



2030 Second Coming

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“This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.” Acts 1:11

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Chapter One

The Glorious Return of Jesus Christ

Yes, it is really going to happen. Not invisibly, not symbolically and not instantaneously. And if you are saved today, you will probably be here when it does. It won't be the end of the world but it will certainly be the end of history as we know it. It will forever, radically change every person on the planet and what they understand as reality. Every false religion, philosophy and ideology will be obliterated in a single day. Darwinism will cease to exist. Atheism will instantly disappear. Not one individual on earth will ever again have any doubt about who God really is.

It will be big. It will be awesome beyond description. It will be loud. It will be beautiful. It will be more than most people can bear. The strongest and bravest men will hide themselves in terror. Billions of people all over the planet will be screaming, weeping and trying to find a hole to crawl into.

But if you are a born-again believer, your experience will be completely different. It will be the best day of your life. You will see Jesus your Savior in all His glory coming on the clouds with His mighty angels in flaming fire. He has come back for you just as He

promised. Your body will be instantly transformed into a glorious, strong and indestructible one. You will see other believers come out of their graves in their new bodies. You will see them rise into the sky to meet the Lord. Then you will feel yourself rise into the air as well. The whole world will be watching. Everyone will see it. You will not be able to contain yourself. You will shout with joy like you have never shouted before.

Scriptural wealth of the Second Coming and Rapture

There is a rich bounty of Scripture which details all the events of our Lord's return and our gathering with Him in the air:

“And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.”
Matthew 24:30-31.

“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.” I Thessalonians 4:16-18.

“Behold He is coming with the clouds and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him.”
Revelation 1:7.

“I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man coming with the clouds of heaven! ...and the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom.” Daniel 7:13,22 (NKJV).

Even with all the wealth of clear Biblical statements like these, there is still more about the Second Coming and Rapture for us to discover in the prophetic pictures hidden the stories of the Hebrew and New Testament Scriptures. In these stories are unmistakable clues to not only to a better understanding of this event but even to the exact year it was prophesied to happen.

Chapter Two

Why Jesus Will Return in 2030

In the year 2030 Jesus will return on the clouds to resurrect the dead in Christ and rapture the Church and every eye shall see Him.

The prophetic pictures of the life of Jesus

The stories of the life of Jesus often had deeper prophetic meaning. The Lord painted pictures of future events with many of the things He did in the Gospels. Since the first century, clues to the mystery of the year of His return lie hidden in these stories and with the help of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, they can be understood.

The woman at the well

Jesus and His disciples stop at Jacob's well in Samaria. While the twelve go into the nearby town to buy food, a Samaritan woman comes to draw water. He asks her for a drink and says, **“If you knew the gift of God and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water.”** He then proceeds to discuss His living water with her. She acts incredulous until He tells her,

“Go call your husband here.” She says, **“I have no husband.”** He tells her, **“You have correctly said, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands and the one whom you have now is not your husband; this you said truly.”** She says, **“I know the Messiah is coming...”** He answers, **“I who speak to you am He.”** The Samaritan woman then drops her jar and goes into the town and tells her neighbors, **“Come see a man who told me all the things I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?”** After listening to the Lord themselves, many in the town also believe and invite Him to stay; **“...and He stayed there two days.”** John 4: 7-43.

This wonderful story has been a favorite of so many Christians down through the ages. It shows how Jesus personally engaged people from all walks of life and every ethnic group; even the outcasts of society. He took the time to sit down and minister to women as well as men; very unusual for a rabbi of His day. His disciples appear shocked and somewhat put out because He was not only talking to a woman alone, but a gentile woman, and incredibly, a Samaritan woman, and even more, a woman caught up in serious sin.

But to me the most amazing thing about this story is that He revealed things to this woman, this sinful, adulterous Gentile that had just met Him, that He hadn't even revealed to His disciples yet! He was explaining to her the deepest mysteries of God, including the baptism

of the Holy Spirit, which none of the Twelve would fully understand until years later on the day of Pentecost.

The words of Jesus took root in this woman's heart and she turned from her sins to faith in Him. In fact it was this Samaritan woman who evangelized the town and led her neighbors to Christ. The disciples had just come from there but did nothing but buy food. They were fruitless, while she bore fruit. Her eyes were opened while they remained blind. They were angry and jealous, while she helped bring others into the Kingdom of God.

He stayed two days with the woman at the well

The Lord's two day stay with the woman at the well may have little meaning for the casual reader but it is immensely important when the prophetic picture of this story is fully understood. The Samaritan woman is a prophetic type of the Church, whom Jesus offers the gift of living water that, **"...will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."** John 4:13. He is talking about the baptism of the Holy Spirit here; His gift to the Church and His gift to every born-again believer.

"After two days He went out from there..."

These two days are an important detail in the prophetic

picture that the Lord is painting here. Often the smallest details in the Scriptures can take us much deeper into understanding God's mysteries.

Peter's time scale for the Second Coming

The Apostle Peter's second letter provides us with a key which unlocks the deeper meaning of the two days that Jesus spent with the Samaritans of Sychar.

“Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts and saying, ‘Where is the promise of His coming?’...But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day.”

II Peter 3:3,8.

Peter answered the question of when the promise of Christ's coming will be fulfilled with a simple mathematical formula: one day = one thousand years. He repeats it forwards and backwards, suggesting that this is not just an approximation, but an exact number. With this key in hand we can unlock the prophetic picture the Lord painted with His two day stay in Samaria: the Church age will last for two thousand years after which He will “go forth.”

Using this prophetic type, we can identify the exact year of Christ's return. The Church age began in the year 30 AD after the ascension of the Lord and the

outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. 2030 is two thousand years after that, so we certainly can expect Christ to return in the year 2030.

No man will know the day or hour

Even though we can know the year, we don't want to make the mistake of believing that any man can know the day of His return.

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.” Matthew 24:36.

Even knowing the year, the return of the Lord will still be a sudden event without immediate warning. A wonderful but anticipated surprise for believers and a terrifying shock for those who have received the mark of the beast.

Chapter Three

Raising Lazarus After Two Days

On the surface, the Gospel of John has little to say about the return of Christ or the Last Days, but when the types and symbols in John are carefully studied, it proves to be one of the richest books in the New Testament for Second Coming prophetic revelation.

The story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead in John 11 is one of the most amazingly detailed prophetic pictures of the return of the Lord. It begins when the Jews of Jerusalem threaten to stone Him so He leaves the city and goes over to the east bank of the Jordan River. There word comes that His friend Lazarus is sick. The narrative then says, **“So when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two days longer in the place where He was.”**

After the two days, the Lord traveled up to Bethany where Lazarus’s sister, Martha came out to meet Him. Understanding His power to heal the sick she said, **“Lord if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”** But He has even greater power than this and tells her, **“I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.”**

Martha then went back to the house and called her sister Mary, **“...saying secretly, ‘The Teacher is here and is calling you.’ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and was coming to Him.”**

Martha and Mary then follow Jesus to the tomb where the body of Lazarus lay. The Lord cried out with a loud voice, **“Lazarus, come forth!”** and the dead man walked out the grave.

A complete picture of the Second Coming

We can read I Thessalonians 4 along with this story and see the exact parallels with the Rapture and Second Coming events.

“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first, then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.” I Thessalonians 4:16-18.

Martha came out to meet Jesus first. He tells her that He Himself is the resurrection. Martha is a type of the dead in Christ who rise first in the First Resurrection.

Then Mary came out to meet Him. When she heard that He was coming, **“...she got up quickly and was coming to Him.”** The Greek word “harpazo” (translated as rapture) means to snatch away quickly. John makes the point that Mary got up quickly, a graphic picture of the Church being snatched away with

Christ at His return. Mary is a type of the rapture of the Church.

Martha and Mary: the First Resurrection and the Rapture of the Church

First the dead in Christ are raised at His return just like the resurrection the Lord promised Mary, then the living believers will be caught up to meet them in the air, just like the way Mary got up quickly and went out to meet Him. But there is one more thing that the Lord will accomplish when He returns: the restoration of the nation of Israel.

“He brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones...Then He said to me, ‘Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel...Behold I will open your graves and cause you to come out of your graves, My people, and I will bring you into the land of Israel.’” Ezekiel 37:1-12.

“He will revive us after two days, He will raise us up on the third day, that we may live before Him.”
Hosea 6:2.

Lazarus: a prophetic type of the nation of Israel

And finally, Lazarus is raised from the dead. For two thousand years the Jews as a nation have been spiritually dead but when they see the Lord Jesus return on the clouds then all Israel will believe in Him as Messiah, Savior and Lord:

“Behold He is coming on the clouds and every eye will see Him, even those (*Israel*) who pierced Him.”
Revelation 1:7.

“I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced.” Zechariah 12:10.

“The sons of Israel will return and seek the Lord their God and David their King; and they will come trembling to the Lord and to His goodness in the Last Days.” Hosea 3:5

So there are three things the Lord will accomplish when He returns:

1. Raise the dead in Christ
2. Gather up the Church in the Rapture
3. Revive and restore Israel, the Jewish nation

Crossing the Jordan

There is one more important detail in this story that can be easily overlooked. Jesus is on the east side of the Jordan River when word is sent that Lazarus is sick. He must cross it to go over to Bethany. The Jordan has very important symbolism throughout the Bible. We see from the Hebrew Scriptures that whenever a Messianic type crossed the Jordan River, a picture of the Second Coming was being painted. Joshua as a type of Christ, crossed the Jordan to bring Israel into the Promised Land. David as a type of the Messiah crossed the

Jordan to restore his kingdom after the defeat of Absalom. And Jehu, a type of the Lion of Judah, crossed the Jordan River to execute judgment on the enemies of God.

The Jordan itself is a prophetic type of the Tribulation. It was a flooded barrier that Israel crossed by the miraculous hand of God, just as they did at the Red Sea.

Two days or two thousand years until He returns

But before crossing the Jordan River, Jesus deliberately stayed on the east bank two more days after hearing the news that Lazarus was sick. This two day delay has always been an enigma. It is a particular and exact number and numbers have very important symbolic meaning in the Bible. But with the picture of Christ's return graphically laid out for us in this story, together with Peter's time key, this has to be another prophecy that the Lord will return to raise the dead, rapture the Church and restore Israel after two thousand years.