

The Second Coming of Jesus Christ

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Vic: Today we are going to talk about a very important subject called the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus and we're going to be looking at Acts 1:11 and Revelation 22 and Matthew 24 about this wonderful event that is to come.

We are going to be talking about the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus and this is really, truly and amazing topic because even among Christians there are still individuals that are still confused about the Rapture and the Second coming and who it pertains, when it's going to happen and I wanted us to look there in Act 1:11 could you read that verse for us?

Nathan: Acts 1:11, it reads, "Who also said men of Galilee why do you stand gazing up into Heaven this same Jesus who was taken up from into Heaven will come in like manner as you saw Him go into Heaven."

Vic: Amen, thank you so much and Nathan of course as we start just to clarify some confusion can you talk to us briefly about the Rapture, and then can you talk to us a little bit about the Second Coming? Would you clarify some of these matters?

Nathan: Well, the Second Coming of Jesus Christ is the most talked about prophetic subject in the entire Bible; that Jesus is coming back to set up His Kingdom to rule and reign on this earth is the number one topic in the Bible. And it's all part of the redemption of us and God's plan for returning humanity back to God. And so actually in the Old Testament 500 verses talk about Jesus' Second Coming and one in every 25 verse in the New Testament talk about Jesus' Second Coming. So, God wants us to know that Jesus is coming back. Matter of fact you can go down to the last thing that is even in the Bible Revelation 22:20 Jesus said, "Surely, I am coming quickly." So we know that Jesus is returning. Now it seems like it's been 2,000 years and for humans that is no quickly whatsoever. But for God 1,000 years is like a day to Him. So if it been two days for God it is quickly for Him.

Vic: We need to be patient.

Nathan: Yeah, but that can also be interpreted that when Jesus returns, bang He's coming quickly just like a surprise. Now His Second Coming, His return is actually a return in two

stages. The first state is called the Rapture or the Rapture of the Church which you can find in 1 Thessalonians 4, and 1 Corinthians 15. And that is about how Jesus will come to the clouds, He doesn't come to the earth He stops in the clouds and He calls up those who have accepted Him as Savior. All those who have accepted Him, you and me Pastor Vic, those listening in who have asked Jesus to be their Savior will be raptured up, will be taken up into Heaven to be with the Lord forever. Then seven years on this earth without the restraining influence of the Holy Spirit through the Church literally all hell breaks loose, every evil desire of man, it will be like the Days of Noah Jesus said in Matthew 24 that it will be that evil again. And God will judge the earth with 21 judgments upon the earth to bring people to their knees to accept Jesus as Savior but many people will not and the whole world will gather against the Christians of that time the people who get saved they will all be called Tribulation Saints and against the Jews. And by the time we get to the very end of those seven years of Tribulation all the nations of the world are gathered against the Jews in Jerusalem to destroy all the Jews and that's where we get the Second Coming.

Vic: Wow, I mean that is amazing Nathan. Of course there is hope for us, for the Church of Jesus Christ, for the believers in Christ and this is why we want to encourage anyone who is turned into the program, you know there is hope the hope for the future is found in our relationship with the Lord and these things are going to come to pass. But as Nathan is encouraging us now is the time to prepare ourselves and one of the best preparations is through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Nathan thank you so much because there are also individuals out there that are not too familiar with the Rapture of the Church and also how all these events are going to line up. Nathan continue please.

Nathan: Well Jesus explains it when you talk about hope, I mean it sounds like a scary thing the return of Jesus Christ, the return of the King. If you've seen any of the *Lord of the Rings* movies you know Aragorn at the very end he comes back to sit in the throne that has been empty for like a 1,000 years and he is the return of the king to that middle earth that story line. But the King of the Universe Jesus Christ is coming to set up His kingdom on earth and we can read about that in Matthew 24, there are parallel passages in Luke 21 and Mark 13 but let me read Luke 21:25-28 because it is interesting about the Day of the Lords return and it's this, "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars, and on the earth distress of nations with perplexity the seas and the waves roaring." In other words we are talking about the seven year Tribulation where the earth is going to be devastated and half the population of the planet 3 ½ billion people will be dead just in the first year. Horrible, horrible things coming to the earth. Verse 26, "Men's heart failing them from fear and the expectation of those things that are

coming on the earth for the powers of the heavens will be shaken." So these people during that time period it will be the worst in human history and they will be terrified. And at the very end verse 27, "Then they will see the Son of Man," that's Jesus Christ, "coming in the clouds with power and great glory. And now when these things happen look up, lift up your heads because your redemption draws near." In other words, your salvation, your rescue. When Jesus returns He rescues His people on this planet and He defeats evil. So that is a time of terrible dread of people fearing the Lord's return those who have rejected Jesus know that He is returning as a judge to judge the earth. But for those who have accepted him as Savior He is coming as a King and Rescuer to rescue people from the evil that will be on this earth.

Vic: That's an amazing passage Nathan and also I love it there because it talks about how Jesus is coming with His angels and a great sound of a trumpet like you mentioned in verse 21, they will gather together the elect from the four winds from the earth and of Heaven to the other. And it's just going to be an incredible event, this is something like you said some people their hearts are going to fail and it's just going to be something incredible. We know that of course we are not going to be here right Nathan, the Church.

Nathan: No, matter of fact the Church will be Heaven. If you go to Revelation 19 it explains the preparation of Jesus and the Saints, us, being prepared to come back with Jesus as He comes back to defeat Satan, his antichrist, his false prophet, the evil armies of the world that are attacking His people and to defeat them and set up His kingdom. And I just love Revelation 19, it's amazing because we get a view of Jesus Christ that we didn't get in earlier in the New Testament. You know we saw Jesus as a suffering servant who wandered around He was poor he never had anything and He died on a Cross for our sins. There was great suffering, great sorrow, like a peasant basically. But when you read Revelation 19 you see a whole new version of Jesus, the glorified Jesus Christ and it starts in verse 11, "Now I saw Heaven open and behold a white horse and he who sat on him was called Faithful and True and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood," likely His blood. "And His name is called the Word of God and the armies in heaven," that's us Vic, you and me, those who were raptured off this earth, "we are clothed in fine linen white and clean and we follow Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He will strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe, and on His thigh a name written King of Kings and Lord of Lords."

Vic: Hallelujah.

Nathan: That is the return of Jesus. I know isn't it amazing. I mean we're talking about the King returning, again referring back to the *Lord of the Rings* movies you know Aragorn made an impressive return back to being king but that's nothing, compared to Jesus Christ opening up the heavens, coming with all His Saints and all His Angels following and He comes down to defeat the Antichrist and the False Prophet which we can read in Revelation 19:19, "I saw the beast," that's Satan, "the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against him who sat on the horse and against His army." So Satan tries to lead a human army against Jesus upon His return. "Then the beast was captured and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshipped his image. These two were cast alive into the Lake of Fire burning with brimstone and the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse and all the birds were filled with their flesh." So man when Jesus returns He doesn't even need us or His angels to be fighting that army. Jesus Himself with just His words makes the enemy fall apart. He defeats Satan, He throws Him into a pit for 1,000 years he sends the Antichrist and the False Prophet to Hell and He sets up His kingdom here on this earth.

Vic: That is amazing. And you know Nathan that is why of course whoever doesn't know how to ride horse they need to prepare right?

Nathan: I was hoping for something cool like a muscle car or something. And they must be some sort of angelic horses because obviously we are coming down from Heaven so I don't know if they are going to be on the ground or flying, or what? Maybe they're angels because angels have different shapes, they're not all curly, blond haired guys with big wings. The Bible explains many different types of angels, so I don't know but yeah we are going to be wearing white robes which stands for the righteous acts and the purification Jesus gave us.

Vic: And you know Nathan I stole that comment from Don Perkins, remember he said at one of his conferences about learning to ride the white horses?

Nathan: Yeah, brother Don. He even has a drawing that someone tried to make about Jesus return and he'll point to this little guy in the back and say, "That's me Brother Perkins right there."

Vic: Nathan this is a wonderful passages I thank you for clarifying these events and how they are going to line up and take place because there is a lot of confusion. And even among

Christians Nathan some of them are freaking out because they confuse the Rapture with the Second Coming and they think they are going to go through the Tribulation but as you are saying to us these are separate events and the Church is not going to be affected by this.

Nathan: Not at all, not at all, believers in Christ now we have to suffer tribulations sufferings on this earth at the hands of man, at the hands of Satan you know nobody lives on this earth without some kind of suffering in their lives. The wrath of God is like the Flood it's different it's God's wrath upon this world and Jesus promised in many places that the wrath of God is never meant for His Children. So we will be as Jesus explains through Paul in 1 Thessalonians 4, and 1 Corinthians 15 that Jesus will return to take up His Saints those who have accepted Him as Savior up to Heaven to avoid that seven years of Tribulation that is coming upon the earth and then we come back with Jesus to watch Him defeat evil and set up His Kingdom.

Vic: That is amazing and you are right Nathan 1 Thessalonians 5:19 the Bible says, "God did not appoint us to wrath but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ." And that is the hope and that is why we are hoping that anyone who is tuned in to the program right now would know that this program is about offering you hope, the Lord Jesus is coming for those who place their trust in Him. But we believe right Nathan that the time is running out. Would you agree?

Nathan: The time is running out. The signs of the times point to the soon return of Jesus Christ. We have many articles on our website at lamblion.com just look up signs of the times or just signs and you can watch our shows and read our articles were we list out all the different signs that Jesus said would be coming. Matter of fact we were talking about Luke 21 a little earlier and Luke 21 gives you ten signs right there that show that we are really getting close to the Lords' return. And I recommend to anybody if they really want to understand the return of Jesus and it's a great Old Testament chapter, an entire chapter dedicated to the Second Coming is Zechariah 14 because there you can hear about the war, Jesus return, what the day will be like, the peace that Jesus institutes. And then with the Millennial Kingdom the 1,000 years reign of Jesus Christ on this earth and what that will be like.

Vic: Amazing and Nathan there are so many wonderful resources as a matter of fact I think you guys wrote an article on your website.

Nathan: Oh, yes we have quite a number of articles on the Second Coming as well as many articles on the Rapture and of course a number of TV shows on this subject as well. That is the purpose of Lamb & Lion Ministries our mission is to proclaim the soon return of Jesus Christ. We know that Jesus is coming soon and we are excited about it, we want to tell people about

and that's why this ministry exists. We believe the Lord Jesus is coming soon to Rapture His Church. We don't want anyone to have to live through the Tribulation so we want to share the Gospel with them so they are saved and they participate in the Rapture and get to return and see Jesus in all His glory come down and defeat evil, and set up His Kingdom.

Vic: That is amazing. That is why Nathan some people get the wrong impression of eschatology and end time and Bible prophecy and we want encourage people to see it's not all about bad news, it's really more so that we can live lives that are pure so that we can be ready, right Nathan?

Nathan: Oh, exactly. You know people get really hung up on the seven year Tribulation, the Mark of the Beast, who the Antichrist is, where is he going to rise from? You know all these different aspects of the Tribulation and certainly that is vital Bible prophecy to understand. But 31% of the Bible is God's prophetic Word and the biggest subject in the prophetic Word is the return of Jesus Christ to set up His Kingdom. Terrible times are coming but the Bible wants us to know that better times are coming after that. And then we have the eternal state so the terrors of this earth are really short. You know if you put up your fingers and make a tiny little line there that are the terrors of the world. But then spread your arms as far as they can that is eternity and that's the glory that we get to be with the Lord Jesus Christ. That's what Bible prophecy is about the excitement of Jesus' return to set up His Kingdom. And man it's a Kingdom of peace, and righteousness, and justice no more corruption, no government, no more people starving, no more people sick, just justice will rule and reign, there will be plenty again, there will be no wars anymore it will be a time that I am so looking forward to.

Vic: Praise the Lord. You know no more credit cards, no more high taxes, no.

Nathan: Right no more wallowing in debt, no more being slaves to that. There will be work of course in the Millennial Kingdom and the eternal state that is rewarding. We'll have our new glorified bodies. There will be peace until the very end that Jesus will release Satan at the very end of the Millennial Kingdom so those who reject Jesus during the Millennial Kingdom can team up with Satan against God for one last battle. Jesus throughout history it's like a farmer threshing the grain, He takes the good grain in and He burns up the weeds. And that's what all of human history is it's a crop, it's a season of crops and the Lord wants to spend eternity with people who love Him. That's what this 6,000 years of human history is the gathering of people who want to love Him so they choose to be with Him throughout eternity.

Vic: That is amazing and you know Nathan you mentioned that it's those who want to be with Him because God is a gentleman He doesn't push His way into anybody's life. Actually in Revelation 3 tells us that He is knocking at the door of the hearts of people. Nathan can you talk to that person that maybe is tuned into the program right now that doesn't have a relationship with God, how they may begin their relationship.

Nathan: Pastor Vic is so right Jesus said that He is on the door of our heart and He is knocking and He's waiting for us to let Him in. And what we do is we live under the wrath of God because we were born in sin, if you ever lied, if you ever cheated, you ever stolen you know that you are a sinner and that you face the judgment of God, the punishment of God He is the judge of the universe and we have to pay for those crimes. But Jesus Christ did not want us to die and face that punishment of Hell He died on our behalf so that our sins fell upon Him and when we accept Him in faith as our Savior and as our Lord then those sins are forgiven the punishment is exonerated and we can stand before God pure and holy. And that's what Jesus wants for you. He wants for you to accept Him as Savior in your heart in your faith pray, "Oh, dear Jesus please forgive me of my sins and be my Savior." And Jesus promises to forgive you of your sins, to give you a new life, and give you that hope that Vic and I were talking about. That you can be saved, you can be raptured with the Church and spend eternity in Heaven with the Lord and see Him come back in His glory in the Second Coming.

Vic: Praise the Lord, thank you, Nathan. We are talking about the Second Coming.

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