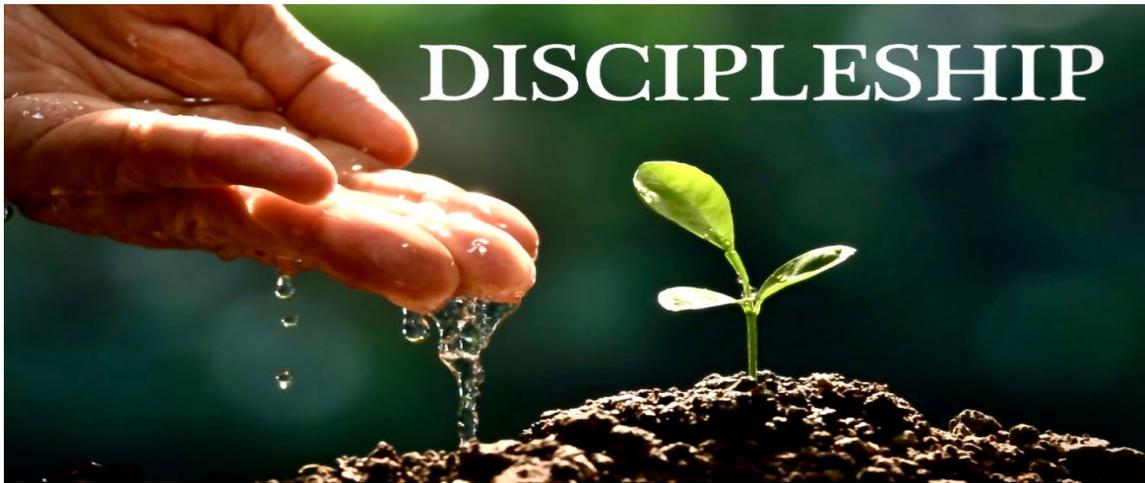


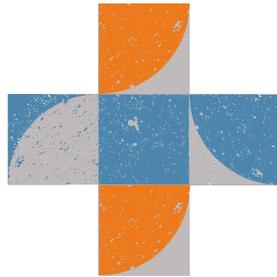
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## CHAPTER ONE

# WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN JESUS RETURNS FOR THE RAPTURE? <sup>(1)</sup>

By: Charles Stanley

<https://www.christianity.com/jesus/early-church-history/promise-of-the-second-coming/what-will-happen-when-jesus-returns.html>

Charles Stanley says, “Movies can be so absorbing that we are easily “transported” until the final credits thrust us back to real life. Yet more amazing than any film is what Christians will experience at Jesus’ return.”

The apostle Paul urges believers to become familiar with what will occur at that remarkable time. **1 Thessalonians 4:13** tells us, *“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who <sup>[a]</sup> are asleep (have died), so that you will not grieve as indeed the rest of mankind do, who have no hope.”*

Just imagine the following:

**What we will hear:** Jesus “will descend from heaven with a shout” (**1 Thessalonians 4:16**). *“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a <sup>[a]</sup> shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.”* Perhaps the Lord will say something similar to the words He spoke when raising Lazarus back to life: “Come forth!” (**John 11:43**). The voice of the archangel Michael—the leader of the angelic host—and a heavenly trumpet will also be heard, calling the saints to assemble.

**What we will see:** The Lord will come down from above (**Acts 1:11**), to be met in the air by newly resurrected deceased saints and then, a moment later, by “translated” living believers. <sup>11</sup>*“and they said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? (12) This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”*

**What we will feel:** Though it’s impossible to know exactly what the experience will be like, we can expect it to be magnificent. We’ll be transformed physically: unlike our present body, our new form won’t be susceptible to pain, sin, sickness, or death. And in an instant, we will be brought into the presence of our heavenly Father, to remain with Him eternally.

It’s not hard to become disheartened by the materialism, selfishness, and hopelessness of this world. However, we can encourage one another - and ourselves - with a reminder about Jesus’ return. **1 Thessalonians 4:18** says, *“Therefore, <sup>[a]</sup> comfort (encourage) one another with these words.”*

So when hardships get you down, think about this exciting event in your future. The best is yet to be!

## TEST - CHAPTER ONE

### WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN JESUS RETURNS FOR THE RAPTURE?

1. What is more amazing than any film?  
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2. What does the apostle Paul urges believers to become familiar with?  
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3. Complete what **1 Thessalonians 4:13** says.  
*"But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who [a] are asleep (have died), so that you will not \_\_\_\_\_ as indeed the rest of mankind do, who have no hope."*
4. What is the first thing we will hear when Jesus descends from heaven?  
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5. Who is the archangel?  
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6. Who will rise first?  
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7. What did the Lord say when raising Lazarus back to life?  
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8. Where do we find this in Scripture?  
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9. What will we see?  
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10. How will we be transformed that is not like our present body?  
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11. What won't our new form (body) be susceptible to?  
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12. And in an instant, we will be brought into the \_\_\_\_\_ of our heavenly \_\_\_\_\_, to remain with Him \_\_\_\_\_.
13. It's not hard to become disheartened by the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of this world. However, we

can encourage one another - and ourselves - with a reminder about Jesus' return. **1 Thessalonians 4:18** says, "Therefore, [a] \_\_\_\_\_ (encourage) one another with these words."

14. So when \_\_\_\_\_ get you down, \_\_\_\_\_ this exciting event in your future. The \_\_\_\_\_ is yet to be!

## CHAPTER TWO

### EIGHT THINGS THAT THE BIBLE TELLS US WILL HAPPEN BEFORE JESUS RETURNS. (2)

By: Pastor Jack Wellman

<https://faithinthenews.com/7024-2/>

#### 1. A Falling Away

The Apostle Paul clearly tells us, *“But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will <sup>[a]</sup> fall away (apostatize) from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons,<sup>2</sup> by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,...” 1 Timothy 4:1-2.* There has undoubtedly been a falling away from the faith, just look at plummeting church attendance. But there is also a falling away from the truth of the Bible with manmade doctrines that have distorted and twisted Scripture to fit what false teachers/pastors/prophets believe. This is a falling away from the truth of God and falling into error, and many are being led astray. Falling away - *Aphistēmi* (G868) means standing alone or the opposite of being a believer. This does not refer to those who at one time believed, but to those who refused to believe, those who stand-alone!

#### 2. Increase of Lawlessness

Paul also wrote, *“<sup>7</sup> For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only <sup>[a]</sup> He who now restrains will do so until <sup>[b]</sup> He is <sup>[c]</sup> removed (out of the way). <sup>8</sup> Then that lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will eliminate with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His <sup>[d]</sup> coming (presence).” 2 Thessalonians 2:7-8* Apparently, the “mystery of lawlessness” was already at work in Paul’s day; but today many who profess Christ do not keep the commandments. And although we can’t be saved by the commandments, those who are saved strive to keep the commandments out of love for Christ. **1 John 3**

#### 3. Love of Many Growing Cold

Jesus prophesies about the end of the age in saying, *“<sup>5</sup> For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the <sup>[a]</sup> Christ (Messiah),’ and they will <sup>[b]</sup> mislead (deceive) many people. <sup>6</sup> And you will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. <sup>7</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. <sup>8</sup> But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pains.*

*<sup>9</sup> “Then they will hand you over to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. <sup>10</sup> And at that time many will <sup>[c]</sup> fall away (from the faith), and they will <sup>[d]</sup> betray (hand over) one another and hate one another. <sup>11</sup> And many false prophets will rise up and <sup>[e]</sup> mislead (deceive) many people. <sup>12</sup> And because lawlessness is increased, <sup>[f]</sup> most (the love of the many) people’s love will become cold. <sup>13</sup> But the one who endures to the end is the one who will be saved. <sup>14</sup> This Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole <sup>[a]</sup> world (inhabited earth) as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.” Matthew 24:5-14*

All you have to do is look at the news to see how lovers of self and haters of others have exploded in the world.

#### **4. Persecution**

The Voice of the Martyrs says that in just the last decade and a half of this century, there have been more killed for their faith than in all the time since Christ was crucified 2,000 years ago. In other words, take all of those killed for their faith for the last 2,000 years and then those killed in the last few decades and we see that more have died for their faith in recent years than in the previous 2,000 years!

#### **5. Gospel Preached Worldwide**

In the Olivet Prophecy, Jesus said about the end times, *“<sup>14</sup> This Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole <sup>[a]</sup> world (inhabited earth) as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come”* Matthew 24:14. Aren't we closer than ever to the saturation point of the Gospel today? The Gospel has been proclaimed throughout the whole world on every continent and nearly every people group through ministries, missionaries, and other Christians. Jesus' return is getting very close.

#### **6. Calling Evil Good**

When you look around the world today, especially in the media, what used to be evil or bad just a few decades ago is now taunted as “good.” What used to be upheld as those things that are good, are now seen as evil in the eyes of the world. Isaiah the Prophet sent a warning from God and said, *“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter”* Isaiah 5:20. The word “woe” is not just a groan or a moan, but this word means “a judgment,” so God will send His righteous judgment on all who call what is good, evil, and upon all who deem evil as good. People who do good things are now despised and ridiculed, but when people see evil, they actually rejoice. How backward this world is.

#### **7. Wars and Rumors of Wars**

There is a war on terrorism right now. Many nations have been impacted, but the death toll from terrorist attacks continues to grow, but there are also threats from radical countries like North Korea that threatened to blow the lid off of world peace. Jesus warned that in the last days, *“You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are but the beginning of the birth pains”* Matthew 24:6-8. Undoubtedly, there is more violence on the earth every day and it will only grow worse as Jesus' second coming nears and that leads to another sign of Jesus' return; violence will fill the earth.

#### **8. Growing Violence**

Jesus said that one of the signs leading up to His second coming would be like *“The days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man”* Matthew 24:37, *“For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark”* Matthew 24:38. What were the days of

Noah like? They were doing business as usual, marrying and giving in marriage, eating and drinking (partying?), but just as in the days of Noah, *“The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually”* Genesis 6:5. More than that, *“The earth was corrupt in God’s sight, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth”* Genesis 6:11-12. That’s when God sent His flood of judgment and that same judgment is coming again when Jesus Christ appears, when they see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory, *“Even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him”* Revelation 1:7b because they know their time of judgment has come.

## **Conclusion**

Know that these things must happen before Christ appear for the second time. They will include a falling away from the faith and the truth, growing lawlessness, the natural love of many growing cold, increased persecution, and the Gospel being proclaimed worldwide. I believe these have already happened; therefore, I see no reason that Jesus cannot come back today or tonight. All the more reason to hear what Jesus said: *“Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming”* Matthew 24:42. *“Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect”* Matthew 24:44. Are you ready, really ready for the return of Jesus Christ?

## TEST - CHAPTER TWO

### EIGHT THINGS THAT THE BIBLE TELLS US WILL HAPPEN BEFORE JESUS RETURNS

1. The Apostle Paul clearly tells us, “*But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will <sup>[a]</sup> fall away (\_\_\_\_\_ ) from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons,<sup>2</sup> by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,*” 1 Timothy 4:1-2

2. What does the word “apostatize” mean?

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3. Who are those that are called “False” and have made manmade doctrines that have distorted and twisted Scripture?

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4. What does falling away - *Aphistēmi* (G868) mean?

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5. Today many who profess Christ do not keep the commandments. And although we can't be saved by the \_\_\_\_\_, those who are saved strive to \_\_\_\_\_ the commandments out of \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ.

6. Jesus prophesies about the end of the age in saying, “*For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the <sup>[a]</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (Messiah),’ and they will <sup>[b]</sup> mislead (deceive) \_\_\_\_\_ people.<sup>6</sup> And you will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are \_\_\_\_\_ alarmed, for those things \_\_\_\_\_ take place, but that is \_\_\_\_\_ yet the end.<sup>7</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in various places.<sup>8</sup> But all these things are merely the \_\_\_\_\_ of birth pains.*

*<sup>9</sup> “Then they will hand you over to \_\_\_\_\_ and kill you, and you will be \_\_\_\_\_ by all nations because of My \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>10</sup> And at that time many will <sup>[c]</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (from the faith), and they will <sup>[d]</sup> betray (hand over) one another and \_\_\_\_\_ one another.<sup>11</sup> And many \_\_\_\_\_ prophets will rise up and <sup>[e]</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (deceive) many people.<sup>12</sup> And because lawlessness is \_\_\_\_\_, <sup>[f]</sup> most (the love of the many) people's love will become \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>13</sup> But the one who \_\_\_\_\_ to the end is the one who will be \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Gospel of the kingdom shall be \_\_\_\_\_ in the whole <sup>[g]</sup> world (inhabited earth) as a \_\_\_\_\_ to all the nations, and \_\_\_\_\_ the end will come.” Matthew 24:5-14*

7. All you have to do is look at the news to see how \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have exploded in the world.
  
8. The Voice of the Martyrs says that in just the last decade and a half of this century, there have been more killed for their faith than in \_\_\_\_\_ 2,000 years ago.
  
9. In the Olivet Prophecy, Jesus said about the end times. Where do we find this in scripture?  
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10. How had God used to proclaim the Gospel throughout the whole world, on every continent and nearly every people group?  
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11. When you look around the world today, especially in the media, what used to be evil or bad just a few decades ago is now taunted as what?  
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12. What used to be upheld as those things that are good, are now seen as \_\_\_\_\_ in the eyes of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  
13. Isaiah the Prophet sent a warning from God. What did it say?  
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14. The word “\_\_\_\_\_” is not just a groan or a moan, but this word means “\_\_\_\_\_,” so God will send His righteous judgment on all who call what is good, evil, and upon all who deem evil as good.
  
15. There is a war on terrorism right now. How many nations have been impacted by this war?  
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16. Jesus warned that in the last days, “*You will \_\_\_\_\_ of wars and \_\_\_\_\_ of wars. See that you are \_\_\_\_\_, for this \_\_\_\_\_ take place, but the \_\_\_\_\_ is not yet. For \_\_\_\_\_ will rise against nation, and \_\_\_\_\_ against kingdom, and there will be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in various places. All these are but the \_\_\_\_\_ of the birth pains*” Matthew 24:6-8.
  
17. Undoubtedly, there is more \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ every day and it will only grow \_\_\_\_\_ as Jesus’ second coming nears.
  
18. What leads to another sign of Jesus’ return?  
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19. What did Jesus say was one of the signs leading up to His second coming?  
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20. *“For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark”* Where is this found in scripture?  
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21. What were the days of Noah like?  
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22. *“The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”* Where is this verse in scripture found?  
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23. *“The earth was \_\_\_\_\_ in God’s sight, and the earth was filled with \_\_\_\_\_. And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their \_\_\_\_\_ on the earth”* Genesis 6:11-12.
24. That’s when God sent His \_\_\_\_\_ of judgment and that \_\_\_\_\_ judgment is coming \_\_\_\_\_ when Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_, when they see the Son of Man coming in the \_\_\_\_\_ with great power and glory, *“Even those who pierced him, and \_\_\_\_\_ tribes of the earth will wail on account of him”* Revelation 1:7b because they \_\_\_\_\_ their time of judgment has come.
25. Know that these things must happen before Christ appear for the second time. They will include a \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. I believe these have already happened; therefore, I see no reason that Jesus cannot come back \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
26. *“Therefore, stay \_\_\_\_\_, for you do \_\_\_\_\_ know on what \_\_\_\_\_ Lord is coming”* Matthew 24:42. *“Therefore you also must be \_\_\_\_\_, for the Son of Man is coming at an \_\_\_\_\_ you do not \_\_\_\_\_”* Matthew 24:44. Are you \_\_\_\_\_, really \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ?

## CHAPTER THREE

### FIVE IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT JESUS' SECOND COMING <sup>(3)</sup>

<https://www.beliefnet.com/faiths/christianity/articles/5-important-facts-about-jesus-second-coming.aspx>

While we don't know every detail, The Word promises these five things will happen when Jesus returns again.

The Second Coming of Jesus regards the future return of Jesus to Earth, ***following His ascension***, when he will defeat the Enemy, destroy evil and establish His millennial kingdom. The second coming is described in **Revelation 19:11-16**: *"I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. 'He will rule with an iron scepter. He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has the name written: King of Kings and Lord of Lords."* As Christians, we believe Jesus will return to earth in fulfillment of His promises and the prophecies also made about Him. **Matthew 24:30** talks of this promise *"At the time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming from the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory."* While we don't know every detail of Jesus' return, The Word gives us key information about His second coming, a promise Jesus has made to us.

**Here are five important facts you should know.**

**1. Jesus Will Return from Heaven:** Jesus actively spoke of this during His earthly ministry. According to Jesus, the purpose of his ascent to heaven was for the purpose of receiving a kingdom from his Father, while also returning with authority to rule throughout the earth. **Matthew 25:31** also tell us that Jesus will not return alone. *"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit on his throne in Heavenly glory."* We're not just talking a few angels either, but "thousands upon thousands of angels that will accompany Jesus when He returns.

**2. The Second Coming Is Not the Rapture:** While the two are often confused, the second coming is not the rapture. The rapture is when Jesus returns to remove the church from the earth. The church in this context refers to all believers in Christ. It is described in **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** and **1 Corinthians 15:50, 54**. At this time, believers who have died and believers who are still alive will be raised together, first the dead and then the living, and meet the Lord in the sky as an act of deliverance. The second coming speaks of the return of Jesus to triumph over evil where He will establish His Millennial Kingdom. While it is not always easy to differentiate the two when reading Scripture, distinguishes between the two is important. Both include the return of Jesus and both are end-time events. In short,

the rapture involves removing all believers from the earth before God's wrath. The second coming marks the return of Christ to bring an end to tribulation by defeating the Enemy. Many things must occur before Jesus' second coming.

**3. We Won't Know The Time:** Many people have attempted to pinpoint the time of Christ's return and each has failed. Jesus told his disciples on the Mount of Olives, referenced in [Matthew 24:36](#) that "*No one know about the day or the hour,*" so it is impossible to pinpoint the exact day or time of Jesus' return. However, Jesus tells us that we will know when His return is near. "*And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other*" [Matthew 24:30](#). These signs will point to his return.

**4. It Will Be Visible and Audible:** When Jesus returns, it will be universally visible and audible. [Matthew 24:31](#) speak of "a great sound of a trumpet" that stretches from "*one end of heaven to the other.*" [1 Thessalonians 4:16](#) also speak of great sound. "*For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God.*" Revelation tells us that He will be universally seen. "*Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him*" [Revelation 1:7](#). Jesus warns us against false comings. A reference to this can be found in [Matthew 24:26-27](#), "*So if anyone tells you, 'There he is, out in the wilderness,' do not go out; or, 'Here he is, in the inner rooms,' do not believe it.*"

For as lightening that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son on Man."

**5. His Return Will Be Different than the First:** We are told in Scripture that the second coming of Jesus will be "*with power and great glory.*" During Jesus' first coming, he humbled himself, being born in a stable in Bethlehem and living a life on earth with great humility. However, upon his return, he will come back as pronounced King of Kings and Lord of Lords. On this day, in a triumphant return, the whole world will see and know who Jesus really was. Humility stands out in Jesus' first coming. Glory stands out in his second. His return will be triumphant, marked with the powerful accompaniment of angels and saints.

**TEST - CHAPTER THREE**  
**FIVE IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT**  
**JESUS' SECOND COMING**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Coming of Jesus regards the \_\_\_\_\_ return of Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
2. What will Jesus do during this time?  
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3. Where is the second coming of Jesus described in the scriptures?  
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4. *"I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a \_\_\_\_\_ horse whose rider is called \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. With \_\_\_\_\_ he judges and wages \_\_\_\_\_. His \_\_\_\_\_ are like blazing fire, and on his \_\_\_\_\_ are many crowns. He has a \_\_\_\_\_ written on him that no one knows but he \_\_\_\_\_. He is dressed in a \_\_\_\_\_ dipped in blood, and his name is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. The armies of \_\_\_\_\_ were following him, riding on \_\_\_\_\_ horses and dressed in fine \_\_\_\_\_, white and \_\_\_\_\_. Coming out of his \_\_\_\_\_ is a sharp \_\_\_\_\_ with which to strike down the \_\_\_\_\_. 'He will \_\_\_\_\_ with an iron \_\_\_\_\_. He treads the \_\_\_\_\_ of the fury of the wrath of \_\_\_\_\_ Almighty. On his \_\_\_\_\_ and on his \_\_\_\_\_ he has the name \_\_\_\_\_: King of \_\_\_\_\_ and Lord of \_\_\_\_\_."*
5. Where do we find in scripture, *"At the time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming from the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory."*  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. While we don't know every detail of Jesus' return, The \_\_\_\_\_ gives us \_\_\_\_\_ information about His \_\_\_\_\_ coming, a \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus has made to us.
7. Where will Jesus return from?  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Where does Jesus actively speak about this return?  
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9. According to Jesus, what were the two purpose of His ascent to heaven?  
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10. In Matthew 25:31 it also tell us that Jesus will not return....  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Who will be coming with Him?  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. How many angels will accompany Him?  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ coming is \_\_\_\_\_ the rapture.
14. The rapture is when Jesus does what?  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. The church in this context refers to what?  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. Where is this described in scripture?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
16. At this time, \_\_\_\_\_ who have died and \_\_\_\_\_ who are still alive will be raised together, first the \_\_\_\_\_ and then the \_\_\_\_\_, and meet the Lord in the sky as an act of deliverance.
17. What does the second coming speak of about the return of Jesus?  
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\_\_\_\_\_
18. While it is not always easy to \_\_\_\_\_ the two when reading Scripture, \_\_\_\_\_ between the two is \_\_\_\_\_.
19. What do both include?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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20. What does the rapture involve?  
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21. What does the second coming involve?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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22. Many things must occur before Jesus' second coming or the rapture?  
\_\_\_\_\_
23. Many people have attempted to pinpoint the time of Christ's return and each has done what?  
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24. What did Jesus tell His disciples on the Mount of Olives, referenced in Matthew 24:36?  
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25. Is it possible to pinpoint the exact day or time of Jesus' return?  
\_\_\_\_\_
26. What does Jesus tells us that we will know?  
\_\_\_\_\_
27. Where do we find in scripture, *"And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other."*  
\_\_\_\_\_
28. Will it be visible and audible when Jesus returns?  
\_\_\_\_\_
29. When Jesus returns, it will be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
30. What does Matthew 24:31 speak of?  
\_\_\_\_\_
30. What does 1 Thessalonians 4:16 speak of?  
\_\_\_\_\_
31. Revelation tells us that He will be what?  
\_\_\_\_\_
32. *"Behold, He cometh with clouds; and \_\_\_\_\_ eye shall \_\_\_\_\_ Him"*  
Revelation 1:7.
33. Where does Jesus warn us against false comings?  
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34. Where do we find in scripture, *"For as lightening that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son on Man."*?  
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35. What are we told in Scripture about the second coming of Jesus?  
\_\_\_\_\_
36. During Jesus' first coming, he \_\_\_\_\_ himself, being born in a \_\_\_\_\_ in Bethlehem and living a life on earth with great \_\_\_\_\_.

37. Upon Jesus' return, what will He come back pronounced as?

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37. On this day, in a \_\_\_\_\_ return, the \_\_\_\_\_ world will see and know who Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ was.

38. What stand out in Jesus' first coming?

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39. What stands out in His second coming?

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40. His return will be triumphant, marked with what?

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## CHAPTER FOUR

### SEVEN POINTS ABOUT THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS <sup>(4)</sup>

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*“From now on I am telling you before it comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am He” (John 13:19).* Through this verse, the disciples would see that Jesus had knowledge before hand, that one of them should betray him and one would deny him three times. His heart and the power of foretelling future events would set the stage that He must therefore have been sent by God. This does not imply that the disciples had no faith before this, but that their faith would be increased and strengthened through this.

The spirit of Anti-Christ had attempted to destroy Jesus at His first coming in Bethlehem, and that same spirit still mocks and lies to all who will listen about the certainty of the second coming of Jesus Christ. Jesus listed certain signs in **Matthew 24** that signal the end of the age and His soon return to set up His millennial kingdom on earth. The Old and New Testaments record the certainty of Jesus' return to claim His bride, make an end to sin, and fulfill His covenant promise with Israel. Only God knows the hour and the day of His return. Satan's time is short—but before this second coming of the Lord Jesus occurs, the sun must be darkened, the moon will not give its light, and stars will fall from the sky as the powers of heaven are shaken.

#### **What Is the Second Coming of Jesus?**

When Jesus first ascended into the heavens in a cloud, the angel asked those watching, *“Why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven” (Acts 1:2-11).*

In **Revelation 19:11-16** John tells us what Jesus invited him to see and record. It included this great and terrible day of the Lord. In 2020, believers watch the heavens and wait with great anticipation for our Lord's second coming. But there are a number of events Jesus told us to look for before that day arrives. A day when the heavens will open and King Jesus will lead a vast multitude to accompany His

second appearance on earth. This time He will return as the Righteous Judge and King of Kings.

## 1. Jesus' Warnings and Promises of the Second Coming

Jesus the Christ unveils His warnings, reprimands, and promises believers who overcome—in those first century churches as well as today. [Revelation 1-3](#)

Gotquestions.org shares the following on overcomers: [\(5\)](#)

The Bible has a lot to say about being an overcomer. The term *overcomer* is especially prominent in the book of Revelation, where Jesus encourages His people to remain steadfast through trials ([Revelation 2:26; 3:21; 21:7](#)). [First John 5:4-5](#) says, “*For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*”

Overcomers are followers of Christ who successfully resist the power and temptation of the world’s system. An overcomer is not sinless, but holds fast to faith in Christ until the end. He does not turn away when times get difficult or become an apostate. Overcoming requires complete dependence upon God for direction, purpose, fulfillment, and strength to follow His plan for our lives [Proverbs 3:5-6, 2 Corinthians 12:9](#)

The Greek word most often translated “overcomer” stems from the word *nike* which, according to *Strong’s Concordance*, means “to carry off the victory. The verb implies a battle.” The Bible teaches Christians to recognize that the world is a battleground, not a playground. God does not leave us defenseless. [Ephesians 6:11-17](#) describes the armor of the Lord available to all believers. Scattered throughout this narrative is the admonition to “*stand firm*.” Sometimes all it takes to overcome temptation is to stand firm and refuse be dragged into it. [James 4:7](#) says, “*Resist the devil and he will flee from you*.” An overcomer is one who resists sin no matter what lures Satan uses.

The apostle Paul wrote eloquently of overcoming in [Romans 8:35-39](#). He summarizes the power believers have through the Holy Spirit to overcome any attacks of the enemy. Verse 37 says, “*In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us*.”

Overcoming is often equated with enduring. Jesus encouraged those who followed Him to “*endure to the end*” ([Matthew 24:13](#)). A true disciple of Christ is one who endures through trials by the power of the Holy Spirit. An overcomer clings to Christ, no matter how high the cost of discipleship. [Hebrews 3:14](#) says, “*We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end*.”

In the book of Revelation, Jesus promised great reward to those who overcome. Overcomers are promised that they will eat from the Tree of Life ([2:7](#)), be unharmed by the second death ([2:11](#)), eat from hidden manna and be given a new name ([2:17](#)),

have authority over the nations (2:26), be clothed in white garments (3:5), be made a permanent pillar in the house of God (3:12), and sit with Jesus on His throne (3:21). Jesus warned that holding fast to Him would not be easy, but it would be well worth it. In **Mark 13:13** He says, *“You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved”* (ESV). We have the guarantee of Jesus that, if we are His, we will be able to endure to the end and His rewards will make it all worthwhile.

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*“Blessed is he who reads, and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near”* (**Revelation 1:3**).

## **2. What Comes First? - Apostasies**

From **Revelation 4-22**, Jesus shows John, just like He said He would in **John 13:19**, what *takes place after these things*. Overcomers, believers, the church, are commanded to carry the Gospel message until God says to His Son, *“Go get my children.”*

*“Let no one in any way deceive you by any means, for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition”* (**2 Thessalonians 2:3**).

Two events leap onto our radar screen—the falling away and the man of sin. Newer translations refer to this falling away as the Greek word “Apostasia,” defection from truth, revolt, and apostasy. The next word describes the son of perdition . . . the Greek word “Apoleia,” ruin, loss, destruction, and damnable. For centuries believers have hauled out their magnifying glass trying to predict who this man of lawlessness might be. But God’s Word says there will be no question of his identity when he appears. Those who search the Scriptures will *know him by his actions*.

Many churches have discarded portions of God’s Word they choose to ignore.

## **3. The Seven Seals as Judgments**

If we attempt to form a prophetic timeline, the rule is to begin with events the Bible identifies. **Revelation 6** takes John to the Throne of God, where Jesus is holding a book that is sealed. Jesus breaks the first of seven sealed judgments on the earth; and while we know the events are sequential, we don’t know the time frame between these judgments. The first four are known as the four horsemen who are assigned different judgments and destructions to be carried out on portions of the earth.

This *first* horseman goes out to conquer. The *second* goes out to take peace from the earth. Is it possible these first two horsemen have already gone out? Some preachers think so. The *third* horseman goes out, holding a pair of scales in his hand—hyper-inflation? Perhaps collapse of leadership and famine leading to a world-wide financial and political catastrophe and a global government becomes reality? A covenant with Israel and the building of the Jewish Tribulation Temple? All events that signal the beginning of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week. Remember Scripture indicates there will be three-plus years of relative peace, while the Jews are allowed to begin their sacrificial system.

The final three seals usher in more catastrophic judgments and scenes, ending with events the Word says must happen before the second coming of Christ. Seal Six brings an earthquake, the sun becomes black, the moon becomes like blood, and the stars of the sky fall to earth. The sky splits apart like a scroll and men hide from the wrath of the Lamb . . . but all things have not yet been fulfilled. No, there's much more to learn.

#### **4. Two Witnesses Proclaim the Gospel**

*“And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth. And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so, if any wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way”* ([Revelation 11:3, 5](#)).

While there is much speculation over who these witnesses are, Elijah is usually named as one of them. Think about this, we are the first generation where technology could allow this event to be seen, in real-time, worldwide in your living room . . . [Revelation 11:9-10](#). No one is able to harm these two witnesses for three and one-half years as they preach the truth of the Gospel. Can you imagine the circus the mainstream media will create?

Between the sixth and seventh trumpet this Anti-Christ will kill these two witnesses. They will lay dead in the streets of Jerusalem for three and a half days while the people celebrate their death. Then, God will speak... *“Come up here.”* And they will go into heaven in the cloud. At that moment 7,000 people in Jerusalem will be killed by an earthquake. The rest were terrified and give glory to God.

If you're creating a timeline, even during the destruction coming from the hand of God, He still extends His grace and forgiveness to those who will repent, turn, and

follow Jesus. Meanwhile, 10 kings are ruling the world. One of these ten, the little horn or Anti-Christ, gains greater power, and will eliminate three of these kings.

*“Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord. And he will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the land with a curse”* ([Malachi 4:5-6](#)).

## **5. The Trumpet Judgments**

*“When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them...another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer, and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne”* ([Revelation 8:1-3](#))

What a confirming message to believers. Through the centuries, King David confirmed God saves our prayers and our tears . . . now we see why. As these trumpet judgments unfold, we see another necessary thing coming from heaven that must happen before the second coming of Jesus Christ—hail, fire, and smoke, mixed with blood will be cast from heaven to earth. The first trumpet fulfills this prophecy.

Each trumpet judgment increases in intensity. God sends three Woes (judgments) on those earth dwellers to accompany the remaining trumpets.

The scene abruptly changes between the sixth and seventh trumpet judgments, as does the attitude of men and women who manage to survive. [Revelation 13](#) tells of this leader—this beast who is killed by a fatal head wound then healed. He goes into the Jewish Temple, proclaims he is god, breaks His covenant and makes war with Israel. God gives him authority to act for forty-two months (three and one-half years). And Anti-Christ’s false prophet sets up a cashless society where you must take a mark on your hand or in your forehead to be able to buy or sell. This mark, called “the mark of the beast” is the number of his name “666.” Those refusing the mark will be beheaded in this world, but those who take the mark of this beast will never inherit the Kingdom of God. They will spend eternity with Satan in the Lake of Fire.

## 6. God Doesn't Forget His People

In the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans, Paul exclaims, “*God has not rejected His people, has He?*” Then answers his own question. “*May it never be.*” Not then. Not now. Nor ever.

God will prepare a place in the wilderness for the remnant (144,000) of the Jewish people and they will be cloistered in safety for three and one-half years where they will come to know Jesus is their Messiah and King.

Meanwhile God has prepared seven final bowls of His wrath to be poured upon this earth. And Chapter 16 of Revelation tells us about these last horrific judgments. With these bowls, the wrath of God is finished. But the Word tells us after each bowl is poured out; those still alive did not repent of their deeds. The last and final bowl, the greatest earthquake ever, splits Jerusalem into three parts, cities of the nations fell, huge hailstones about one hundred pounds each came down from heaven upon men, and they still blasphemed God.

*“For I do not want you brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles as come in; and thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, ‘The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob. And this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins’ (Romans 11:25-27).*”

## 7. The King Is Coming

In the horror of this scene, islands and mountains have fled away. Satan and his two beasts have lured the armies of the world to three battle scenes—one in Babylon where Satan’s armies, prompted by God, destroy Babylon. Then the devil of old and his armies invade Jerusalem and plunder the city and violate and kill the people. Tasting victory, he and his armies turn toward the wilderness, perhaps on the way to Petra where many believe that God is sheltering the remnant of His people. They get as far as the Valley of Jehoshaphat, and in that moment .....

**TEST - CHAPTER FOUR**  
**SEVEN POINTS ABOUT THE**  
**SECOND COMING OF JESUS**

1. Where in scripture do we find, *“From now on I am telling you before it comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am He?”*  
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2. Through this verse, the disciples would see what?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. His heart and the power of foretelling future events would set the stage for what?  
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4. This does not imply that the disciples had no faith before this, what did it imply?  
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5. When had the spirit of Anti-Christ attempted to destroy Jesus  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Jesus listed certain signs in Matthew 24 that signal the end of what?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. And His soon return of what?  
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8. The Old and New Testaments record what certainty of Jesus' return?  
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9. Who knows the hour and the day of Jesus return?  
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10. Before this second coming of the Lord Jesus occurs, what must happen?  
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11. When Jesus first ascended into the heavens in a cloud, what did the angel ask those watching?  
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12. Where do we find this verse in the Bible?

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13. Where in scripture does it tell of what Jesus invites John to see and record?

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14. What John saw and recorded included the great and terrible what?

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15. How will Jesus return in His second coming?

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16. Jesus the Christ unveils His \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ believers who \_\_\_\_\_—in those first century churches as well as \_\_\_\_\_. Revelation 1-3

17. The term *overcomer* is especially prominent which book of the Bible?

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18. What does Jesus encourage His people to remain steadfast through?

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19. Where do we find this in Scripture?

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20. Where in the Bible do we find the following scripture? *“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”*

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21. Overcomers are followers of Christ who successfully resist what?

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22. An overcomer is not \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to faith in Christ until the \_\_\_\_\_. He does \_\_\_\_\_ turn away when times get \_\_\_\_\_ or become an \_\_\_\_\_.

23. What does overcoming require?

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24. Where do we find this in Scripture?  
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25. The Greek word most often translated “overcomer” stems from which Greek word?  
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26. According to *Strong’s Concordance*, this word means what?  
\_\_\_\_\_
27. The verb implies what?  
\_\_\_\_\_
28. What does the Bible teach Christians to recognize?  
\_\_\_\_\_
29. Where in the Bible does it describe the armor of the Lord available to all believers?  
\_\_\_\_\_
30. Scattered throughout this narrative is the admonition to do what?  
\_\_\_\_\_
31. Sometimes all it takes to overcome temptation is what?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
32. Where in the Bible does it say, “*Resist the devil and he will flee from you?*”  
\_\_\_\_\_
33. An overcomer is one who does what?  
\_\_\_\_\_
34. Where in the Bible does apostle Paul write eloquently of overcoming?  
\_\_\_\_\_
35. Paul summarizes the power believers have comes through what?  
\_\_\_\_\_
36. What does verse 37 say?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
37. Overcoming is often equated with what?  
\_\_\_\_\_

38. Jesus encouraged those who followed Him to do what?  
\_\_\_\_\_
39. A true disciple of Christ is one who endures through what and by what power?  
\_\_\_\_\_
40. An overcomer clings to \_\_\_\_\_, no matter how \_\_\_\_\_ the cost of discipleship.
41. What does Hebrews 3:14 say?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
42. What are overcomers promised in Revelation 2:7?  
\_\_\_\_\_
43. Being *unharméd by the second death* is mentioned where in Revelation?  
\_\_\_\_\_
44. Where in Revelation does it state that the overcomer will *sit with Jesus on His throne*?  
\_\_\_\_\_
45. What translation of the Bible is used with the following verse found in Mark 13:13? "*You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved*"  
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46. We have the guarantee of Jesus. What is it?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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47. Where do we find in Revelation, "*Blessed is he who reads, and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near?*"  
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48. Where do we find in Revelation, "*eat from hidden manna and be given a new name?*"  
\_\_\_\_\_
49. Overcomers, believers, the church, are commanded to carry the Gospel message until God says what to His Son?  
\_\_\_\_\_

50. In the Bible where do we find, "Let no one in any way deceive you by any means, for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition?"  
\_\_\_\_\_
51. Which chapter in Revelation takes John to the Throne of God?  
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52. When John goes to the Throne of God, what is Jesus holding?  
\_\_\_\_\_
53. Where does Jesus break the first of seven sealed judgments?  
\_\_\_\_\_
54. While we know the events are sequential, what don't we know between these judgments is?  
\_\_\_\_\_
55. The first four are know as the four \_\_\_\_\_ who are assigned different \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to be carried out on portions of the \_\_\_\_\_.
56. This *first* horseman goes out to do what?  
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57. The *second* goes out to do what?  
\_\_\_\_\_
58. The *third* horseman goes out holding a pair of what in his hand?  
\_\_\_\_\_
59. Perhaps collapse of leadership and \_\_\_\_\_ leading to a world-wide \_\_\_\_\_ and political catastrophe and a global \_\_\_\_\_ becomes reality? A covenant with Israel and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jewish Tribulation Temple?
60. All events that signal the beginning of what?  
\_\_\_\_\_
61. Scripture indicates there will be \_\_\_\_\_ years of relative \_\_\_\_\_, while the Jews are allowed to begin their \_\_\_\_\_ system.
62. The final \_\_\_\_\_ seals usher in more catastrophic \_\_\_\_\_ and scenes, ending with events the \_\_\_\_\_ says must happen before the \_\_\_\_\_ coming of Christ.
63. Seal Six brings what 4 events?  
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64. Have all things been fulfilled yet?

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65. Where do we find, *“And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth. And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so, if any wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way?”*

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66. While there is much speculation over whom these witnesses are, who is named as one of the witnesses?

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67. No one is able to harm these two witnesses for how long?

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68. When does the Anti-Christ will kill these two witnesses?

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69. God will speak... “\_\_\_\_\_.” And they will go into \_\_\_\_\_ in the cloud.

70. At that moment \_\_\_\_\_ people in Jerusalem will be \_\_\_\_\_ by an \_\_\_\_\_. The rest were terrified and give \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

71. God still extends His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to those who will \_\_\_\_\_, turn, and \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

72. Meanwhile, \_\_\_\_\_ kings are ruling the world. One of these ten, the \_\_\_\_\_ horn or Anti-Christ, gains \_\_\_\_\_ power, and will eliminate \_\_\_\_\_ of these kings.

73. Where in scripture do we find, *“Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord. And he will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the land with a curse?”*

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74. Where in scripture do we find, *“When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them...another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer, and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne?”*

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75. Through the centuries who confirmed God saves our prayers and our tears?  
\_\_\_\_\_
76. As these trumpet judgments unfold, we see another necessary thing coming from heaven that must happen before the second coming of Jesus Christ - hail, fire, and smoke, mixed with blood will be cast from where to where?  
\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
77. Which trumpet fulfills this prophecy?  
\_\_\_\_\_
78. Each trumpet judgment \_\_\_\_\_ in intensity.
79. God sends \_\_\_\_\_ Woes (\_\_\_\_\_) on those earth dwellers to accompany the remaining trumpets.
80. Which book and chapter in the Bible tells of this leader—this beast who is killed by a fatal head wound then healed?  
\_\_\_\_\_
81. He goes into the Jewish Temple, proclaims he is \_\_\_\_\_, breaks His \_\_\_\_\_ and makes \_\_\_\_\_ with Israel.
82. God gives him authority to act for how long?  
\_\_\_\_\_
83. And Anti-Christ's false prophet sets up a \_\_\_\_\_ society where you must take a \_\_\_\_\_ on your \_\_\_\_\_ or in your \_\_\_\_\_ to be able to buy or sell.
84. This mark, called " \_\_\_\_\_ " is the number of his name " \_\_\_\_\_."
85. Those refusing the mark will be \_\_\_\_\_ in this world, but those who take the mark of this beast will \_\_\_\_\_ inherit the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
86. They will spend \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lake of \_\_\_\_\_.
87. Where in the Bible does Paul exclaim, "*God has not rejected His people, has He?*"  
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88. God will prepare a place in the wilderness for the \_\_\_\_\_ (7,000) of the Jewish people and they will be cloistered in \_\_\_\_\_ for three and one-half years where they will come to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus is their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

89. Meanwhile God has prepared \_\_\_\_\_ final bowls of His \_\_\_\_\_ to be poured upon this \_\_\_\_\_.

90. Which chapter of Revelation tells us about these last horrific judgments?

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91. What happens in the last and final bowl?

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92. Where do we find in Scripture, *“For I do not want you brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles as come in; and thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, ‘The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob. And this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins?’*

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93. Satan and his two \_\_\_\_\_ have lured the armies of the world to \_\_\_\_\_ battle scenes—one in \_\_\_\_\_ where Satan’s armies, prompted by God, \_\_\_\_\_ Babylon. Then the devil of old and his armies invade \_\_\_\_\_ and plunder the city and violate and \_\_\_\_\_ the people. Tasting victory, he and his armies turn toward the \_\_\_\_\_, *perhaps* on the way to \_\_\_\_\_ where many believe that God is sheltering the \_\_\_\_\_ of His people. They get as far as the Valley of \_\_\_\_\_, and in that moment.....

## CHAPTER FIVE

# WHAT'S THE NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH MENTIONED IN ISAIAH AND REVELATION? (5)

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One of the joys and hopes of every believer is the hope of heaven. In **John 14:1-3** Jesus said to the Disciples, *“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.”* Jesus knew what the disciples were thinking and feeling. They had fear of what was going to happen to Jesus and to them. He assures them that no matter the circumstances, all is going to be ok. He then states, *“In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; If it were not so, I would have told you.”* Jesus here reassures that they can trust in Him for the past, present and yes, even the future. Then in verse 3 Jesus says, *“If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.”* Jesus lets them and us know that “for sure” He is returning for those that believe and follow Him. He is not letting us out to dry.

So, I say to you.... let not your hearts be troubled either, He’s going to prepare a place for you and me and He’s not just going, but He is coming back to get us too. This is the great expectation of every Christian – to be with Jesus forever.

This place that Jesus talks about is pointing to our eternal home where God has promised a New Heaven and a New Earth. What exactly is the New Heaven and New Earth?

Prior to the fall of man, Adam and Eve lived in a perfect, sinless world. They are the only human beings who ever lived on this planet that know what that experience is like. The world we live in today has been corrupted by the influence of sin, which has brought every type of problem along with it - just look at the news.

The New Heaven and New Earth will be God resetting and recreating the heavens and the earth, where sin and the effects of sin will no longer be present. You will be able to enjoy the beauty of God’s presence in all of His glory, unhindered by the presence of sin. In other words, True Peace!

## **What Will the New Heaven and New Earth Look Like?**

In both in the Old and New Testaments the Bible mentions the New Heaven and the New Earth.

**Isaiah 65:17-19** says, *“See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.”*

**2 Peter 3:13** says, “But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.”

**Revelation 21:1** says, *“Then I saw ‘a new heaven and a new earth,’ for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.”*

**Isaiah 66:22** says, *“As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me,’ declares the Lord, ‘so will your name and descendants endure.”*

As you can see going back through the Old Testament, this has always been part of God’s plan.

Fortunately the Bible gives us some idea of what to expect of the New Heaven and New Earth. Regardless of the description, I don’t know if our minds can fully comprehend what it will be.

The most detailed and vivid description comes from John in the book of **Revelation Chapter 21**. Here are a few highlights:

*“I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband” **Revelation 21:2.***

*“It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb” **Revelation 21:11-14.***

*“The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, the fifth onyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth turquoise, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass” **Revelation 21:18-21.***

*"I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp"* **Revelation 21:22-23**.

*"Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life"* **Revelation 21:27**.

## 3 Things to Highlight from These Verses

### 1. It's a Place of Unimaginable Beauty

One of the first things you will discover is the beauty of this place. I know in our world, people have created stunning and gorgeous pieces of architecture that will literally take your breath away. I don't think the most beautiful piece will be able to hold a candle to what God has prepared.

### 2. It's a Place Where God's Presence Dwells Freely

Regardless of how much of God's presence you have ever experienced, it is not humanly possible to experience God's presence fully in this human body. What you experience whenever you enter God's presence is just a part or a taste. In **1 Corinthians 13:12** Paul points to this - *"For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known."*

In the New Heaven and the New Earth you will be able to experience God fully. John gives us further indication of this in **1 John 3:2** - *"Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."*

God not only creates a New Heaven and a New Earth but He gives us an incorruptible body so we can enjoy it all. Paul talks about this a great deal in **1 Corinthians Chapter 15**.

### 3. It Is a Place Where God Reigns and Sin Doesn't

**Revelation 21:27** remind us that nothing impure will ever enter it. This means we will never again have to deal with the impact, influence, or consequences of sin because they will have been dealt with forever. That alone is worth the price of admission. In fact, **Romans 8** reminds us that all creation is waiting for this moment to happen because creation has also paid the price for the impact of sin.

## What Will Happen to the Old Heaven and Earth?

**2 Peter 3:10** says, *“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.”*

There is a day coming where God will bring a final and complete judgment of sin. Not to get too deep into the descriptions of the events but here is a general timeline of what will happen:

- Rapture of the church
- Tribulation
- Second Coming of Christ
- Millennium (The thousand year reign of Christ on the earth)
- Satan’s Final Judgment
- The Great White Throne Judgment
- The New Heaven and New Earth

After the completion of the Great White Throne Judgment, which is the judgment for all who have chosen to reject Christ, John mentions he saw the New Heaven and New Earth. So it appears that we will see this once the final judgment is completed.

When you look at **2 Peter 3:7**, you see that God’s method of judgment on the earth and the way the old one will pass away is by fire. *“By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the Day of Judgment and destruction of the ungodly.”*

Within the book of Revelation there is description of great judgment being poured on the earth. Included in those judgments is the destruction of the earth with fire. It is possible and probably likely that this is part of God fulfilling what Peter mentions here. This process will eventually destroy the old order or way of things which will lead up to the earth, as we know it, passing away and being no more.

## **What Is Your Responsibility?**

As great as it is to think about what the New Heaven and New Earth will be like, I want us to focus our attention to a very important **QUESTION** Peter asks in **2 Peter 3:11**. *“Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be?”*

Quite honestly, this is the question that matters most because as beautiful as it is and will be, how you live today matters most. Here’s the **ANSWER** to Peter’s answer question:

*“You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him” 2 Peter 3:11-14.*

This life we are living today, right now is the best teaching ever. The question is what are we teaching? Faith in Jesus Christ by living the life He calls us to live or, faith in the world and Satan by claiming one thing (Jesus) and living another (the world and Satan)? In **Matthew 6:24** it says that we will love one master and despise the other. You can't serve two masters at the same time. **FACT:** The life you are living (**full time 24/7**) is the one whom you are serving! Your daily actions reveals whom you serve!

When you believe in and accept Jesus Christ you accept Him as BOTH your personal Lord and Savior; the Holy Spirit comes and dwells within you. His ink is stamped on your paper. As Savior He has brought us back together with God through Himself and as Lord and Master His answer is always right and correct. Never wrong. He penetrates and permeates everything about you (the old is dead and buried and the new has come) and can NEVER be separated from you. So how then are people who claim to be Christians so able to claim Jesus and the filling of the Holy Spirit while blatantly living the life of sin? It is **IMPOSSIBLE** to live that kind of life and be a true follower of Jesus! Read **John 14:15** says, “If you love Me, you WILL keep My commandments.”

Remember, heaven will be a place where sin will not dwell, live that type of live today, right now where sin does not dwell in us. Let's live in ways that are spotless, blameless and at peace with Jesus.

## TEST - CHAPTER FIVE

### WHAT'S THE NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH MENTIONED IN ISAIAH AND REVELATION?

1. What is one of the joys and hopes of every believer as described in this lesson?  
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2. What did Jesus say to His disciples in John 14:1-3?
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3. What is the great expectation of every Christian?  
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4. This place that Jesus talks about is pointing to our \_\_\_\_\_ where God has \_\_\_\_\_ a New \_\_\_\_\_ and a New \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Prior to the fall of man, who lived in a perfect and sinless world?  
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6. The world we live in today has been corrupted by what?  
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7. The New Heaven and New Earth will be God \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the heavens and the earth, where \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin will no longer be \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Where in the Bible does it mention the New Heaven and the New Earth?  
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9. Where in scripture do we find, *"Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth,' for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea."*  
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10. Where does it say in scripture, *"See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a*

*delight and its people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more."*

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11. Is the following scripture found in the New or Old Testament? *"But in keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells."*

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12. Where do we find in scripture, *"I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband"*

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13. What does Isaiah 66:22 say?

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14. As you can see going back through the Old Testament, this has always been part of whose plan?

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15. The most detailed and vivid description comes from John in what book and chapter in the Bible?

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16. *"It shone with the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and its brilliance was like that of a very \_\_\_\_\_ jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, \_\_\_\_\_ wall with \_\_\_\_\_ gates, and with \_\_\_\_\_ angels at the gates. On the gates were written the \_\_\_\_\_ of the twelve tribes of \_\_\_\_\_.* There were \_\_\_\_\_ gates on the east, \_\_\_\_\_ on the north, \_\_\_\_\_ on the south and \_\_\_\_\_ on the west. The wall of the city had \_\_\_\_\_ foundations, and on them were the \_\_\_\_\_ of the twelve \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_" **Revelation 21:11-14.**

17. List the precious stones of all 12 foundations.

- One: \_\_\_\_\_
- Two: \_\_\_\_\_
- Three: \_\_\_\_\_
- Four: \_\_\_\_\_
- Five: \_\_\_\_\_
- Six: \_\_\_\_\_
- Seven: \_\_\_\_\_
- Eight: \_\_\_\_\_
- Nine: \_\_\_\_\_
- Ten: \_\_\_\_\_
- Eleven: \_\_\_\_\_

Twelve: \_\_\_\_\_

18. What was not seen in the city? (Revelation 21:22-23)

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19. Why was this thing not needed in the city?

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20. What does verse 23 say the city has no need of?

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21. What does Revelation 21:27 say?

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22. Name the three (3) things highlighted from those verses.

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23. In which of the above mentioned titles will you find 1 Corinthians 13:12?

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24. What does Romans 8 remind us of?

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25. In 2 Peter 3:10, what comes like a thief?

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26. How will the heavens disappear?

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27. What will the elements will be destroyed by?

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28. What will happen to the earth and everything done in it?

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29. There is a day coming where God will bring what?

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30. Using the numbers 1-7 identify each even by timeline of what will happen first to last:

- \_\_\_ The Great White Throne Judgment
- \_\_\_ Satan's Final Judgment
- \_\_\_ Tribulation
- \_\_\_ Second Coming of Christ
- \_\_\_ Millennium (The thousand year reign of Christ on the earth)
- \_\_\_ Rapture of the church
- \_\_\_ The New Heaven and New Earth

31. What judgment is for all who have chosen to reject Christ?

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32. Where in scripture do we find, "By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the Day of Judgment and destruction of the ungodly."

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33. Within the book of Revelation there is description of great judgment being poured on the earth. Included in those judgments is how the destruction of the earth will happen. Name how that destruction will happen.

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34. This process will eventually destroy the

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35. What is the very important QUESTION Peter asks in 2 Peter 3:11?

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36. Where in scripture do we find Peters ANSWER to the above question?

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37. What is Peters ANSWER?

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38. What does Matthew 6:24 say?

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39. What do your daily actions reveal?

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40. Remember, heaven will be a place where sin will \_\_\_\_\_ dwell, live that type of live \_\_\_\_\_, right now where sin does \_\_\_\_\_ dwell in \_\_\_\_\_. Let's live in ways that are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and at \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus.

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I don't know about you but at many a funeral I have heard people say, "Heaven must have needed another *angel*" or something like that. That's just not true! We go to be with the Lord!

If we take a look at 2 Corinthians 4:18 it tells us to look at the things that *cannot be seen* with our physical eyes. This is a hint for us as we read verse 1 of chapter 5.

5:1 says, "For we *know* that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

We need to *change our focus* from here on *earth* to the things of *heaven*!

As a result of our being a child of God we intuitively *know* this. Our real self is the *spirit within us* and *not the body*! Our focus changes from our *body* to the *spirit* that God has placed in each of us. This body and the world around it lose its hold on us, as it is not our focus any longer! 1 John 2:15-17

Spirit vs. Soul

Which one goes on to heaven, the soul of man or the spirit of man?

Soul ... *Psuchē* (G5560) or spirit ... *Pneuma* (G4151)

When I was a teenager, a friend of mine's family owned a mortuary. At that time in my life death intrigued me. I saw the body as a carcass, an empty shell so to speak. So I asked if I could watch the process of embalming someone. His dad said sure. I even got to participate in the embalming process. After that, his dad didn't seem to want his son to hang around me all that much any more. I wonder why? Anyway, I was amazed at what all went into embalming and preparing someone for a funeral after they died. So much effort went into making an *empty vessel appear* to be *full again*.

This mortal body we have is a *tent* or better translated a *house*. It is a *temporary* dwelling place. With Moses and the Israelites in the desert the tent or tabernacle of God moved from place to place and was a *temporary* dwelling place for the Lord. There is coming a moment for *everyone* when this earthly house (*our body*) is taken down. Just as you would take down different parts of a tent, the stakes, the center pole, the dividers etc, so our body is slowly being taken down little by little. Think of it this way, our pieces of our tent are being *loosened* so it is easily taken down when God says it's time for us to come to heaven to be with Him. This will be a *specific time* in the future. We are not going to do it, but *God* Himself will! God is going to loose all the parts that are being held together by *Him*. That is what He calls

“DEATH.” It is the *loosening time*. When this happens we don’t become extinct either, we continue to live on. We have a building from God. There is a difference between the Greek word for house, “*oikia*” and the Greek word used for building, “*oikodomē*” which means the building as a *process* or that, which is *being built*, not that which is *already built*. This means that while we are still living in this world (alive), God is building a new house for our *spirit which will be disembodied for a while when it leaves the body on earth*. God is not taking our *old* parts that were taken down when we died and using them to build our *new* one. He is building it *completely NEW!* All three Persons of the *triune God* are engaged in the building of this new house for us. We know this because of the use of the Greek word *ek* for *out of God*. It will be *similar, identifiable*, but yet *not the same* because it is not going to be made with *human hands* but it will be a product made directly by *God*. This is the same word used in **Mark 14:58** when He spoke of destroying the Temple which was made with human hands and in three days He was going to build another, not made by hands. This is exactly the same word used in **2 Cor 5:1**. *Achelropolēton (G886)*. He was speaking of His resurrected body. Although His body was made of a *women*, (**Galatians 4:4**) the first time, no human being was involved the second time. So it is with *our bodies*. The first time we were born into this world our bodies were *physically* produced. But, the second time they will be produced *without* human involvement. This is the *FIRST* characteristic of our *Resurrected* bodies. The *SECOND* characteristic is that they are going to be *Eternal*. This is the characteristic of *God* Himself that will be in us now. NO, we are not going to be gods, but we will have the same characteristic of God towards eternity. *Alōnion (G166)* is speaking of this life that God gives us on earth once we *believe* in His Son Jesus Christ that carries forward throughout *eternity*. It is the heaven on earth while we are still on earth. It is the binding glue that allows us to have *hope* in the future of *eternal life* while still living on this temporal, *time-bound* earth. It is the *belief* and saving hope in *Jesus* that this world is not our *permanent* home but heaven will be. ETERNAL is not just referring to the *duration* of the life but primarily to the *quality* of it. The life of God *becomes* our life! We NEVER lose this life, eternal life, that He gives us from the *moment* we accept Jesus Christ as our *Lord and Savior*. (Yes both Lord and Savior)

Jesus is the Savior of us but He is also the *Lord and Master* of us too. Our *old* being dead and buried and the new having *come*. (**2 Corinthians 5:17**)

Our new tent or body that *Jesus* is preparing for us is coming from heaven to meet us when *Jesus returns*. **John 14:2 & 23** describes our new home of our new bodies as well as our abiding... our new home in heaven with God the *Father*, God the *Son*, and God the *Spirit*. They will make their home or abide with all His people (believers in Jesus Christ). So sorry, no *mansions* in the sky. Being with God will *exceed* any of our wildest *imagination*s!

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When I was a teenager, a friend of mine's family owned a mortuary. At that time in my life death intrigued me. I saw the body as a carcass, an empty shell so to speak. So I asked if I could watch the process of embalming someone. His dad said sure. I even got to participate in the embalming process. After that, his dad didn't seem to want his son to hang around me all that much any more. I wonder why? Anyway, I was amazed at what all went into embalming and preparing someone for a funeral after they died. So much effort went into making an \_\_\_\_\_ vessel \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_.

This mortal body we have is a \_\_\_\_\_ or better translated a \_\_\_\_\_. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ dwelling place. With Moses and the Israelites in the desert the tent or tabernacle of God moved from place to place and was a \_\_\_\_\_ dwelling place for the Lord. There is coming a moment for \_\_\_\_\_ when this earthly house (\_\_\_\_\_) is taken down. Just as you would take down different parts of a tent, the stakes, the center pole, the dividers etc, so our body is slowly being taken down little by little. Think of it this way, our pieces of our tent are being \_\_\_\_\_ so it is easily taken down when God says it's time for us to come to heaven to be with Him. This will be a \_\_\_\_\_ in the future. We are not going to do it, but

\_\_\_\_\_ Himself will! God is going to loose all the parts that are being held together by \_\_\_\_\_. That is what He calls "DEATH." It is the \_\_\_\_\_. When this happens we don't become extinct either, we continue to live on. We have a building from God. There is a difference between the Greek word for house, "oikia" and the Greek word used for building, "oikodomē" which means the building as a \_\_\_\_\_ or that, which is \_\_\_\_\_, not that which is \_\_\_\_\_. This means that while we are still living in this world (alive), God is building a new house for our \_\_\_\_\_ **which will be disembodied for a while when it leaves the body on earth.** God is not taking our \_\_\_\_\_ parts that were taken down when we died and using them to build our \_\_\_\_\_ one. He is building it \_\_\_\_\_ NEW! All three Persons of the \_\_\_\_\_ are engaged in the building of this new house for us. We know this because of the use of the Greek word *ek* for \_\_\_\_\_. It will be \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, but yet \_\_\_\_\_ because it is not going to be made with \_\_\_\_\_ but it will be a product made directly by \_\_\_\_\_. This is the same word used in **Mark 14:58** when He spoke of destroying the Temple which was made with human hands and in three days He was going to build another, not made by hands. This is exactly the same word used in **2 Cor 5:1**. *Achelropolēton (G886)*. He was speaking of His resurrected body. Although His body was made of a \_\_\_\_\_, (**Galatians 4:4**) the first time, no human being was involved the second time. So it is with \_\_\_\_\_. The first time we were born into this world our bodies were \_\_\_\_\_ produced. But, the second time they will be produced \_\_\_\_\_ human involvement. This is the \_\_\_\_\_ characteristic of our \_\_\_\_\_ bodies. The \_\_\_\_\_ characteristic is that they are going to be \_\_\_\_\_. This is the characteristic of \_\_\_\_\_ Himself that will be in us now. NO, we are not going to be gods, but we will have the same characteristic of God towards eternity. *Alōnion (G166)* is speaking of this life that God gives us on earth once we \_\_\_\_\_ in His Son Jesus Christ that carries forward throughout \_\_\_\_\_. It is the heaven on earth while we are still on earth. It is the binding glue that allows us to have \_\_\_\_\_ in the future of \_\_\_\_\_ while still living on this temporal, \_\_\_\_\_ earth. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ and saving hope in \_\_\_\_\_ that this world is not our \_\_\_\_\_ home but heaven will be. ETERNAL is not just referring to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the life but primarily to the \_\_\_\_\_ of it. The life of God \_\_\_\_\_ our life! We NEVER lose this life, eternal life, that He gives us from the \_\_\_\_\_ we accept Jesus Christ as our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (Yes both Lord and Savior)

Jesus is the Savior of us but He is also the \_\_\_\_\_ of us too. Our \_\_\_\_\_ being dead and buried and the new having \_\_\_\_\_. (**2 Corinthians 5:17**)

Our new tent or body that \_\_\_\_\_ is preparing for us is coming from heaven to meet us when \_\_\_\_\_. **John 14:2 & 23** describes our new home of our new bodies as well as our abiding... our new home in heaven with God the \_\_\_\_\_, God the \_\_\_\_\_, and God the \_\_\_\_\_. They will make their home or abide with all His people (believers in Jesus Christ). So sorry, no \_\_\_\_\_ in the sky. Being with God will \_\_\_\_\_ any of our wildest \_\_\_\_\_.

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