

# Unexpected Return

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*“Let us be alert to the season in which we are living. It is the season of the Blessed Hope, calling for us to cut our ties with the world and build ourselves on this One who will soon appear. He is our hope—a Blessed Hope enabling us to rise above our times and fix our gaze upon Him.”*

— A.W. Tozer

## 1. No One Knows the Day or Hour Jesus will Return

“You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected.”

**Luke 12:40 NLT**

## 2. There will be Signs, Increasing in Intensity, as His Return Draws Closer

<sup>25</sup> “And there will be strange signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And here on earth the nations will be in turmoil, perplexed by the roaring seas and strange tides. <sup>26</sup> People will be terrified at what they see coming upon the earth, for the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> So when all these things begin to happen, stand and look up, for your salvation is near!”

**Luke 21:25-28 NLT**

## 3. Stay Awake and Stay Ready

<sup>36</sup> Keep alert at all times...

**Luke 21:36 NLT**

## 4. It will be a Day Like Any Other

**Luke 17:26-36**

## 5. Jesus will Repay Everyone for What They Have Done

<sup>12</sup> “Look, I am coming soon, bringing my reward with me to repay all people according to their deeds.

**Revelation 22:12 NLT**

6. Not Everyone Who Expects to Make it to Heaven Will

<sup>21</sup> “Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. <sup>22</sup> On judgment day many will say to me, ‘Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.’ <sup>23</sup> But I will reply, ‘I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God’s laws.’ **Matthew 7:21-23 NLT**

7. There Will be Great Persecution, and Many Will Fall Away

<sup>9</sup> “Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are my followers. <sup>10</sup> And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other. <sup>11</sup> And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people. <sup>12</sup> Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold. <sup>13</sup> But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>14</sup> And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.  
**Matthew 24:9-14 NLT**

8. Be on Guard and Keep Awake

- a. The Homeowner and the Thief (Matthew 24:42-44)
- b. The Good and the Wicked Servants (Matthew 24:45-51)
- c. The 10 Virgins (Matthew 25:1-13)
- d. The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

At the Rapture, Jesus will return for His saints.

At the Second Coming, He will return with His saints.

At the Rapture, Jesus will not descend to earth.

At the Second Coming, He will descend to the Mount of Olives as a prelude to His earthly reign.

At the Rapture, Jesus will bring a blessing for His saints.

At the Second Coming, He will bring judgment for those who have rejected Him.

The Rapture could occur at any moment.

The Second Coming will occur seven years later.

David Jeremiah

<sup>7</sup> “The end and culmination of all things is near. Therefore, be sound-minded and self-controlled for the purpose of prayer [staying balanced and focused on the things of God so that your communication will be clear, reasonable, specific and pleasing to Him.] <sup>8</sup> Above all, have fervent and unfailing love for one another, because love

covers a multitude of sins [it overlooks unkindness and unselfishly seeks the best for others].

**1 Peter 4:7-8 AMP**

9. Be Serving and Full of Faith When He Comes

<sup>8</sup> “When the Son of Man returns will He find faith on the earth”.

**Luke 18:8 NLT**

10. Jesus said “I Am Coming Soon”

<sup>15</sup> “Look, I will come as unexpectedly as a thief! Blessed are all who are watching for me, who keep their clothing ready so they will not have to walk around naked and ashamed.”

**Revelation 16:15 NLT**

<sup>7</sup> “Look, I am coming soon! Blessed are those who obey the words of prophecy written in this book.”

**Revelation 22:7 NLT**

<sup>12</sup> “Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

**Revelation 22:12-13 NIV**

<sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

**Revelation 22:17 NIV**

<sup>20</sup> He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**Revelation 22:20 NIV**

*“When He returns is not as important as the fact that we are ready for Him when He does return.”*

— A.W. Tozer

