

Jesus' Return

Key verses

- “...behold I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.” Rev.22:12
- “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.” Matt.25:31-32
- “...behold, one like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.” Dan.7:13-14 Also Dan.2:44; Mark 8:38,13:26
Acts 1:11; 1Thess.1:10; 2Thess.1:7-10; Rev.1:7, ch22:12

Jesus' return and God's Plan

- “And that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, Whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.” Acts 3:20-21

Jesus' **bodily return** to this earth is a very important part of God's future Plan of Glory. According to the Apostle Peter in the verses above, Jesus' return will be at the **same time as God's planned restoration** of this earth and in fulfilment of messages from God's holy prophets of the past (See verses above). This shows us how important it is to take heed of the messages of all the Old Testament prophets. There are many chapters of Scripture devoted to describing the wonderful changes that will take place on this earth after Jesus returns.

- **Psa.72; Isa.ch2, ch35, ch60-ch62; Zech.ch14**

Jesus as King on earth

- “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, that I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgement and righteousness in the earth. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; Now this is the name by which He will be called; **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**” Jer.23:5-6

- “So Jesus said to them, 'Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.’”
Matt.19:28

Jesus' future role as king on earth is taught from the Psalms, throughout the prophets, right through to the book of Revelation (Psa.2, ch110; Matt.25:31; Rev.19:11-16). Note the **promise quoted above, that Jesus made to His disciples** about their future authority here on earth, ruling over Israel when He returns. Can we afford to disregard a promise that Jesus has made?

We can share in God's Plan

- “Do you not know that the saints shall judge the world?” 1 Cor.6:2
- “Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.” Dan.7:27
- “And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.” Mark 13:27
- “Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.” Luke 21:36

The Bible describes true Christians as “saints” or “elect” (Acts 9:13; Phil.4:21-22; Mark 13:27). Both resurrected and presently living saints will be gathered to be with Jesus after He returns (Matt.24:31; 1Thess.4:13-18). These saints will then be glorified co-rulers, **peacekeeping with Jesus** over the nations in His future kingdom.

God's Glory in Jerusalem

- “At that time Jerusalem will be called the throne of the LORD and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem.” Jer.3:17
- “And the LORD will take possession of Judah as His inheritance in the Holy Land, and will again choose Jerusalem.” Zech.2:12
- “And they (the Jews) will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.” Luke 21:24
- “And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written; 'After this I will return and will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up; so that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD, even the Gentiles who are called by My name, says the LORD who does all these things.’”
Acts 15:16-17

Many times in the Bible we are told of the **restoration of Jerusalem** after Jesus returns. This city will become the new worldwide centre of worship and representatives from all nations will willingly go to worship at Jerusalem and receive guidance from the **King of Peace**.

See also Isa.ch2 and Zech. ch8.

Future names of Jerusalem

Jerusalem will be known by several descriptive names that **give Glory to God** after Jesus returns.

- “The City of Truth” Zech.8:3
- “The Mountain of the LORD of Hosts” Zech.8:3
- “The Holy Mountain” Zech.8:3
- “The LORD is There” Ezek.48:35
- “The LORD our Righteousness” Jer.33:16