



# THE RETURN OF OUR LORD JESUS

**The doctrine of the return of Jesus to Earth is not exclusive to the New Testament.**

**Like Paul and the other authors of the New Testament, the old prophets also announced that God would put an end to the history of this world.**

**This is our “blessed hope” today.**

### **A. The Second Coming in the Old Testament**

- ⚡ **A day of judgment**
- ⚡ **What remains here?**

### **B. The Second Coming in the New Testament**

- ⚡ **The Second Coming today**
- ⚡ **How will Jesus come?**
- ⚡ **Clothed with immortality**



# A DAY OF JUDGMENT

“Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.”  
(Psalm 96:13 NIV)

The Second Coming is usually called “the day of the Lord” in the Old Testament (Ezekiel 30:3). There are two different perceptions of that day:



It's the day of “Lord's fierce anger”; a day of destruction, sadness and confusion. Those who haven't prepared to meet the Lord are howling as that day comes near (Zephaniah 2:2; Isaiah 13:6)



It's the day of liberation and reward. Those whose names are written in the book of life will be liberated from anguish and will be kept safe from “the day of the Lord's anger” (Daniel 12:1; Zephaniah 2:3)

# WHAT REMAINS HERE?

"Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth." (Daniel 2:35)



**What will remain in this world after Jesus returns?**

**When the wheat has been gathered and threshed, it was winnowed with a fan. The wheat remained on the floor and the rest—the chaff—was carried away by the wind.**

**Everything in this world will be destroyed when Jesus returns. The kingdom of God is something new and different. It has nothing to do with our old world.**

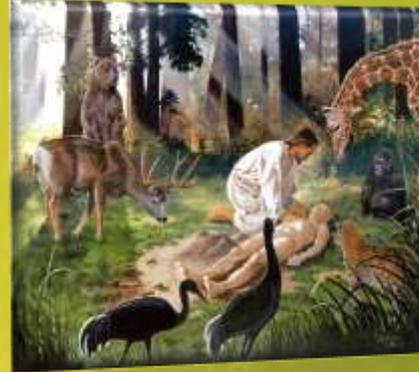
**There are only two options: to live forever with Jesus or to disappear like chaff.**

# THE SECOND COMING TODAY

“looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.” (Titus 2:13)

Those who believe we are the result of chance, predict a future self-destruction.

Nevertheless, the Bible explains that the same God who created us and redeemed us is coming again to begin a glorious and everlasting future.



That hope shapes our lives today. Paul felt at peace in prison as his death was near. He was sure that the “crown of righteousness” was laid up for him (2 Timothy 4:6-8)

When we think about our glorious future, the difficulties of this life fade away and we’re able to face them with hope.

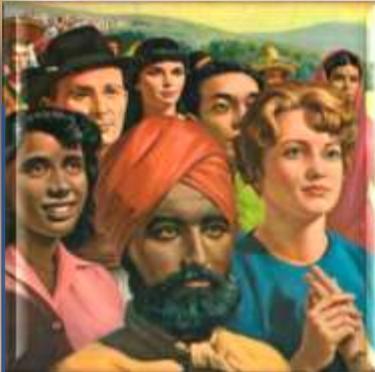




# HOW WILL JESUS COME?

*"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." (Luke 21:27)*

**Some people talk about a spiritual Second Coming or a secret rapture. However, the Bible explains that the Second Coming of Jesus is a physical, visible and noisy event.**



**Matthew 24:30**

- All the tribes of the earth will see the Son of Man.



**1 Thessalonians 4:16**

- The Lord will descend with a shout, and with the trumpet of God.



**Matthew 26:64**

- We will see Him on the clouds.



**Revelation 1:7**

- Every eye will see Him.



**2 Thessalonians 1:7-10**

- He will be glorified in His saints. He will exclude the wicked from His presence.

# CLOTHED WITH IMMORTALITY

**"For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." (1 Corinthians 15:53)**

The resurrection of Jesus is the guarantee of our resurrection (1Co. 15:21-23). We will be resurrected at His Second Coming.

According to 1 Corinthians 15:52 and 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, not all the believers will die and be resurrected, but all will be clothed with immortality.



**We will ascend together to meet Jesus in the air**



**Those who are still alive will be transformed**



**Those who died in Christ will be resurrected with an incorruptible body**

**“But all arise with the freshness and vigor of eternal youth. In the beginning, man was created in the likeness of God, not only in character, but in form and feature. Sin defaced and almost obliterated the divine image; but Christ came to restore that which had been lost. He will change our vile bodies and fashion them like unto His glorious body [...] All blemishes and deformities are left in the grave [...]**

**The living righteous are changed ‘in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.’ At the voice of God they were glorified; now they are made immortal and with the risen saints are caught up to meet their Lord in the air. Angels ‘gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.’ Little children are borne by holy angels to their mothers’ arms. Friends long separated by death are united, nevermore to part, and with songs of gladness ascend together to the City of God.”**

**“The message for this time is positive, simple, and of the deepest importance. We must act like men and women who believe it. Waiting, watching, working, praying, warning the world—this is our work.**

**My brethren, the Lord is speaking to us. Shall we not heed His call? Shall we not trim our lamps, and act like men who look for their Lord to come?”**