

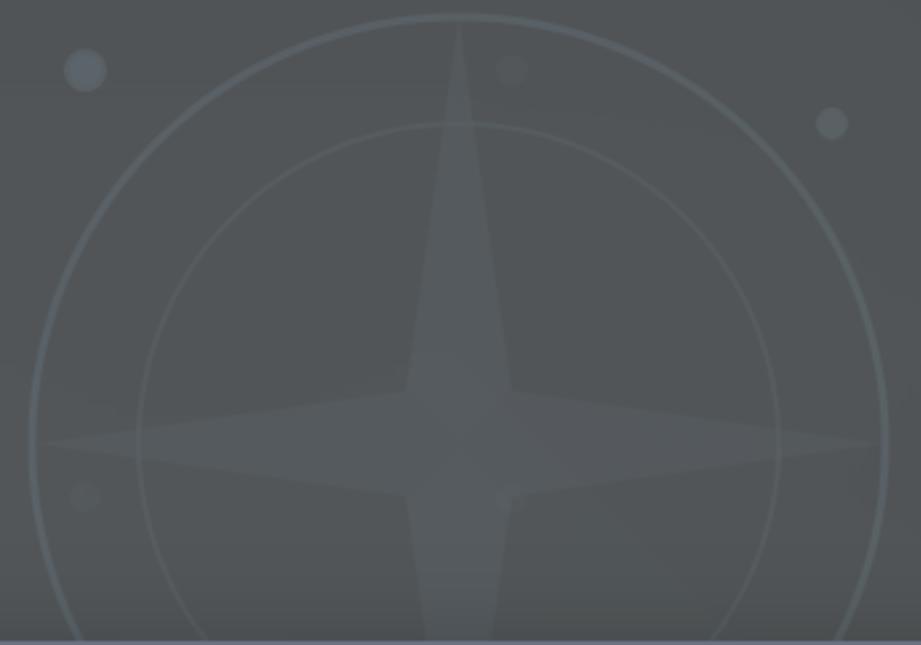
The Second Coming of Jesus

Hope, Promise, and Eternal Glory

Biblical Foundation

- ✓ Jesus promised: "I will come again and receive you" (John 14:3)
- ✓ Angels at His ascension: "This same Jesus will come back" (Acts 1:11)
- ✓ Referenced over 300 times in the New Testament alone
- ✓ Mentioned in every book except Galatians and Philemon
- ✓ The "blessed hope" that anchors and transforms our faith today

Signs Indicating His Near Return



- ✓ Wars, ethnic conflicts, and global unrest increasing (Matthew 24:6-7)
- ✓ Natural disasters rising: earthquakes, famines, floods, climate extremes
- ✓ Gospel reaching every nation through technology and missions (Matthew 24:14)
- ✓ Widespread apostasy and falling away from truth (2 Thessalonians 2:3)
- ✓ Israel restored as a nation (1948) and controlling Jerusalem (1967)
- ✓ Rise of global government systems and digital surveillance

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The Rapture: Christ for His Church

- ✓ Jesus descends from heaven with a commanding shout (1 Thessalonians 4:16)
- ✓ The righteous dead in Christ rise first with glorified bodies
- ✓ Living believers instantly transformed and caught up in clouds
- ✓ We meet the Lord in the air and remain forever
- ✓ Can happen at any moment - no prophesied events required

The Great Tribulation: Seven Years of Testing

- ✓ A seven-year period of unprecedented global judgment and testing
- ✓ The Antichrist rises to power, deceiving nations with false peace
- ✓ Three series of judgments: seals, trumpets, and bowls of God's wrath
- ✓ Two-thirds of Israel will perish, but the remnant will turn to Christ
- ✓ This period prepares the earth for Christ's physical reign and kingdom

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The Glorious Appearing: Christ with His Saints

- ✓ Jesus returns visibly to earth with His glorified saints and angels
- ✓ Every eye will see Him - a public, unmistakable, global appearance
- ✓ Defeats the Antichrist and false prophet at Armageddon
- ✓ Satan bound in the abyss for 1,000 years, unable to deceive nations
- ✓ Jesus establishes His millennial kingdom with Jerusalem as the world capital

How Then Should We Live Today?



- ✓ Maintain an eternal perspective - set your mind on things above (Colossians 3:2)
- ✓ Share the gospel with urgency - time is short and souls hang in the balance
- ✓ Pursue holiness and purity, knowing we'll give account for our lives
- ✓ Watch and pray, staying spiritually alert and not caught off guard
- ✓ Encourage one another daily with the hope of His return (1 Thessalonians 4:18)

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