of a pregnant woman increase in frequency and intensity so will nature be nearing Christ's return.
6. **Can anybody give a specific time of Jesus' return?** - Matthew 24:36
No person knows the day or hour of Christ's return.
7. **How will we know when He comes?** - Matthew 24:26, 27
His coming will fill the sky like the brightness and extent of lightening.
4. **Who will see Him come?** - Revelation 1:7, Matthew 24:30
Every eye, all tribes of earth, will see Him. And He comes with clouds.
5. **Who will come with Jesus?** – Matthew 25:31, 32
When Jesus comes with His glory and ALL the holy angels with Him this will be far too bright and spectacular for anyone to miss. Hebrews 12:22 says the angles can't even be counted there are so many. Also remember in Matthew 28:2-4 the brightness of one angel caused 100 soldiers to faint. This will be a spectacular event.
6. **What will these angles do?** – Matthew 24:31
These angels will gather God's people from all over the earth.

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7. **What happens at the sound of this trumpet?** - 1 Thessalonians 4:16
People will not only see Jesus return but will hear Him as well. This will be so loud it will wake the dead.
8. **Where are God's people caught up to?** - 1 Thessalonians 4:17
Notice Jesus' feet will not touch the ground. All of God's people are brought up to meet Him in the sky.
9. **Where will we go when He returns?** - John 14:1-3
We will back to where He has been...Heaven.
10. **How hot will this fire be?** – 2 Peter 3:10
This will be so hot it will melt Earth's elements. Everybody will be in one of two groups...1 – Taken to Heaven or 2 - destroyed by with the brightness of His coming. There is not middle ground.
11. **What else will accompany His coming?** - Revelation 16:18, 20, 21
Not only will everyone see the second coming and hear it but it will be felt as well. Earthquake such as was never seen before.
12. **What is the condition of the Earth after Jesus comes?**
Jeremiah 4:23-27, 25:30-33
The Earth will be totally devastated, desolate, and destroyed. The dead are not buried because no one is left to bury them. All the wicked are dead and all the righteous are in Heaven.
13. **How can this be a secret rapture then?**
Very simply it cannot be. Nowhere in the Bible is the term secret rapture found the word rapture simply means to be caught up and we have seen through Bible study there is no possible way that it can be a secret. Everybody will see, hear, and feel the second coming of Jesus Christ.
14. **Won't some be taken and some left?** - Matthew 24:37-41, Luke 17:26, 27
Yes some will be taken and some will be left. Just like the days of Noah Jesus is saying those who were taken in Noah's day were taken by the destruction of the flood. Some will be taken and some will be left but it doesn't say both parties will be alive...quite the contrary.
19. **Will those who are left be left alive?** - Luke 17:37
Jesus answered this question for His disciples and us. The vultures will gather around the decaying bodies of he lost.
20. **But won't the antichrist be revealed after the rapture?** – 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4
The Bible is very clear that a falling away will come first. The man of sin, the antichrist, will be revealed before Jesus comes. There will be a great apostasy in the church before Jesus returns.
21. **When will the antichrist be destroyed?** - 2 Thessalonians 2:8
The antichrist will be destroyed in the same manner and at the same time that the rest of the wicked are killed, at the Second coming by the brightness of Jesus.
22. **How can we be sure that we are ready to go to Heaven with Jesus?**
2 Thessalonians 2:9-12
We need to make sure we love the truth. The lost are deceived by the antichrist because they love sin and pleasure in unrighteousness more than the love of the truth. God will keep us safe if we love Him and His truth more than anything else.

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Conclusion:

If we go by the Bible and the Bible only, we will not be deceived and we will be ready to meet Jesus. Is it your desire to be ready, to be prepared, to go to Heaven with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?