



HORIZON OF HOPE:

The Promise of a New Dawn

I. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Hope Channel. My name is _____ and I'll be your host for the series *There is More to Life*.

In this series of eight studies, we are exploring the foundational beliefs of Christianity from a biblical point of view. From the origins of the Bible to salvation and what happens when we die, our time together will be a time of discovery and learning, guided by Scripture and the Holy Spirit.

Today we explore the subject of the Second Coming of Christ by asking several questions: Why did Jesus promise to come back? What does his Second Coming mean for humanity? What happens after the Second Coming?

Let us open our hearts to rediscover the richness of God's Word. We begin with a word of prayer:

“Heavenly Father, we come before You with open hearts, longing to hear Your voice through Your Word. Fill our minds with understanding and our spirits with wisdom. May Your truth guide us, Your love inspire us, and Your presence transform us. Teach us to walk in Your light and to reflect Your grace to the world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.”

II. MAIN ARGUMENT

Jesus' promise to come back to earth was a central theme of His teaching. His promise to come back to rescue humanity from this Earth is the greatest promise found in Scripture. The return of Jesus will be the most transformative event in human history, bringing both incredible hope for the saved and a sobering reality for the lost.

He made this promise to His disciples as He prepared them for His departure. Jesus declared: ***“I will come again”*** (John 14:3).

This same promise was confirmed by prophets and angels. After His ascension, the angel affirmed:

“This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven”
(Acts 1:11).

Jesus’ Second Coming is the culmination of God’s plan for humanity and creation. It’s not just an event; it’s a fulfillment of ancient prophecies—a moment that will change everything.

The purpose of Jesus’ return is to restore what sin has broken in the world. He will redeem His people, vindicate God’s justice, and establish His eternal kingdom. Revelation 21:4 describes the beauty of this moment:

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

Can you imagine a world like this? No pain, tears, or suffering? A place where we will live in unending peace and happiness?

Jesus’ return is the only event when there will be a complete transformation of our existence, ushering in a new era of everlasting peace and joy for the redeemed.

The Bible paints a vivid picture of this climactic moment. Jesus will come in the clouds of heaven, surrounded by His angels in glory:

“Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.” (Matthew 24:30-31).

The Second Coming of Jesus will be unlike anything the world has ever seen—a glorious event, visible worldwide.

Unlike His first coming as a humble baby in a manger, Jesus will return with power and majesty, fulfilling His promise to bring redemption and restoration. Revelation 1:7 declares, “Every eye will see Him,” emphasizing that His return will not be hidden or secret. It will be a global event, visible to all, whether they are ready or not.

The Second Coming of Christ will be unmistakable.

The entire Earth will be shaken by the sound of a trumpet and the voice of a powerful archangel calling back to life all those who died in Christ. As Paul affirms in one of his letters:

“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God.” (1 Thessalonians 4:16).

The question of when Jesus will return has echoed through generations, and while the Bible doesn’t give an exact date for this event, it calls us to live with urgency and readiness.

Jesus Himself said, ***“No one knows the day or the hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father”*** (Matthew 24:36).

Yet, Jesus provided signs to help us recognize the season of His return. As we read together, you may realize that these signs remind us that we live in the final days of Earth’s history. Let’s read Matthew 24:4–9:

“Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations,

and then the end will come.”

These signs shake the entire world and serve as a warning. Jesus’ statements show that there will be no question in anyone’s mind that His Second Coming will be the moment that ends history as we know it and ushers in eternity.

Revelation 19 provides one of the most vivid and awe-inspiring descriptions of the Second Coming of Christ in the Bible.

In this chapter, John presents a powerful picture of Jesus returning to earth in glory and majesty to judge evil, redeem His people, and establish His eternal kingdom. The imagery is striking, offering hope to believers and a reminder of God’s ultimate victory over sin and rebellion.

The chapter begins with a scene of worship in Heaven (Revelation 19:1–10). John, the author of Revelation, describes a multitude in heaven shouting praises to God:

***“Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God”
(Revelation 19:1).***

This heavenly chorus celebrates God’s righteous judgment of Babylon, a symbol of the corrupt world system that has opposed God throughout history.

Jesus’ Second Coming will mark the destruction of Babylon, the end of evil’s reign and the vindication of God’s justice. The worshippers declare:

“True and just are his judgments” (verse 2), affirming that God’s actions are fair and righteous.

This worship scene transitions into the Marriage Supper of the Lamb in verses 7–9, a symbolic depiction of the union between Christ and His church.

The bride, representing the church, is clothed in fine linen, bright and clean, symbolizing the righteous deeds of the saints. This imagery reflects the intimate and eternal relationship Christ will share with His people after His Second Coming.

It is a moment of celebration and triumph, where the faithful are rewarded for their perseverance and faithfulness.

The narrative then shifts dramatically in verse 11, as John describes a rider on a

white horse—Jesus Christ—coming in power and glory. Unlike His first coming, when He came as a humble servant, Jesus now appears as a conquering King and righteous Judge. John writes,

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many crowns; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written: “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”

This description of Jesus highlights His divine authority and majesty. His eyes are like blazing fire, signifying His all-seeing judgment. On His head are many crowns, symbolizing His sovereignty over all nations. His robe is dipped in blood, a reminder of His sacrificial death and victory over sin. He is “the Word of God”, affirming His role as the divine revealer of truth and the ultimate expression of God’s will.

Just like Jesus’ own description of His coming “on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory” (Matthew 24:30), Revelation 19:14 describes “the armies of heaven” following Him, also riding white horses and dressed in fine linen. These armies represent the saints and angels who accompany Christ in His victory over evil.

The climax of Revelation 19 is the final defeat of the beast, the false prophet, and their followers (verses 17–21), which represent the forces of evil that have deceived and led humanity astray. Jesus’ return brings their reign of terror to an end.

This dramatic conclusion underscores God’s ultimate victory over sin, evil, and death.

To summarize, Revelation 19 reminds us that Jesus will return as a conquering King to establish His kingdom of righteousness and peace. The chapter calls us to worship, prepare, and remain faithful as we await His return. It assures us that no matter how dark the world may seem, God’s justice will prevail, and His promises will be fulfilled.

For those who trust in Christ, the Second Coming is not a day to fear but to anticipate with joy and confidence, knowing that we will share in His eternal victory.

Jesus' Second Coming will not just be a powerful event; it will be a dramatic day for every person on Earth. It will be a day of divine judgment. It will reveal God's justice, holding the unrepentant accountable and vindicating those who have trusted in Him.

For believers, it marks the fulfillment of a long-awaited hope of redemption—the moment when Jesus will put an end to pain, suffering, and death. The brokenness we experienced in this world will end, and God's eternal kingdom will be established in its fullness.

I don't know about you, but this promise fills my heart with indescribable joy! I can't wait for that day! What about you?

When Jesus comes, He will resurrect the righteous dead. Those who have trusted in Him will rise to meet Him in the air, reunited with their Savior forever. As the Apostle Paul describes it in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17:

“The dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.”

Imagine the joy of being reunited with loved ones who trusted in Jesus, transformed into glorious beings!

The living righteous will join the resurrected saints, and together, they will receive the gift of immortality. The Apostle Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 15:51-54:

“Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— 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. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

This transformation into glorified bodies means the end of pain, sickness, and

death. It represents a new form of life in God's presence.

For those who have rejected God, however, the Second Coming will be a day of judgment. Here again, the Apostle Paul helps us understand the results of unbelief:

“when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God, and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These people will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes to be glorified among His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed.” (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9:)

The wicked will face destruction, unable to stand in the glory of Christ's presence.

After the resurrection and the journey of the saved to the New Jerusalem, the earth will be left desolate as the saints enjoy Heaven with God for 1,000 years (Revelation 20).

After the 1,000 years, God will create a New Earth, free from sin and its effects. Revelation 21 paints a breathtaking picture of this restored creation, where God will dwell with His people:

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among the people, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”

Jesus' Second Coming is the final fulfillment of God's promise to restore harmony to His creation. It marks the end of sin and the beginning of eternity in His presence—a hope that inspires us to live with faith and anticipation for the day when all things will be made new.

I hope our study so far has given you a glimpse of the glorious things that await

those who have made Jesus their Lord and Savior.

When they discover this amazing promise, many believers wonder if it is possible to know when Jesus will return. We are innately impatient. Waiting is contrary to our nature, especially today, when we are surrounded by technology that puts everything at our fingertips. But rather than focusing on when Jesus will come, the Bible encourages us to focus on being ready.

As much as we'd like to see the end of all things as soon as possible, the fact is that God's delay is an act of mercy. As the Apostle Peter explains in 2 Peter 3:9:

“The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not willing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance.”

While we don't know how soon Jesus will come, the signs of the times indicate that His return is near. While there is still time, we have an opportunity to grow in faith, serve others, and live with hope. His promise to come again fills us with confidence that no matter what challenges we face, our hope is secure in Jesus.

The real question isn't how soon Jesus will come—it's whether we're ready for His return.

Living in anticipation of the Second Coming means preparing our hearts, aligning our lives with God's will, and sharing His love with others. Jesus likened His return to a thief in the night—unexpected but certain—urging us to stay awake and faithful:

“For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord is coming just like a thief in the night. While they are saying, ‘Peace and safety!’ then sudden destruction will come upon them like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, so that the day would overtake you like a thief; for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; so then, let's not sleep as others do, but let's be alert and sober” (1 Thessalonians 5:2-6).

So, how can we be prepared for His coming?

Preparation for that day begins with a heart fully surrendered to Him. It's about

living in daily connection with God through prayer and studying His Word. These habits deepen our faith, align our lives with His will, and keep our focus on eternal values.

Living in anticipation of Jesus' return means resisting distractions that pull us away from God. It's about staying vigilant, keeping our faith strong, and trusting in His grace to sustain us. As Jesus said in Matthew 24:44, "So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him."

Lastly, readiness also means sharing the hope of His return. Jesus commissioned His followers to spread the good news, warning a lost world about the judgment to come while offering the assurance of salvation through Him. Our lives should reflect His love, pointing others to the grace and hope found in Christ.

III. CONCLUSION

When Jesus comes, we will finally experience restoration, redemption, and eternal joy.

The Second Coming of Jesus is a promise that fills us with both awe and hope. It reminds us to live each day with readiness and anticipation, knowing that the King is coming to claim His own and establish His reign of love, peace, and justice forever.

Believing in Jesus' return isn't blind faith—it's trust in the One who has proven He is trustworthy time and again. His promise to come again fills us with hope, reminding us that no matter how dark the world may seem, the story isn't over. Jesus is coming, and His return will bring an end to suffering, sin, and death, ushering in a new era of eternal peace and joy.

God's faithfulness throughout history gives us confidence for the future. From the deliverance of Israel to the coming of the Messiah, God has always fulfilled His promises. This same God assures us that Jesus will return to complete the work of redemption and restore all things.

The assurance of the Second Coming isn't just a promise—it's a guarantee from the One who never fails.

It's a reminder that our choices in this life have eternal consequences.

For those who have rejected Him, the Second Coming will be a day of joy for the

redeemed and a day of accountability for the wicked, when the true character of every heart is revealed.

Dear listener, let's live every day as though He could come today—ready, faithful, and eager to meet our Savior face to face. Let's live each moment with joyful expectation, knowing that the King is coming soon and His reward is with Him.

Which group are you going to be part of when Jesus comes?

Pray with me:

“Heavenly Father, we thank You for the promise of Your Son’s return. In a world filled with uncertainty, we hold onto the blessed hope that Jesus is coming soon to redeem and restore all things. Prepare our hearts, strengthen our faith, and help us to live each day in joyful anticipation. May we be found faithful, ready to meet You, and eager to share this hope with others. Until that glorious day, keep our eyes fixed on You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”