

The Blessed Hope

Titus 2:13 & 1 John 3:3

John 14:2-3

(2) In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were not so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

(3) And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

Acts 1:9-11

(9) Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

(10) And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel,

(11) who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come **in like manner** as you saw Him go into heaven."

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

(51) Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—

(52) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

(16) For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

(17) Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds **to meet the Lord in the air**. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

(1) But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.

(2) For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

(3) For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

(4) But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

(5) You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

(6) Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be sober.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

(3) Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

(4) who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

Daniel 7, 9, 12

Matthew 24 – Jesus' teaching

Revelation 7 – Tribulation Saints

Revelation 13 – Anti-Christ

Revelation 20 – Thousand Years & Judgment

Revelation 21 – Final State of Believers

Questions To Be Answered:

- **When will the return of Jesus be in relationship to the Millennium?**
- **When will the return of Jesus be in relationship to the Great Tribulation?**

In Relationship to the Millennium (3 major categories)

- **Premillennialism**
- **Postmillennialism**
- **Amillennialism**

In Relationship to the “Great Tribulation” (3 major categories) (Only applies to Pre-mill)

- **Pretrib View**
- **Midtrib View**
- **Post-trib View**

What it comes down to in our interpretation:

How literally do we interpret the crucial portions of Scripture?

Are those passages really future prophecy?

Good Bible interpreters differ on their views of the Second Coming of Jesus, because they differ on how literally they interpret those crucial passages.

Dr. David Skinner, Former Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary:

“I would rather stand before the Lord someday and have Him say to me, ‘David, you took My Word too literally at times’ than to hear Him say, ‘You took liberties with My Word and tried to explain away the plain teaching that was there.’”