

Jesus Will Return - Believeest Thou?

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John 14:1-3, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 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. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Many people of today don't seem to believe that Jesus will return to this earth. Even some who say that they are believers live as they want to and don't appear to know, or care, what he said to do in this life. If a person believes in Jesus then he has to believe in what he said. He didn't say things just to be talking, he said the truth at all times. When he said he would return to take his church to heaven to be with him, get ready to go for he is coming back.

Jesus gave us signs to let the world know that his coming was drawing near. If we read the bible, **Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21**, we can see many of the signs are coming to pass, and some have already happened. Wars for instance, I read somewhere once

that it is estimated that in all of recorded history there have only been around four hundred and thirty years without a war, or wars, going on in the world. Today is no different as there is always some group, or country hating some other group or country. Even within a nation there is little peace. Murderers, often called terrorists, and individuals kill others without regard for the lives they take.

The Lord said that his people would be hated for his names sake. This is true as of all religions in the world Christians are mocked and persecuted more than any other group. Even on TV the church is mocked in many shows and they are not afraid to make fun of the Lord. They don't dare treat the followers of Islam the same, but feel safe doing it to Christians. People in our government have been quoted as saying that Christians are a threat to society. Believers have been called narrow minded for not going along with evil lifestyles. They say that we are intolerant of others. The truth is that they are intolerant of Christians and want us to bow down to their wicked ways.

Jesus said that people would be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. Can anyone seriously

say that this hasn't happened? Nothing is more important to most people than the pursuit of pleasure. Sometimes it is the gathering of material things, be it land, money, or any other thing that gives them some pleasure. They keep at it because the things that they have don't give lasting joy so they continue the hunt for something that will. Sad to say but some church goers have a great lust for entertainment and pleasure too. They have no interest in Sunday School, the evening service, bible study for they feel that a few minutes on Sunday morning is enough for the week.

The Lord said that there would be earthquakes, famines, and troubles upon the earth. It seems that we hear of more earthquakes than we used to. Many troubles are upon the earth just like he said. I'm sure many will say that God sends them but does he? Some can be traced to the abuse that man has done to the earth. Blacktopping so much of the earth keeps the rain from soaking in so it floods more land. Chemicals dumped in landfills and in the ocean cause pollution and hurts the land and us. Yes, there are things happening just like Jesus said. You can try to explain these things away, but they are happening, and believe it or not, Jesus is coming! Get ready.

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ZECHARIAH A YOUNG PROPHET

KING JOASH AND CERTAIN PRINCES OF JUDAH HAVE CONSPIRED TO STOP ZECHARIAH FROM PREACHING AGAINST THE IDOLATRY BEING PRACTICED, BUT ZECHARIAH HAS APPEARED IN THE TEMPLE TO SPEAK, AND NOW....

THUS SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS; TURN YE NOW FROM YOUR EVIL WAYS AND FROM YOUR EVIL DOINGS....

AS HE LISTENS TO HIS COUSIN ZECHARIAH, ANGER RISES UP WITHIN HIM, AND....

...KING JOASH DECIDES THIS HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH! HE SIGNALS HIS PRINCE, WHO HAS BEEN EAGERLY AWAITING JUST SUCH A SIGN!

...FOR THE NAME OF JUDAH HAS BECOME A STENCH IN THE NOSTRILS BECAUSE YE WORSHIP IDOLS....

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