

- Every eye will see Him
- All Holy angels will come with Jesus
- He will come with a **blast** of a trumpet!
- He will come with a **shout** of the archangel!
- Righteous dead will be resurrected.
- Righteous living will be translated without dying
- All the righteous will become immortal
- All the ungodly will mourn His sight
- A Great Earthquake will destroy the earth
- All sinners will be slain by the brightness of His glory

The heavens roll together as a scroll, the earth trembles before Him, and every mountain and island is moved out of its place. **Soon**, a small black cloud appears in the east, about the size of a man's hand. Then the sky "is filled" with the radiant forms of ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands of angels surrounding the throne of Jesus! And on His vesture is written, 'King of kings and Lord of lords.'

Revelation 1:7 and Matthew 26:64 tell us that "a special" resurrection takes place at the 2nd Coming of Christ and those who persecuted and killed God's people and those who ridiculed and rejected Christ as the son of God, who shouted, 'Crucify Him, Crucify Him', are raised to stand before Jesus.

Now their mocking words come back to haunt them! *See: Matthew 27:42* But in contrast to their horror, the saints of God exclaim, "...*Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him and He will save us...*" –Isaiah 25:9

Jesus will save the human race that includes "all" who are willing to **accept** such a great salvation and **prepare** for the glorious return of the Saviour of the world! They will hear Jesus say, "...*Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundations of the world.*"

My Decision: *I choose to accept Jesus today and become a part of His kingdom of grace now.*

THE VOICE OF PROPHECY SPEAKS

WHAT BIBLE PROPHECY SAYS ABOUT YOUR FUTURE

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The Great Escape

Far out in space, light years behind the Great Nebula and the Pleiades, there's a great stirring and rush of excitement beyond human description. Thunder rolls like kettle drums, and lightning shakes its fiery white lances. *He's On His Way!* Past unnumbered universe systems, down through the corridor of the Orion, down toward the blue planet hanging in space. *He's On His Way!*

Friends, the world will **not** end in a nuclear war! Or, that humans will destroy themselves and all life on earth. Or that the race will perish due to "mass" starvation or by colliding with a comet.

The Bible prophesied exactly "how" the world will end! Scripture clearly states that the world as we know it will end with the triumphant return of Jesus Christ to this earth! He will return to the same earth He left almost 2,000 years ago, to usher in eternity.

The religious world is full of various and confusing ideas about the second coming of Jesus and the end time. In this study we will let the bible be its own interpreter. The reality today is that our efforts to make the world a better, safer, healthier place, too often make it worse instead. It's going to take divine intervention to set everything right.

The New testament says that when the Apostle Paul was about to be beheaded while in prison he said, "*Looking for that blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.*" –Titus 2:13

The **most** talked about event in the New Testament is the 2nd Coming of Christ! One of every 25 verses to be exact. Jesus spent **more** time talking about this event than **any** other topic! *See: John*

14:1-3. Over the centuries, whenever hardship, or death threatened Christ's followers, this star of Hope-the **promise** of His Return-has brought courage and strength to endure. *See: II Timothy 4:7,8* Friends, the promise of Jesus to His disciples belongs **to us** as well.

Jesus *knew* that there would be incorrect and dangerous about this subject that would cause confusion and possible *deception* in the last days. *"Take heed that no one deceive you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many".* –Matthew 24:4,5. Also see verse 24!

If **you** don't know how to spot a counterfeit, you may attach yourself to an imposter, thinking he is Christ! Jesus warned it would happen. False teaching, false miracles and healings will accompany this false manifestation **just before** Jesus actually returns. *See: I Corinthians 11:13,14* The Bible says that Satan himself will stage a counterfeit 2nd Coming of Jesus here.

We dare not trust our five senses or take as "gospel truth" whatever and charismatic preacher may say. You need to know first-hand for **yourself** what scripture actually says if we allow the bible to be it's own interpreter. In this way only, the Voice Of Prophecy Speaks!

-Christ's 2nd Coming Is Visible-

The common teaching that the "rapture" or 2nd coming is **secret**, is not found in scripture. That is a man-made theory of Jesuit Scholars during the Counter-Reformation in the 1700's by Cardinal's Bellermino and Ribera. Christians Reformers like Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Wesley never heard of this theory. Why? Because it is **not** a scriptural revelation found in the bible. The bible says, *"As the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."* – Matthew 24:27 In fact, Revelation 1:7 says, *"every eye will see Him..."* Jesus will return **publicly**, because He knew there would be imposters.

Acts 1:9-11 indicates that this event would be a **visible** event involving "clouds" just like at Christ's ascension.

-Christ's 2nd Coming Will Be Glorious!-

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory." –

Matthew 25:31 **Notice:** that this passage also says that this event is to "gather together His elect.." No Christian is raptured "up" in the clouds **until** the return of Jesus!

-Christ's 2nd Coming Will Be Noisy-

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first." –I Thessalonians 4:16

Christ's coming will not only be visible and glorious, but it will be audible-heard by everyone. In fact it will be so audible that when Gabriel's fanfare trumpet blows, even the dead will come forth from their graves! Praise the Lord, full of mercy and truth!

I Thessalonians 4:17 says that followers of Jesus still living are "caught up" with the resurrected dead to meet the Lord in the air. It is important to **note**, that Jesus' feet **do not** touch the earth at this time. This is one of the cardinal points that we can discern the false imposter from the genuine 2nd Coming of Christ according to scripture as believed by the early church. The following texts also point to this event: *See: I Corinthians 15:51-53; Philippians 3:20,21.* WE will be given our **new** immortal bodies at the 2nd coming of Christ, not before then! No more pain, disease, or death!

In Revelation 6:14-17; 16:18; Matthew 24:30: we see that a Great earthquake shakes **every** city on the earth, and this event catches many **unprepared**. Jesus **warned** that His Coming would be at **a time** when no one expected it. In that one sense it IS a secret rapture. But the secret is in the **TIMING**, not in the **EVENT**. The "mourning" of the tribes is that of those who are not ready for the return of the Son of Man in glory and great power! They are lost-and they know it!

Therefore Jesus warned: *"Watch therefore, and pray always, that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."* -Luke 21:36

-2nd Coming Summary-

- False Prophets and christs will try to deceive everyone
- Satan will impersonate as an angel of light
- 2nd Coming **will not** be secret