

What Is, and Was and Is to Come
A Biblical End Times and Prophecy Study

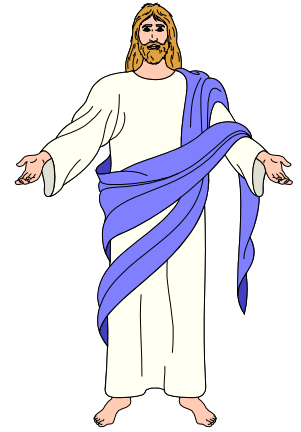
III. The "Return Of Christ"

There are more references to the Second Advent of Christ in the Bible than His first. In the New Testament times Christians greeted one another with "He is risen!". We should greet each other with "He is returning! (coming back)!"

Top Ten Characteristics of the Return of Christ

It will be:

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| 1. SURE (certain) | Acts 1:11, John 14:1-4, Hebrews 9:28 |
| 2. SECRET | Matthew 24:36, 42-44 |
| 3. SUDDEN (Instantaneous) | I Corinthians 15:51-52 |
| 4. SURPRISING | I Thessalonians 5:1-4, Matthew 25:1-12 |
| 5. SCHEDULED (On God's Timetable) | II Peter 3:8-9 |
| 6. SEPARATING (or Selective) | Matthew 24:40-41, Luke 17:34-35 |
| 7. SOON | Revelation 22:7, 12, 20 |
| 8. SUPERNATURAL | |
| 9. SEEN (visible) | |
| 10. SOVEREIGN | Matthew 16:27, Matthew 25:31, Revelation 19:11-16 |



We need to live in the light of Christ's second coming.

1. Motivation (hope)
2. Accountability (Bema seat) – I Corinthians 4:1-5
3. Security (Promise) – John 14:1-3, Acts 1:11, I Peter 1:3-5

Why are we "eagerly waiting"? Transformation! I John 3:2, I Corinthians 15

The Jews looked for a Messiah and missed Him...the Church cannot afford to miss His return!