

Jesus Christ is Coming Again
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Revelation 1:7-11

After the cry of praise in verses 5 through 6, John speaks again. He wants us to understand that these things are to be kept before the eyes of the mind.

Verse 7 – Behold, He is coming. This statement delivers a command for us right now and it also applies to those who will see His Second Coming.

Verse 7 is also an opening description of the return of Jesus. It is not dealing with the rapture of the Church, but Christ's Second Coming. The rapture refers to the taking away of His church from the Earth while the purpose of the Second Coming is to take back the Earth for Himself.

- The Rapture of the Church

This event takes us into the joy and excitement of a wedding and a reception in heaven.

- The Second Coming

This event brings judgment, the establishment of righteousness, and the thousand-year earthly reign of Jesus Christ

These two events happen at least seven years apart. Question: Which one would you rather be part of? Please take a look at **Psalm 2:8-12**.

Again, verse 7 says He is coming with clouds and every eye will see Him.

- He is coming with clouds.

Is the word “clouds” used in a symbolic sense?

Is it meant to represent a great host of witnesses, angels, or clouds?

Please read **Hebrews 12:1**, **Matthew 25:31**, and **Acts 1:9-11**

Answer: It means what it says and it says what it means.

- In **Revelation 19:11**, we find that He is riding on a white horse. In fact, we read about several horses in this book. Are those horses coming on clouds? I don't have the answer to that. When the People of God return with Him, we'll simply enjoy the ride!
- **Daniel 7:13** - a prophetic vision of Christ's return seen long before the New Testament's record of Christ entering Earth
- Here is another point about His return:

Luke 21:27 - Notice it says "they" shall see (not us, but "they").

We will have already been with our Lord. **1 Thessalonians 5:9**

Behold, He is coming!

Revelation 19:11-16

- 1) He judges upon His return. **Joel 3:12-13**
- 2) Let's talk about the many crowns, Christ's position, and Christ's glory.

On the cross, Jesus had a crown of thorns placed upon His head, which represented the curse that was placed upon the ground in the Garden of Eden. But now on His head are crowns of honor.

Check this out ...

Galatians 3:13 says He became a curse for us and felt those thorns for us so that we might be redeemed. **Isaiah 53:4-5**

Then He gave us crowns of righteousness, which we will gladly lay at His feet. That's our Lord, the one Who has so much and gives so much to us. Notice Jesus does not give us crowns of thorns.

Revelation 4:9-11 - This should be our response to Him because He spared us from judgment.

Christ has not gone to heaven to stay there, He has gone there for the Church's benefit; and for the Church's benefit He will return again.
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3) **Revelation 1:7** - And every eye will see Him.

- His coming will be a universal event: The miraculous apocalypse (unveiling) of Jesus Christ to the entire world.

Not solely an unveiling for those who are looking for Him.

Not just an apocalypse for a selected few who await Him.

On the contrary: every single human being on Earth will see Jesus coming.

Every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him.

Just a couple of things here ...

- 1) "Even those who pierced Him" is not just a reference to the Roman soldiers involved in the crucifixion. **Acts 2:22-23**
- 2) It's a reference to the Jewish nation of Israel for their genuine repentance. **Zechariah 12:9-11**
- 3) Concerning the nation of Israel ...
 - When Jesus reveals Himself to His own people, the Jews, it will not be in anger. By that time, the Jewish nation will have turned to Jesus, trusting in Him as their Messiah. See **Matthew 23:38-39** and **Romans 11:25-26**.
 - "All of the tribes of the Earth" is a reference to the judgment of the Gentiles before they enter into the millennial age. **Matthew 24:30; 25:31-46**

Notice there are two groups of people:

- One group helps its brethren.
- The other group has an indifferent attitude toward Jesus and his brethren.

Matthew 25:32 – The first group is called righteous. Notice **Galatians 3:5-9**.

Matthew 25:44-45 – The second group is indifferent toward Jesus and his brethren.

Their indifference seals their doom:

- We cannot afford to be indifferent toward Jesus and His return.
- We cannot afford to be indifferent toward the Holy Spirit Who makes us ready for the return of Jesus.
- We cannot afford to be indifferent toward the resources that God gives us.
- We cannot afford to be indifferent toward the needy people all around us.
- We cannot afford to be indifferent toward lost humanity that will stand in judgment.

Notice that the end of verse 7 should go along with the beginning of verse 8 because it is spoken by God Himself. It should read, “Yes, it is true, I am the Alpha and Omega.”

Verse 8 - I am the Alpha and the Omega.

- 1) Alpha - The first letter in the Greek alphabet.
- 2) Omega - the last letter in the Greek alphabet. The A to Z; the beginning and the end.

- 3) Jesus is the beginning and the end, which means He has authority over the start, the conclusion, and everything in between. He directs the path of human events toward His designed fulfillment.
- How many of you remember when God was big in your life?
 - How many of you remember when God was important in your life?
 - And how many of you remember when God WAS your life?
- 4) “The Almighty” is the Greek word *pan-to-krater*, which means the One who has His hand on everything. Jesus is over everything - past, present, and future. He was, He is, and He is to come.
- “Is” means He is here right now.
 - “Was” means He was there back then.
 - “Is to come” means He will be there in the future.

In verse 9, John says he is our fellow partaker in:

- Tribulation
- The Kingdom
- Perseverance
- The Word of God

Four characteristics that John and his believing readers share:

- 1) Persecution for their faith. **1 Peter 4:12-13**
- 2) Membership in the redeemed community in which Jesus is Lord and King. **Romans 8:18**
- 3) Eager anticipation of the glory of His coming millennial reign on Earth. **Romans 8:19**
- 4) Endurance and perseverance in spite of difficult times. **1 Peter 4:19**

Suffering hurts, but suffering with meaning can help.

Revelation 1:10-11 – “In the spirit ...”

John Walvoord defines “in the spirit” like this: Carried beyond normal sense into a state where God could reveal supernaturally the content of this book.

The Lord’s day (Sunday) is referenced.

John is told to write in a book what he sees ...

In **Daniel 8:26** and **Daniel 12:4, 9** he is told to seal up the book until the end times. John is told to write and send his words to the seven churches. Why is that? **Revelation 22:10-11**

He was told to write to the seven churches so they could get the word out that Christ is returning, and so that they could learn what was expected of them. It’s the same for you and I, we need to get the word out and do what is expected of us.

While Jesus was here, He said that He was the light of the world. Before He left, He said that WE were the light of the world.

The first time He came to deal with sin through the sacrifice of Himself; the second time He will come with judgment.

We must live either in verse five and six, freed by his blood; or in verse seven, under His coming judgment. Every member of the human race is either living in the sunshine of the first of these phrases or under the shadow of the other. If you will not let Him deal with you in love, He will come to you as your Judge.

Luke 21:34-36