

The King Is Coming - 1

Romans 13:11-12 *“11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.”*

Introduction: We are introducing this morning a new Sunday School series entitled “The King Is Coming.” In this series, we will endeavor to **cover the basics** concerning the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. As we look at these events along the way, we will ask a series of questions and give biblical answers.

Because the Bible emphasizes this subject, **we should carefully consider** what the Word of God says concerning **the Coming of the King**.

As we begin to study this subject, let us be concerned with **what the Bible says** and look to the Lord Jesus Christ for what the Word of God doesn't say.

This series is based on a group of messages preached by Dr. Lee Roberson.

I. Are We Foolish To Look For The Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Hebrews 9:27-28 *“27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and **unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.**”*

This illustrates the mocking attitude among those who deny the Lord Jesus Christ and His Second Coming. And this, of course, is to be expected, for the Bible tells us. People mistake the longsuffering of God for slackness or that He will not fulfill what He has said.... or even worse, that God does not exist.

II Peter 3:9-11 *“9 The Lord **is not slack** concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; **but is longsuffering to us-ward**, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 10 **But the day of the Lord will come** as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,”*

The Bible assures us repeatedly that we can be confident of this truth; **the King is Coming**. How will the Lord come again? The Word of God has the answer. Please turn with me to the **book of Acts, chapter 1**. Read with me **verses 6-11**. According to the Bible, How did the Lord ascend to heaven?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Concerning the Second Coming of the Lord, the Bible says,

Matthew 24:27 *“27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”*

Matthew 24:30 states further, *“30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”*

I want you to understand that as we treat this subject, we will touch on, more specifically, the individual events that will occur.

I. If Christ Does Not Come Again, The Bible Is Not True

As you look in the Word of God, the Coming of the King can be seen:

- In **Promise**
- In **Prophecy**
- In **Picture**

There are **at least twice as many prophecies concerning His _____** as there are for His first coming.

“One scholar has estimated that there are **1,845 references to Christ’s Second Coming in the Old Testament**, where 17 books give it prominence.”¹

One of which we often do not recognize. Look with me at **I Corinthians chapter 11**.

¹ https://www.preceptaustin.org/the_second_coming_of_christ

II. If Christ Does Not Come Again, Then The Savior Was False

Did the Lord Jesus Christ claim that He was coming again? Is this something we need to understand? (Think about all of the NT penmen.)

Consider John 14:1-6, *“1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 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 unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. 4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.”*

Another important passage is found in **Matthew 24:25-28**. Lastly, I want you to make a note of this:

III. If Christ Does Not Come Again, Then Man’s Hopes Are Crushed

And we might add to that statement, yea, all of Creation. Man has always tried to create a utopian world. All of the attempts of man to create some utopia have failed.

We will see **peace** when the King comes.

We will see **righteous judgment** when the King comes.

We will see **restoration** when the King comes.

As we close, think about this:

Peter, John, Paul, James, and Jude all expected the Lord Jesus Christ to return.

They were confident of the Coming of the King, and it affected how they lived for Him.

Romans 13:11 *“11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: **for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.**”*

James 5:7-8 *“7 **Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord.** Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. 8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: **for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.**”*

Jude 17-18 “17 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; 18 **how that they told you there should be mockers in the last time**, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.”

“21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, **looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.**”

Revelation 22:20-21 “20 He which testifieth these things saith, **Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.** 21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.”

The question for you and me is this:

What preparations have you made for the Coming of the King?

Are those you know prepared for the Coming of the King?