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INTRODUCTION

In John 14:1-3, Jesus said Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 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. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Let's read what the Bible says about the return of Jesus Christ.

1. Just before He returned to heaven, Jesus left His disciples with a hopeful promise.

- [John 14:1-3] 1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye 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 unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also.
- [Act 1:11] 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.
- [2Th 2:1] 1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and [by] our gathering together unto him,
- [Heb 9:28] 28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.
- [Rev 22:12] 12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward [is] with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

2. The apostle Paul describes his hope of the Second Coming.

- [Tit 2:13] 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;
- [Rom 8:24-25] 24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25 But if we hope for that we see not, [then] do we with patience wait for [it].
- [Rom 15:13] 13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.
- [Col 1:27] 27 To whom God would make known what [is] the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:
- [1Pe 1:3-4] 3 Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

[Every book of the Bible except one mentions the return of the Lord.]

3. Here's how the Bible prophets prophesied of the Second Coming.

- [Psa 50:3] 3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.
- [Jde 1:14] 14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,
- [Isa 25:9] 9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this [is] our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this [is] the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.
- [Isa 65:17-18] 17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. 18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever [in that] which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.
- [Joe 3:13-14] 13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness [is] great. 14

Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD [is] near in the valley of decision.

- [1Pe 1:10-13] 10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace [that should come] unto you: 11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. 12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into. 13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;
- [Rev 1:17] 17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:
- [Rev 22:12] 12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward [is] with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

4. The Bible tells us how Christ will return.

- [Rev 22:12] 12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward [is] with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.
- [Act 1:9-11] 9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.
- [1Th 1:10] 10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, [even] Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

5. The Bible tells how many people will see our Lord return.

- [Rev 1:7] 7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they [also] which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.
- [Mar 14:62] 62 And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.
- [Mar 13:26-27] 26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

- [Mat 24:30-31] 30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

6. The Bible compares Jesus' coming to this common natural occurrence.

- [Mat 24:27] 27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
- [Luk 17:24] 24 For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one [part] under heaven, shineth unto the other [part] under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day.

7. The Bible tells whether Christ's return will be a secret, silent one.

- [1Th 4:16-17] 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
- [1Co 15:51-53] 51 Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality.
- [Psa 50:3-5] 3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. 4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people. 5 Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

8. The Bible lets us know who will join Jesus when He returns.

- [Mat 16:27] 27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.
- [Mat 25:31] 31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

- [Mar 8:38] 38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.
- [2Th 1:7] 7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

9. The Bible describes the majesty and glory of our Lord's return.

- [Mat 24:30] 30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.
- [Luk 9:26] 26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and [in his] Father's, and of the holy angels.
- [Mar 13:26] 26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.
- [Luk 21:27] 27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

10. The Bible tells us how to respond to anyone who says that Christ's coming will be in secret.

- [Mat 24:23] 23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here [is] Christ, or there; believe [it] not.
- [Mat 24:26] 26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, [he is] in the secret chambers; believe [it] not.
- [Rev 1:7] 7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they [also] which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

11. The Bible describes the dramatic event that will take place when Christ returns.

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- [Act 24:15] 15 And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.
- [Luk 14:14] 14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.
- [Jhn 5:28-29] 28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.
- [Isa 26:19] 19 Thy dead [men] shall live, [together with] my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew [is as] the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.
- [1Co 15:22-23] 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.
- [2Co 4:14] 14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present [us] with you.

12. The Bible tells how people will respond when Jesus comes.

THE REACTION OF THE LOST

- [Rev 6:14-16] 14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; 16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:
- [Rev 20:11] 11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.
- [Luk 23:30] 30 Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us.

THE REACTION OF THE RIGHTEOUS

- [Isa 25:9] 9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this [is] our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this [is] the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.
- [Isa 25:8] 8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken [it].

13. The Bible tells when to prepare for the coming of the Lord.

- [Mat 24:44] 44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.
- [Luk 21:36] 36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.
- [2Co 6:2] 2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now [is] the accepted time; behold, now [is] the day of salvation.)
- [Heb 3:7-8, 12-13, 15] 7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, 8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: ... 12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. 13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. ... 15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.
- [Heb 4:7] 7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

14. In the Bible, Jesus compared His return to a certain event.

- [Mat 24:42-43] 42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. 43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.
- [Rev 16:15] 15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed [is] he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.
- [1Th 5:2] 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

- [2Pe 3:10] 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.
- [1Th 5:1] 1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.
- [1Th 5:4] 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

15. The Bible gives counsel concerning the unexpected date of Jesus' return.

- [Mat 24:44] 44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.
- [Mat 25:10, 13] 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. ... 13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.
- [Phl 4:5] 5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord [is] at hand.
- [Jas 5:8-9] 8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. 9 Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.