

**YOUR ETERNAL REWARD**

22. Now will people be rewarded at Jesus' coming? Rev. 22:12

Jesus comes to give \_\_\_\_\_ man according as his \_\_\_\_\_ shall be.

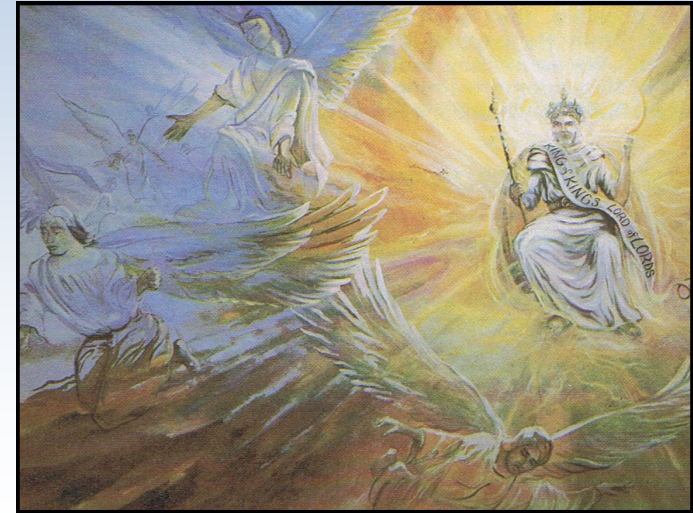
**NOTE:** The Bible is clear. People are rewarded according to their works.

23. What warnings did Jesus give in Matt. 24:44?

We should be \_\_\_\_\_ for his coming. Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ when we least \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

24. If Jesus should come tonight, would you be ready?

**Ans:** \_\_\_\_\_



**REVELATION'S GLORIOUS RAPTURE**

The return of Jesus to gather His people from this earth is the grand theme of the Bible. One verse out of every eleven in the New Testament, and 2,500 in the entire Bible speak of this momentous event. Some refer to this as the rapture, although the term does not appear in the Bible.

This earthshaking event is the ultimate goal of Bible prophecy and is more evident in Revelation than in other books of the Bible. To study Revelation is to become acutely aware of Jesus' return and the rapture of His saints. No wonder Satan tries to keep people from reading Revelation.

It is shocking to recall that at Jesus' first coming, as a babe in Bethlehem, the people were surprised and unprepared. This was true in spite of the fact that hundreds of Old Testament prophecies described His first coming with detailed accuracy.

But the people were mistakenly applying the prophecies of His second coming, and ignoring those that applied to His first advent. Thus, they rejected His appearance as the infant son of a poor family.

History has a way of repeating itself. It is shocking to consider, but could

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it be possible that Christian people may be misapplying the hundreds of Bible prophecies concerning Jesus' second return?

Could some be setting themselves up for one great mind-boggling surprise? Jesus solemnly warned of this when He spoke of His return. He said in Matthew 24:4, "Take heed that no man deceive you." He further stated that false ideas regarding the rapture would be so powerful and convincing that, "If it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Matthew 24:24. Then He capped it with, Behold. I have told you before." We would say today, "You have been warned." In light of this solemn warning by Jesus, let us now prayerfully see what the prophecies reveal regarding the blessed rapture.

## JESUS WILL RETURN

### 1. How did the angels refer to Jesus' return? Acts 1:9-11

He "shall \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ manner."

**NOTE:** a. They saw Him depart — He will be visible.

b. He left in a cloud — He will return in a cloud.

c. He left bodily — He will appear bodily.

Therefore, His ascension was literal, bodily and visible. His return will be the same.

### 2. Does Revelation say how Jesus returns? Rev. 1:7

"Behold, He \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_."

### 3. What are these clouds? Psalm 104:3; 68:17

Thousands upon thousands of \_\_\_\_\_.

**NOTE:** In Matthew 25:31. Jesus said all the angels would come with Him. Then myriads of bright shining angels will cover the sky like clouds of today.

## OH, GLORIOUS DAY!

### 18. What Is the main purpose of Christ's return? John 14:2, 3

To take His \_\_\_\_\_ home.

**NOTE:** Jesus and His Father long for all of us to come home. Oh, the joy of that wonderful day!

Here are some exciting things we will experience:

a. Reunion of loved ones and friends. I Thess. 4:16-18

b. Blind see, deaf hear, lame walk, dumb sing. Isa. 35:4-6

c. No more death, sorrow, tears or pain. Rev. 21:4

### 19. What does Paul call Christ's coming? Titus 2:13

The Blessed \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Jesus' return is indeed, the "Blessed Hope" of God's people.

### 20. Can anyone know the time of Jesus' return? Matt. 24:36

Only the \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven knows.

### 21. What can we know for sure about Jesus' appearing?

**Matt. 24:32, 33**

That it is, \_\_\_\_\_ even at the \_\_\_\_\_.

**NOTE:** Read Matthew 24 and discover some of the signs or world conditions that Jesus said would clearly identify the time which He would return. Truly these signs are being fulfilled! today! So, Jesus' coming must be very near. He is just outside the door.

**14. What happens to the wicked at the rapture? 2 Thess. 1:7, 8; 2:8; Isaiah 11:4**

The Lord shall \_\_\_\_\_ them with the \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ of His coming.

**15. Why doesn't God give the wicked another chance? 2 Thess. 2:10-12**

Because they " \_\_\_\_\_ not the \_\_\_\_\_ "

**NOTE:** Another opportunity would also be spurned by the lost. They would rebel all over again because of their wicked hearts. They have defiantly chosen to be disobedient even after God reveals His wonderful love to them through His Son Jesus Christ. In reality, they would be miserable in Heaven, for their lives are out of harmony with God's love and truth.

**16. Now much glory will be seen at the rapture? Luke 9:26**

The glory of the \_\_\_\_\_ and holy \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** The glory of one lone angel caused the entire Roman guard to fall as dead men when he appeared at Jesus' tomb. Matt. 28:2-4. So try to comprehend the glory of millions of angels plus that of God the Father and Jesus the Son. Yes, Jesus is coming with power and great glory!

**17. What will Christ and His armies do to the nations? Rev. 19:11-16**

He will \_\_\_\_\_ the nations.

**NOTE:** All the wicked powers of earth will be destroyed.

**4. Who will see Jesus when He comes? Rev. 1:7**

"Every \_\_\_\_\_ shall see Him."

**NOTE:** This is too plain to misunderstand. Every one living on earth will see Jesus at His return. This includes both the saved and unsaved. Matthew 24:30 says all the tribes of the earth shall mourn at His appearing.

**5. What will the angels do at Jesus' return? Matt. 24:31**

They shall gather the \_\_\_\_\_ together from all of the earth.

## INVASION FROM SPACE

**6. Does Jesus teach a secret rapture?**

**a. In Matt. 24:27** His return compares to \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** There is nothing secret about lightning!

**b. In I Thess. 4:16 and I Cor. 15:52,** Paul says, The Lord will descend with a \_\_\_\_\_, with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the archangel, and with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

**NOTE:** Again, there is nothing quiet or secret about this event. In fact, Jeremiah declares the Lord shall make a mighty roar, a shout and a noise heard to the ends of the earth when He returns from Heaven. Jeremiah 25:30-33.

**7. What happens to all the righteous at the rapture?**

**a. I Cor. 15:52** "The dead shall be \_\_\_\_\_."

**b. I Thess. 4:16** "The dead in Christ shall \_\_\_\_\_ first."

**c. I Thess. 4:17** "We which are alive shall be \_\_\_\_\_ together with them in the \_\_\_\_\_."

**NOTE:** When Jesus returns, the righteous dead are resurrected with new, never dying bodies, and the living righteous are caught up with them to meet the Lord amid the clouds of angels that fill the entire sky with indescribable glory.

**8. What kind of bodies will the raptured saints have?**

a. Phil. 3:20, 21 Bodies like \_\_\_\_\_

b. Luke 24:36-43; Acts 1:11 They will have bodies with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Does Jesus come to earth or remain in the air? I Thess. 4:17**

He remains in the "\_\_\_\_\_."

**NOTE:** Jesus promised to return to take His people to heaven to be with Him. John 14:1-3. He did not promise that at His second coming He would immediately reign over the earth in its sinful condition. John sees the redeemed before the heavenly throne where Jesus takes them after they meet Him in the air. Revelation 7:9,10.



**FALSE CHRISTS WILL APPEAR**

How can you identify an imposter? Suppose that in Jerusalem a glorious

being suddenly appeared who claimed to be Christ and fit the description of Jesus in Revelation 1:13-17. Suppose he preached beautiful Bible truths with power, called fire down from Heaven, healed the sick, helped stop wars, read minds, blessed the children, etc. What would be your reaction?

**10. How will we know he is a false Christ?**

Because Jesus at His coming makes a sky appearance and not an earth appearance. I Thess. 4:16, 17 tells us Jesus remains in the air.

**11. Does Satan have power to look like Christ?**

Yes — we need to remember that the devil:

- a. Appears as an angel of light. II Cor. 11:14
- b. Works miracles. Rev. 16:14; II Thess. 2:5
- c. Can call fire from heaven. Rev. 13:13
- d. Will use Scripture. Matt. 4:6
- e. Is wise and beautiful. Ezekiel 28:12

**12. Would it be safe to go see a false Christ? Matt. 24:23-26**

No! Jesus said, "Go \_\_\_\_\_ forth."

Jesus clearly commanded that we should not go see false Christs. When we disobey a direct command of Jesus, then we place ourselves in jeopardy, and the devil has unusual advantage over us. If you go when Jesus says, "Go not forth," then you are in grave danger of being deceived.

**THE KING IS COMING**

**13. What will the wicked do at the time of the rapture? Rev. 6:14-16**

Cry for the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to fall on them,