

I WILL RETURN (John 14:3)

Many believers have been confused about the return of Jesus Christ. The confusion is because the scriptures teach two separate returns of Christ: (A) The Rapture of the saints, (B) The Second coming of Christ to earth to set up His Kingdom.

I Corinthians 2:13; II Timothy 2:15 If we obey scripture and study and compare scripture with scripture we can identify and separate these two events and understand what God is teaching us.

I Thessalonians 4:14-17; I Corinthians 15:51-54 In these two verses we can plainly see the Rapture, or the catching away of the believers to meet the Lord in the air.

Zechariah 14:1-9; Revelation 19:11-21 These two verses clearly show a different type of return by Jesus to the earth and in a different period of time. Let's compare the two separate returns of Christ.

LOCATION OF BELIEVES

I Thess. 4; I Cor. 15 These verses show that all Christians are taken up to meet Christ in the air.

Rev. 17:4; 19:11-19 These verses clearly show Christians coming down with Christ to the earth.

WHO RETURNS WITH HIM?

I Thess. 4; I Cor. 15 These verses indicate that Jesus comes for His saints by Himself in the air.

Jude 14 Along with the verses in Revelation 17 and 19, Jude shows Jesus coming back with saints.

THE PURPOSE FOR HIS RETURN

I Thess. 1:10; 5:9-11; Rm.5:9 Several scriptures in the bible indicate part of our salvation is the truth that Jesus will keep us from His wrath and the tribulation that is to come on the entire earth.

Jude 15; Rev. 19:11 In these verses along with others, Jesus comes back to bring wrath and for war.

THE SUBJECTS OF HIS RETURN

Matt. 25:1-13 Along with the obvious subjects in I Cor. 15 and I Thess. 4 this parable of the virgins shows that those virgins that were wise and prepared, full of 'oil' waiting for the bridegroom were taken while the foolish virgins were left behind. These verses show the Rapture of the saints.

Matt. 13:24-30; 24:37-39 The subjects of these two parables are unbelievers 'as in the days of Noah'. At the Second Coming of Christ He will destroy those that are foolish, unbelieving, and mocking Him.

WHO WILL SEE HIS RETURN?

I Cor. 15; I Thess. 4 These verses indicate that the Rapture happens so fast that no one sees Him.

Matt. 24:27, 30; Rev. 1:7 At the Second Coming of Christ every eye on earth will see Him come.

WHEN WILL HE RETURN?

Acts 1:6-7; Rev. 3:3 These verses indicate the time of the Rapture is imminent but unknown.

II Thess. 2; Daniel 9:12; Rev.12:6, 14; 13:5 We can know the approximate time of the Second Coming by studying the prophecies from Daniel and other O.T. verses as well as N.T. passages.

