



The Return of the King

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TODAY'S READING: Revelation 1

The Book of Revelation can be somewhat complicated due to the symbolism and prophecies culminating from the Old and New Testament periods. The best way to understand this book is to acknowledge its origins--words from the Father. It describes the fulfillment of Bible prophecy and things that must take place. Let us begin at Revelation 1:1, *"The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John."*

Jesus is both the One revealed, Son of Man and the Revealer. God transmits His unveiled truth to Jesus. It is through God's angel that He conveys these revelations to John and God's servants, His Churches. Now that we have covered the intro, let's see what is the finality of things to come. *"Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen"* (Revelation 1:7).

The return of the King! Jesus, the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the Redeemer, and Deliverer of God's people will return. Jesus' return will be the fruition of prophecy in the Old Testament, *"I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him"* (Daniel 7:13).

And the prophecy in the New Testament, *"And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven'"* (Acts 1:10-11).

My friends, when Jesus returns, His disposition will not be as that babe in the manger. Nor will it be as the humble bondservant who was beaten, scourged, spat upon and ridiculed! He will not be that humble servant of God that went out of His way, above and beyond natural means, to reveal the glory of God to the evil and wicked people of His time. No, our passage clearly describes the nature of His return.

"And in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength" (Revelation 1:13-16).

Are you ready for the return of Christ? Do you have your house in order? These are the questions that are vital for anyone who calls on the name of Jesus. You see, when Jesus returns the game is over! There will be no more would've, could've or wishing I had! Therefore, while time is on your side, get to know the King of kings and Lord of lords better! He is there ready and waiting for you! There is one more scripture I want to share about this Jesus we speak of, *"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty"* (Revelation 1:8).

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, we thank You for giving us a clear picture of what is expected in the not-too-distant future. Lord, I ask that You stir in our hearts and minds. Help us, Lord, to understand that time is of the essence. Help us, Lord, to resolve that in order for us to survive the apocalypse to come, we must abide in You. Jesus, please allow your Spirit to help us in these efforts. We ask in Your matchless name, amen.

TOMORROW'S READING: Revelation 2

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