

Jesus Is Coming Again

- Ready or Not -

Acts 1:1–11; 1 Thessalonians 4:15–17;
2 Thessalonians 1:6–10; 2 Peter 3:14–15

Acts 1:1–11 (NKJV)

¹ The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,
² until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, ³ to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

Acts 1:1–11 (NKJV)

⁴ And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” *He said*, “you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:1–11 (NKJV)

⁹ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹ who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”

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- **Jesus Is ACTUALLY Coming —**
 - **Personally** — Acts 1:11; 1 Thes. 4:16;
 - **Visibly** — Acts 1:11; Rev. 1:7
 - **Audibly** — 1 Thes. 4:16; 1 Cor. 15:52
 - **With angels** — Mt. 16:27; Mk. 8:38; 2 Thes. 1:7-9
 - **With power & glory** — 2 Thes. 1:7-10

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ACTS 1:9-11 (NKJV)

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- “out of their sight”
- “looked steadfastly /
“gazing up”
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VISIBLY
LITERALLY &
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1 Thessalonians 4:15–17 (NKJV)

¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

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2 Thessalonians 1:6–10 (NKJV)

⁷ and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, ⁸ in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, ¹⁰ when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

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Things That Will Occur When Jesus Returns



- Simultaneously **raise ALL the dead** on the LAST DAY - John 5:28,29; 6:39,40,54; 11:24
- **Judge The World** on the last day - Ac 17:30-31; Mat 25:31-32; 2 Cor 5:10; Rev. 20:12; Rom. 2:16; John 12:48
- **Glorify Saints** - Col. 3:4; Phil. 3:20-21; 1 Cor. 15:51-52; Rev. 22:14; Matt. 25:46

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- **Punish wicked** - 2 Thess. 1:7-9 - Matt. 25:41,46; Rev. 20:10; Rev 21:8
- **Destroy present order** and establish new heavens and new earth - 2 Pet. 3:10-13; Heb. 11:13-16; Rev. 22:14
- **Deliver Kingdom to Father** - 1 Cor. 15:23-28

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There Will Be No Hiding / No Escape



- All will hear his voice and come forth – (Jn 5:28,29; (2 Cor 5:10))
- Every work will be brought into judgment / all made known / Judgment impartial – (Eccl 12:7,13,14; Heb 4:13; Rom 2:5-12; Phili 2:9-11)
- The righteous will receive everlasting life in heaven, but the wicked, everlasting punishment in hell – (Matthew 25:46)

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WHEN? ??? — ARE YOU READY?



Matthew 24:36–39 (NKJV)

³⁶ “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. ³⁷

But as the days of Noah *were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

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- **Mt 24:42,44** — Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
- **Mt 25:13** — Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.
- **Mk 13:32** — "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

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- **1Th 5:2** — For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a **thief in the night**.
- **2Pe 3:10** — But the day of the Lord will come as a **thief in the night**, . . .
- **Rev 16:15** — "Behold, I am coming as a **thief**. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

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- God knows — Mk. 13:32, 33
- Will not occur until AFTER the “falling away,” — 2 Thes. 2:1-4; 1 Tim 4:1-4
- After a “long time” — Mt. 24:48-51; 25:5, 19; 2 Pet. 3:4
- Restrained by God’s longsuffering — 2 Pet. 3:9; 1 Tim 2:4; 2 Thes 2:9
- Suddenly and unexpected - Mt. 24:3, 36-39; 1 Thes. 5:1-4; 2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 22:20

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2 Peter 3:14–15 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; ¹⁵ and consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation—

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- We prepare for important events in life – There is no event more important than our appointment to meet the Lord – Heb. 9:27; 2 Thes. 1:7-9; 2 Cor. 5:10
- Our preparation to meet God indicates whether we are wise or unwise – Mat. 25:1-30; Luke 12:20
- Only those who are in Christ and living faithfully for Him are prepared to meet God – Rom. 8:1; 2 Tim 4:6-8

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- Requires **intent** – Mat 7:13,14
- Requires **faith** – John 8:24; Heb 11:6
- Requires **repentance** – Acts 17:30,31
- Requires **confession** – Rom 10:9,10
- Requires **baptism & continued obedience** – Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-6,16,17; Heb. 5:8,9
- Requires **purpose** – Acts 11:23
- Requires **diligence** – 2 Pet 3:5-11

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- We can **mock** the warnings of scripture . . . We can **ignore** the warnings of scripture . . . **delaying** obedience, and be found **unprepared** . . . (2Pt 3:1-7)
- **OR** — We can humbly **heed** the warnings & promises of God by obeying the gospel and being diligent in serving God — (2Pt 3:8-14)

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1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (NKJV)

¹³ But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. ¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

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