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"The Return of the King"

MATTHEW 24:29-35



When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

I Corinthians 15:54



Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.





¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,





KEY POINT:

Jesus will <u>return</u>, and when He does, it will be <u>unforgettable</u>.



I. The Second Coming (vs. 29-31)



He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind;





All the host of heaven shall rot away, and the skies roll up like a scroll. All their host shall fall, as leaves fall from the vine, like leaves falling from the fig tree.





"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.





The earth quakes before them; the heavens tremble. The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining.





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For thus says the LORD of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land.





²⁵ "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken.²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Luke 21:25-27

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

II Peter 3:10



¹² When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, ¹³ and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale.

Revelation 6:12-13

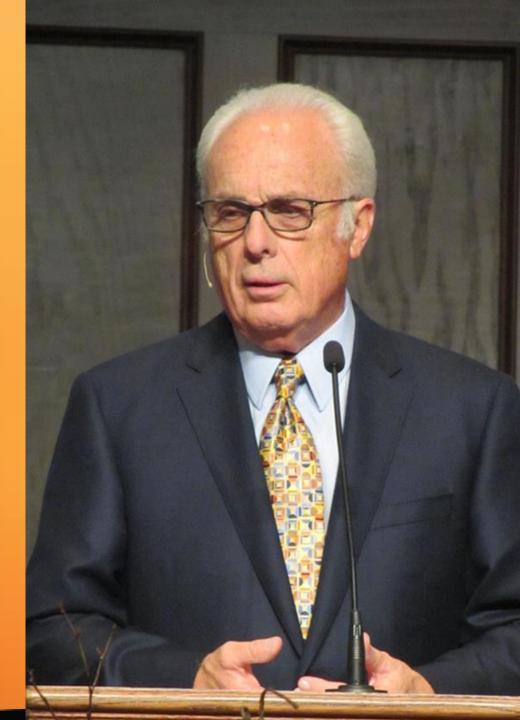


"But no human being has yet seen the full unveiled glory of God in Christ, and no one will ever see it until Jesus appears at His second coming and all mankind sees Him at once. At that time no one will have to ask who He is,... John MacArthur,

Commentary on Matthew

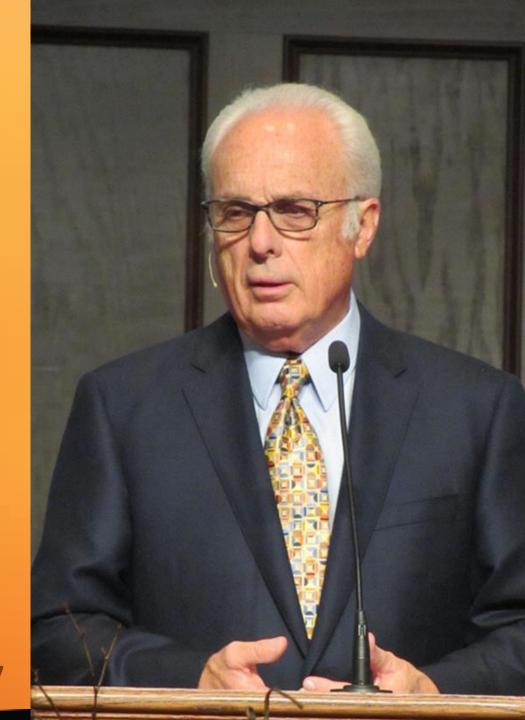


"...for He will be perfectly recognized by every human being on earth. There will be no mistaking His identity then as there was when He came in His incarnation. All mankind will see the Son of Man in His full glory and... John MacArthur, **Commentary on Matthew**



"...immediately recognize Him as God-though all will not honor Him as God."

John MacArthur, Commentary on Matthew



| The First Coming (Birth) of Jesus | The Second Coming of Jesus |
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| Remote and humble Bethlehem | Global display |
| Witnessed by Mary and Joseph and later by a few others | Witnessed by the world |
| Hostility from King Herod | Sets up His millennial kingdom |

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"...

Isaiah 6:1-4

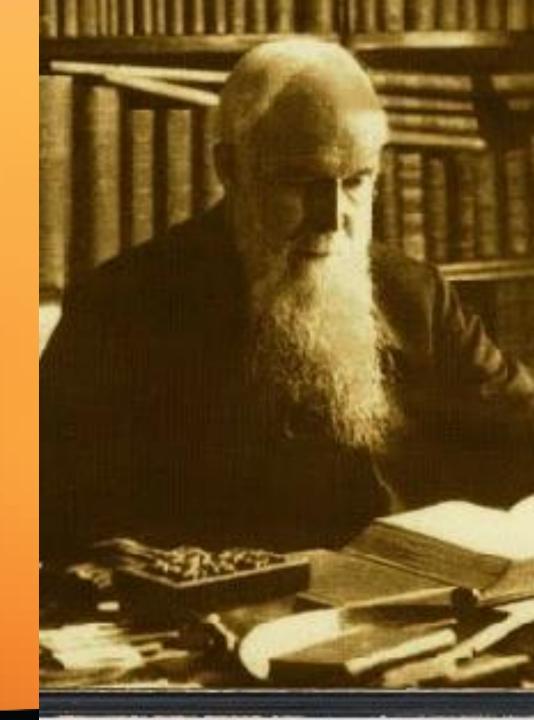
...⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.





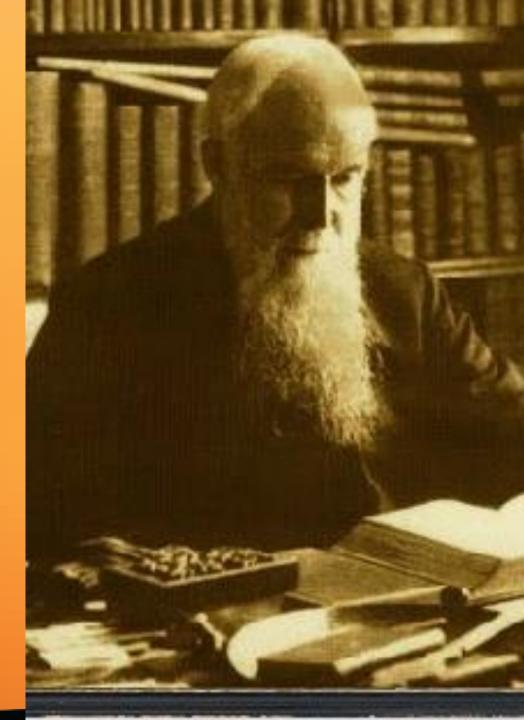
"When Christ returns in glory and the judgment begins, true **Christians will be perfectly** safe. Not a hair of their heads will fall to the ground: not one bone of Christ's mystical body will be broken. There was an ark for Noah at... J.C. Ryle,

Matthew Commentary



"...the time of the flood; there was a Zoar for Lot, when Sodom was destroyed; there will be a hiding place for all believers in Jesus, when the wrath of God at last bursts on this wicked world."

J.C. Ryle, Matthew Commentary



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I. The Second Coming (vs. 29-31)

II. The Certainty of the Second Coming (vs. 32-35)





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⁶ A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass.⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:6-8



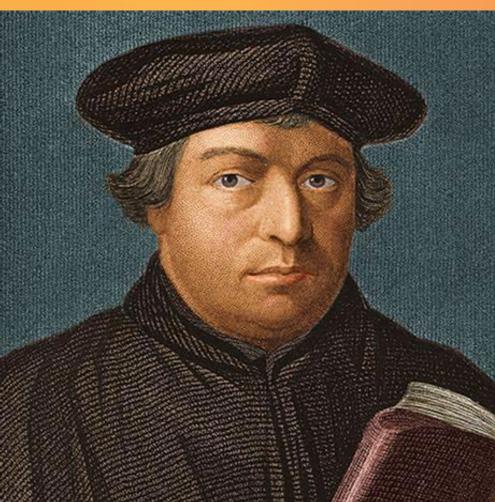
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"All creation shall be astir; heaven and earth shall creak as an old house that is one the very verge of falling and crashing down. In every respect creation shall act as though it senses that the world will soon end...and that the day of its dissolution is standing at the door."

Martin Luther



"For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord."

I Thessalonians 4:16-17



1. When Jesus returns, we will be with Him.

2. When Jesus returns, we will be transformed into people without sin.

Two Promises to Make

