

Title: The King is Coming

Text: *“Surely, I am coming soon.’ Amen, Come, Lord Jesus!”* (Rev. 22:20) **Target:** What is unknown is the day of the return of Christ, but what is known is that Christ is coming again. Are you ready?

I. His Return Was Clearly Stated: *“I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”* (John 14:3) *300 references of the return of Christ in the N.T.

A. Visible: *“Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him,”* (Rev. 1:7)

1. Rapture: Only Christians (1 Thess. 4:13-18)

a) Pre-Trib: Rapture before the 7 Year Tribulation (1 Thess. 1:10, 5:9, Rev. 3:10)

b) Two-Part Event: Rapture, Tribulation, Second Coming, Millennium (Satan Bound), release of Satan, Battle of Armageddon, New Heaven and Earth

c) Mid & Post Trib: (Dan. 9:27, Matthew 24:29-31) *Rapture Mid or Post

2. Second Coming: Whole World (Acts 1:11)

- **Amillennial:** Post Tribulation, Living in the Millennial Reign now; Second Coming of Christ leads to the Battle of Armageddon (Rev. 20)

B. Purposeful: *“For the Son of man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.”* (Matthew 16:27-28)

1. Retribution: Judgment and Righteousness (Rev. 19:11-16)

2. Reconciliation: Gather the Saints (Matthew 25:31-32)

Question: Jesus promised to return—how does that truth affect the way you live day to day (career, family, priorities)?

Cross-ref: 1 Thess. 4:13-18, Titus 2:13

Question: If Christ’s return is visible to all, what areas of your life would you want to be “ready” for Him to see? What does readiness look like practically?

Cross-ref: Revelation 1:7, Matthew 24:44

II. His Return Date is a Secret: *“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”* (Mark 13:32)

A. Jesus Doesn’t Know(?): *“It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.”* (Acts 1:7) *Limited only on earth

B. Angels Don’t Know: *“Not even the angels in heaven,”* (Matthew 24:36)

C. People Don’t Know: *“Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.”* (1 Thess. 5:1-2)

1. Prevents Idleness: (1 Thess. 5:6)

2. Promotes Readiness: (Titus 2:11-13)

Question: Why do you think God chose not to tell us the exact time of Jesus' return? How does that uncertainty test or grow your faith?

Cross-ref: Acts 1:7, 1 Thess. 5:1-2

Question: What does it mean for you personally to live in "readiness" rather than fear of the unknown? How can believers avoid idleness while waiting?

Cross-ref: 1 Thess. 5:6, Titus 2:11-13

III. His Return is Predicted by Signs: *"Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?" (Mark 13:4) A.*

Aligning Global Systems: World Control

1. **Government:** One World Government (Daniel 7, Rev. 13:7)
2. **Economy:** Buying and Selling Power, one world currency (Rev. 13:16-17)
3. **Biometrics:** Creating forms of identification requirements for accessibility and purchasing. *Mark of the Beast (Rev. 13:16-18)

B. Creation and Cultural Groanings: Birth Pains

1. **Geopolitical Upheaval & War:** (Matthew 24:6-7)
2. **Plagues, Famines, Earthquakes:** (Matthew 24:7, Rev. 6)
3. **Apostasy & Moral Collapse:** (2 Timothy 3:1-5, 4:3-4)
4. **Persecution of the Gospel:** (Matthew 24:14)

C. Israel and Temple Prophecy: Eyes on the Middle East

1. **Israel Becomes a Nation:** May 14, 1948 (Ezekiel 36-37, Isaiah 66:8)
2. **Gathering of the Jewish Nation:** (Isaiah 11:12, Jeremiah 23:3,8)
3. **Rebuilt Temple:** Third Temple would be rebuilt (2 Thess. 2:3-4, Matthew 24:14, Rev. 11:1-2) *Red Heifer (Numbers 19:9)
4. **Gog and Magog:** Coalition of Nations against Israel primarily, Russia, China, and Middle Eastern Nations (Ezekiel 38-39)

D. The Antichrist Figure: Satan's Counterfeit Christ

1. His Character:

- a) **Lawless:** Rejects all moral authority (2 Thess. 2:3)
- b) **Demands Worship:** Exalts himself above all gods (Rev. 13:5-6)

2. His Leadership:

- a) **Strategic and Deceptive:** Gains control in areas of military, economy, and world peace (Daniel 7-8)
- b) **Performs Counterfeit Miracles:** (2 Thess. 2:9-10, Rev. 13:13-14)
- c) **Sets Himself to be worshiped in the Temple:** (Rev. 13:5)

Question: When you see global unrest, moral decline, or natural disasters, does it lead you to fear, apathy, or faith? How can believers interpret these signs with hope rather than panic?

Cross-ref: Matthew 24:6-8, 2 Timothy 3:1-5

Question: The Bible calls us to "lift up our heads" when we see these things happening (Luke 21:28). What does it mean for you to live with spiritual

awareness in today's culture?

Cross-ref: Ezekiel 38-39, Revelation 13:16-17

IV. His Return Forever Defeats Satan: *"And the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."* (Rev. 20:10)

A. The Breath of God: *"And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming."* (2 Thess. 2:8)

B. The Judgment of God:

1. Judgment Seat of Christ: *"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil."* (2 Cor. 5:10)

2. Great White Throne: *"Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them."* (Rev. 20:11)

Question: How does knowing that Christ will ultimately defeat Satan change the way you handle temptation, injustice, or evil in the world today?

Cross-ref: 2 Thess. 2:8, 1 John 4:4

Question: The Judgment Seat of Christ reminds us that our works matter. What would you want your "eternal legacy" to reflect when you stand before Him?

Cross-ref: 2 Corinthians 5:10, Revelation 20:11-15

Takeaway: Ready or Not, Here I come!

Reflection Challenge:

Spend time this week asking God, *"Am I living ready?"*

- What would change if you knew Christ was returning tomorrow?
- What would you keep doing faithfully if you knew He might delay another generation?