

## WILL JESUS COME TO EARTH AGAIN?

Wouldn't it be wonderful to have God on earth with us? We could ask all our questions and know the answers were correct. We could have peace like we never imagined. Will this ever happen? Will we be with Him if it does?

### REMEMBER

Remember that Jesus was already on earth for 33 years. God sent Jesus, **God the Son**, to this earth to be born of the virgin Mary so that when He would grow up to be a man, He could give His life on Calvary for the sins of the world. Was Jesus, who is **God**, welcomed by people on this earth?

Was the majority of the people back then willing to ask Him, **God**, questions and listen to His answers?

Was there peace on earth during those 33 years that **God** was with us?

The answer to all these questions is, NO! Perhaps if we discover why He was rejected, we might discover why God is not welcome on this earth today.

Unsaved people are children of the devil, and the Devil hates God. **John 8:44** "Ye are of your father the devil."

Jesus, God on earth, lived a perfect life and made people feel guilty around Him. In **Luke 5:8** Peter said ". . . Depart from me Lord for I am a sinful man. . . ."

When Jesus spoke or answered questions, His answers were different than they expected and that bothered them. **Isaiah 55:8** "For my thoughts are not your thoughts . . . saith the Lord."

## LOOKING FORWARD

There are several things that must happen before Jesus will come to earth again.

**The Rapture** in **I Thessalonians 4:13 - 17** tells us about Jesus coming in the clouds and calling Christians to come to be with Him. This is the rapture. This is the next thing that God will do in the future. There is nothing that God has said would happen between now and the rapture.

The rapture is **imminent**. It could happen at any moment. **Revelation 3:11** says "Behold I come quickly . . ."

The rapture is **specific**. Only saved people dead and alive will have any part in the rapture. **I Thessalonians 4:16** ". . . The dead in Christ shall rise first."

The rapture is **final**. No one who has rejected the Gospel will be saved after the rapture.

**II Thessalonians 2:11** "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie."

There is only one thing we can do about the rapture: **be ready for it**.

Be 100% sure that you are saved by the Grace of God through the Blood of Jesus Christ. (If you are saved, you will go up in the rapture). Be sure that your good works are being done in the power of Jesus Christ and for His Glory. (If they are, you will be rewarded soon after the rapture by your Savior). **II Corinthians 5:10** tells us how this will happen: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ that everyone might receive the things done in his body . . ."

**The seven-year tribulation** **Matthew 24:21** tells us "For then shall be great tribulation . . ." After the rapture, all unsaved people will enter into an awful time on this earth known as the tribulation period. With Christians gone, Satan will be free, in the person of a

world dictator, to deceive the world into preparing to fight against God.

**The return of the Jewish people to Christ** 144,000 Jews will accept Christ as Savior and become the preachers of the Gospel during this time. Many who had never heard the Gospel will be saved, and all Christians will be persecuted by the world dictator and many will be put to death for their faith.

After the seven terrible years are completed, Jesus will return with His saints (those who went up in the rapture), defeat the devil, and become king of the whole earth for 1000 years of peace and happiness.

The Jewish people will be greatly honored at this time.

Faithful Christians from our time period will help the Lord Jesus rule the earth.

**Why will this 1000 years be so peaceful and happy?**

Jesus will rule over all people and righteousness will prevail.

Satan will be cast into the bottomless pit.

**Revelation 20:15** "And He laid hold on . . . the Devil . . . and bound him a thousand years."

Friend, if you want this joy and peace right now let Jesus Christ rule and reign in your heart and life. **Roman 13:14** says "But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh to fulfil the lusts thereof."

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