

I. THE GLORIOUS PROMISE OF THE RETURN OF JESUS

- A. The return of Jesus stands as one of the greatest promises given to believers. It fills us with profound hope, calls us to live with sobriety and vigilance, and compels us to walk in expectancy with an eternal perspective.
- B. The return of Jesus is one of the most emphasized themes in Scripture, particularly in the teachings of the New Testament apostles. It is referenced throughout the Bible, with over 1,500 passages in the Old Testament and approximately one out of every 25 verses in the New Testament pointing to the Messiah's return.
- C. Jesus, John the Baptist, Peter, John the Apostle, Paul—and even angels—proclaimed and bore witness to the return of Jesus.
 1. ***“And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again to receive you so that where I am you may be also” -John 14:3***
 2. ***”for as lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man” -Matt 24:27***
 3. ***for the Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved , and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed” -2 Peter 3:10***
 4. ***” Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see him as He is” -1 John 3:2-3***
 5. ***”When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory” -Coloss 3:4***

II. 10 DEFINING EVENTS AT THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS

1. JESUS WILL RAPTURE THE CHURCH AND RESURRECT THE SAINTS
 - a) ***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. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words. -1Thess 4:16-18

b) 51 Behold, I tell 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 trumpet. (7th Trumpet) For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”-1 Cor 15:51-54

2. JESUS WILL JUDGE THE NATIONS

a) The LORD shall go forth like a mighty man; He shall stir up His zeal like a man of war. He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud; He shall prevail against His enemies. -Is. 42:13

b) 31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. -Mt 25:31–46

c) “14 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 15 to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.” -Jude 14-15

3. JESUS WILL DESTROY THE ANTICHRIST

a) And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming -2 Thess 2:8

4. SATAN WILL BE BOUND FOR A 1000 YEARS

a) *Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;-Rev. 20:2-3*

5. JESUS WILL REWARD THE FAITHFUL SAINTS

a) *"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. (Rev 22:12)*

6. JESUS WILL CONSUMATE HIS MARRIAGE WITH THE BRIDE

a) *7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.-Rev 19:7-8*

7. JESUS WILL DELIVER ISRAEL AND SAVE HER NATIONALLY

a) *26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; 27 For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins." -Rom 11:26 & Zech 12:10*

8. JESUS WILL SET UP HIS KINGDOM ON THE EARTH

a) Millennial reign will begin for a 1000 years

(1) *15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever! -Rev 11:15*

9. JESUS WILL REPAIR AND REBUILD THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID

a) Jesus will inaugurate the most glorious worship movement the earth has ever known—establishing a priestly people with

singers and musicians who create an atmosphere for His righteous rule and the restoration of all things.

(1) On that day I (Jesus) will raise upThe tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, And repair its damages;I will raise up its ruins,And rebuild it as in the days of old;12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, And all the Gentiles who are called by My name,” Says the LORD who does this thing. -Amos 9:11-12

10. JESUS WILL BEGIN TO RESTORE ALL THINGS

a) 19 Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, 20 and that He may send]Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, 21 whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since [e]the world began- Acts 3:19-21 (also see Acts 1:6)

III. IMPORTANT CONTEXT TO UNDERSTAND REGARDING THE RETURN OF JESUS

A. Jesus' second coming unfolds in the context of a climactic military conflict—the campaign of Armageddon—occurring in the final three and a half years of the age, during the Great Tribulation. He will return to confront the nations in the Battle of Jerusalem, establishing His throne and bringing all peoples under His righteous authority and rule.

- 1. “Let the nations be awakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.- Joel 3:12***
- 2. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. 15 The sun and moon will grow dark, And the stars will diminish their brightness. 16 The LORD also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; -Joel 3:14-16***
- 3. 11 In righteousness He judges and makes war...15 Out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. He***

***Himself will rule them with a rod of iron 16 He has a name written:
KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. -Rev. 19:11-16***

IV. THREE FOLD STAGE OF THE PROCESSION OF JESUS' RETURN

A. IN THE SKY

1. The return of Jesus will be literal and visible to every eye, beginning in the heavens. In a time of profound darkness, He will illuminate the entire earth with the radiance of His glory.

(1) The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. -Acts 2:20

(2) His glory covered the heavens... His brightness was like the light; He had rays flashing from His hand-Habakkuk 3:3-4

2. Jesus will come in the clouds first

- a) Clouds are literal and supernatural. Represents God's manifest Presence. (Cloud over Tabernacle)

(1) "I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven!-Dan 7:13 (see also Daniel 7:13-14)

(2) 29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His]elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.-Mt 24:29-31

(3) 7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.-Rev 1:7

B. ON THE LAND

1. An important aspect of the Second Coming is the procession of Jesus as He descends from the heavens and moves through the regions of Egypt and Edom (modern-day Jordan), ultimately arriving in Jerusalem. Along this path, He will liberate Jewish captives taken by the Antichrist, leading them back into Israel while simultaneously judging and overthrowing the Antichrist's armies. In this way, Jesus will act as the greater Moses—delivering His people from bondage and leading them into salvation and restoration.
2. The situation of many Jews being taken as captives into prison is one of the most prominent features in Second Coming passages. The fact of Jews in prison camps as seen in Old Testament Prophets, is usually overlooked. However, it is emphasized in Scripture. This reveals the nature of Satan's rage against Israel as well as what God will use to purify Israel and the Church to prepare them for their Millennial reign.
 - a) ***For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.-Zech 14:2***
 - b) ***"They will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations- Lk 21:24***
3. Jesus will come to Egypt and then march through Edom (modern Day Jordan) delivering the Jewish captives
 - a) ***Behold, the LORD rides on a swift cloud, And will come into Egypt; The idols of Egypt will totter at His presence, And the heart of Egypt will melt in its midst.-Is. 19:1***

- b) ***And the Egyptians I will give into the hand of a cruel master, And a fierce king will rule over them,"Says the Lord, the LORD of hosts.-Is 19:4***
- c) ***19 On that day there will be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the LORD at its border. 20 And it will be for a sign and for a witness to the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the LORD because of the oppressors, and He will send them a Savior and a Mighty One, and He will deliver them. 21 Then the LORD will be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the LORD in that day,-Is 19:19-21***
- d) ***Who is this who comes from Edom, (modern day Jordan) With dyed garments from Bozrah,(Jordan) This One who is glorious in His apparel, Traveling in the greatness of His strength?—"I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save."² Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the winepress?³ "I have trodden the winepress alone, And from the people no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, And trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, And I have stained all My robes.⁴ For the day of vengeance is in My heart, And the year of My redeemed has come.-Is 63:1-4 (see also Habakkuk 3:3-5)***

C. INTO JERUSALEM

1. The Bible reveals that Jesus will return visibly to the Mount of Olives, just outside Jerusalem, where He will defeat His enemies, be received by His people, and establish His reign as King over all the earth from that city.
 - a) ***Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion.-Ps 2:6***
 - b) ***And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east-Zech 14:4***
 - c) ***Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.⁸ Who***

is this King of glory?The LORD strong and mighty,The LORD mighty in battle.9 Lift up your heads, O you gates!Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah

2. Jesus will be received in Jerusalem by the nation of Israel as their Messiah.
 - a) ***39 for I say to you, you(National Israel) shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!-Mt 23:39***
3. Scripture reveals that at His return, Jesus will be openly recognized and established as King in Jerusalem, and acclaimed by all the redeemed as the King of kings.
 - a) ***They have seen Your procession, O God,The procession of my God, my King, into the sanctuary. 25 The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after; Among them were the maidens playing timbrels.-Ps 68:24-25***
 - b) ***On that Day.....And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be—"The LORD is one," And His name one.-Zech 14:8 & 9***
 - c) ***"For the Lord of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before His elders, gloriously."-Is 24:23***