

PANORAMA OF PROPHECY

A LIFE-CHANGING BIBLE STUDY!

CORONATION OF THE KING

2 Kings 11:1-21

THE STORY ...



Athaliah, the ruthless queen of Judah, was even more wicked than her mother Jezebel. When her son Ahaziah died, she quickly seized control of the kingdom by executing all of her grandsons who might reign in her place. “But Jehosheba, ... sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, ... and they hid him ... from Athaliah, so that he was not killed. So he was hidden ... in the house of the LORD for six years, while Athaliah reigned over the land.” 2 Kings 11:2, 3.

For six years only a handful of trusted people knew that the royal child was living and hidden in the temple of God. Jehoiada, the high priest, loved and trained young Joash as his own son. For six years Jehoiada planned and prayed for the best moment to present this rightful heir to the people. Finally the old

priest secretly summoned trusted captains in the army and showed them that the youngest son of Ahaziah was still alive. They decided to wait until Friday evening, when all of the faithful people would come to the temple for Sabbath worship, to present the young king to them. With hundreds of armed soldiers on every side, Jehoiada brought the heir of David’s throne before the crowd and introduced him. At first the people were astonished, but when they saw the royal crown placed upon his head, “they clapped their hands and said, ‘Long live the king!’” 2 Kings 11:12.

Now when wicked Athaliah heard the noise of trumpets and all the people rejoicing, she came running into the temple only to discover that her reign of terror was through. That day she and her followers were slain, and Joash was given the kingdom.

The Bible tells us that another son of David will soon emerge from the heavenly temple amidst the blowing of trumpets to receive His rightful kingdom and to destroy the wicked.



THE STUDY

Fill in the blanks after reading each Bible text.

1. Who is this king who will soon emerge from the temple in heaven?

Revelation 14:14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the _____ of _____, having on His head a golden crown.

2. Will Jesus come quietly when He returns?

1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a _____, with the voice of an archangel, and with the _____ of God.

Jeremiah 25:30 The LORD will _____ from on high, And utter His voice from His holy habitation; He will roar mightily against His fold. He will give a _____.

Psalms 50:3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep _____; A fire shall devour before Him, And it shall be very tempestuous all around Him.

NOTE: “Tempestuous” means “turbulent and stormy.” The second coming of Jesus will clearly be noisy beyond description. There will be nothing secret about it!

3. What other physical evidence will accompany Jesus’ return?

Revelation 16:18 And there was a great _____, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.

4. Who will see Jesus when He returns?

Matthew 24:30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then _____ the _____ of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Revelation 1:7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and _____ will see him.

NOTE: This is too clear to misunderstand. Every person alive, wicked or righteous, will see Jesus return to earth. A secret gathering, or “rapture,” of God’s people is not described in the Bible.

5. Who will be with Jesus when He returns in the clouds?

Matthew 25:31 When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the _____ with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

NOTE: The brightness of the Lord’s return will, by comparison, make the brightness of a hydrogen bomb pale into insignificance. At Jesus’ tomb, the brightness of one angel caused all the Roman guards to fall to the ground as dead men (Matthew 28:2-4). The brightness of all heaven’s angels will make Jesus’ second coming too bright for anyone to miss. Added to this will be the fantastic glory of Jesus and the Father (Luke 9:26). Jesus’ second coming will be like lightning flashing from one horizon to the other (Matthew 24:27).

6. What will the brightness of Jesus’ coming do to the living wicked?

2 Thessalonians 1:7, 8 When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in _____ taking vengeance on those who do not know God.

2 Thessalonians 2:8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and _____ with the brightness of His coming.

7. What will happen to the righteous who are dead at Jesus’ coming?

1 Thessalonians 4:16 The dead in Christ will _____ first.

8. At this point, what will happen to the living and resurrected saints?

1 Corinthians 15:52, 53 The dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be _____. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

NOTE: No one except God has immortality now (1 Timothy 6:15, 16). But it will be given as a free gift to the righteous at Jesus’ second coming. Their bodies also will be changed into heavenly, incorruptible bodies, like that of Jesus (Philippians 3:20, 21).

9. After being changed, what will happen to the righteous?

1 Thessalonians 4:17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be _____ together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

NOTE: God’s saints will meet the Lord in the air. Jesus does not touch the earth at His second coming, so He will not appear on the earth, as many believe. His second coming will be a sky appearance, not an earth appearance.

10. What solemn warning does Jesus give about His second coming?

Matthew 24:5 For many will come in My name, saying, “I am the Christ,” and will _____.

Matthew 24:24, 26 For false christs and _____ will rise and show great signs and _____ to deceive, if possible, even the elect. ... Therefore if they say to you, “Look, He is in the desert!” do not go out; or “Look, He is in the inner rooms!” do _____ it.

NOTE: Satan will impersonate Christ’s second coming by appearing upon the earth as a glorious being, and he will deceive billions. Jesus has warned us that He will not touch the earth at all at His second coming, but rather will remain in the air. The dazzling deceptions of Satan will be so convincing that most people will be deceived.

11. What will prevent the righteous from being deceived?

Isaiah 8:20 *To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to _____, it is because there is no light in them.*

NOTE: God's people will not be deceived, because they will know from a study of God's Word just how Jesus will come (Acts 17:11). Any appearing that is not in agreement with Scripture is a counterfeit and must be rejected. Jesus forewarned us.

Matthew 24:25 *See, I have told you beforehand.*

12. Would it be safe to go see a false Christ?

Matthew 24:26 *Therefore if they say to you, "Look, He is in the desert!" _____ go out.*

13. What can we know about the time of Jesus' return?

Matthew 24:36 *But of that day and hour _____ knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.*

Matthew 24:33 *So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is _____—at the doors!*

NOTE: Only God knows the exact time of the second coming. All date setting is out of harmony with the Bible. But Jesus made it clear that when we see the signs of His coming fulfilled (Matthew 24:4-51; Luke 21:8-33; and 2 Timothy 3:1-8), we can know that His coming is very near—even at the doors.

14. What will the angels do at Jesus' second coming?

Matthew 24:31 *His angels ... will _____ together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*

NOTE: Your guardian angel (Matthew 18:10) will probably be the first to greet you at Jesus' return. What a blessed thought! No wonder the Bible calls the second coming the "blessed hope" (Titus 2:13)!

15. Since we are living just before Jesus' second coming, how should we relate to this solemn, glorious event?

Matthew 24:44 *Therefore you also _____, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*

16. How will people be rewarded at Jesus' second coming?

Revelation 22:12 *And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one _____ to his _____.*

NOTE: People will be saved by grace but rewarded based on their conduct, not on their profession (Matthew 7:21-23).

17. What will the wicked say when Jesus returns?

Revelation 6:15-17 *And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who*

sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and _____ is able to _____?"

NOTE: During this horrendous final earthquake, the wicked—petrified with fear—will prefer for the rocks and mountains to fall on them rather than to face King Jesus unprepared.

18. What will the righteous say when Jesus appears?

Isaiah 25:9 *Behold, this is our God; We have waited for Him, and _____ will _____ us ... we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.*

19. What is the prime purpose of Jesus' second coming?

John 14:3 *I will come again and _____ to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.*

NOTE: Jesus' most thrilling purpose in returning to earth is to take His children to the glorious home He has prepared for them. No more tears, woes, heartaches, or illness forever. But rather, joy and peace unspeakable forever.

YOUR RESPONSE

Jesus is coming in the clouds very soon. Will you plan now to be ready to meet Him?

ANSWER: _____

SUPPLEMENT

This section provides additional information for further study.

The Secret Rapture Theory

The secret rapture theory is based on eight premises that have been so widely embraced that most people accept them as fact without pausing to investigate. However, our only safety is to search the Scriptures daily to determine whether those things are so (Acts 17:11).

The eight points of the secret rapture theory are as follows:

1. The rapture is silent.
2. The rapture is invisible.
3. The rapture leaves the wicked alive.
4. God removes the righteous to protect them from the tribulation.
5. Christ's second coming will be in two stages: (1) the secret rapture, and (2) the actual coming, which will be glorious.
6. These two stages of the Second Coming will be seven years apart.
7. The rapture will take place before the revelation of the Antichrist, who then will bring about the tribulation.

8. The wicked will at this point have a second chance to be converted and to serve Christ.

To examine these points fully is beyond the scope of this limited supplement, but we will briefly cover each point here. Points one and two were covered in this lesson, but they are mentioned again for emphasis. Prepare for some surprises!

1. The rapture is not silent, but rather is extremely noisy. The Scriptures say Jesus will descend "with a SHOUT, with the VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL, and with the TRUMPET OF GOD." 1 Thessalonians 4:16, emphasis added. David says, "Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; ... it shall be very tempestuous [violent, whirling] all around Him." Psalm 50:3. And Jeremiah says, "The LORD will roar from on high, ... He will mightily roar ...; He will give a shout. ... A noise will come to the ends of the earth." Jeremiah 25:30, 31. Nothing about it is quiet! Christ will come with a noise heard around the world. Mark this well. If you are living when Jesus returns, you will hear Him come. Your ears will ring with catastrophic noise.

2. The rapture is not invisible; it will be seen by all. All of the angels will come with Jesus (Matthew 25:31). One lone angel appeared at Jesus' resurrection, and his brightness was so overpowering that the entire Roman guard fell to the ground as dead men (Matthew 28:2-4). Consider the staggering brightness of all the angels of heaven! Added to the glory of the angels will be Jesus' own glory (Matthew 25:31) and the glory of His Father (Matthew 16:27). The brightness will be overwhelming. Jesus added, "For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be." Matthew 24:27. Secret? By no stretch of the imagination. In fact, the Bible forever settled this by saying, "Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him." Revelation 1:7. Rest assured, if you are living at Jesus' second coming, you will see Him come!

3. The rapture does not leave the wicked alive. They are slain at the Lord's coming (Isaiah 11:4; Malachi 4:1; 2 Thessalonians 2:8).

4. God does not remove the righteous from the tribulation, but rather protects them through it (Psalm 91:5-12).

5. Christ's second coming will not be in two stages—one secret and the other seen by all. There is only one second coming, and it will be seen by every living person on earth. There is no Scripture to support a two-phase second coming.

6. The secret rapture teachers claim that there is a seven-year period between the two second comings of Christ. This is not scriptural.

7. Antichrist does not appear three and one-half years after the second coming of Jesus. He has been active for centuries (1 John 4:3) and is doing his nefarious work even now.

8. The wicked will not have a second opportunity to be saved after the Second Coming. All sinners will be destroyed at the Second Coming. There is no second opportunity for anyone after Jesus' second coming.