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WHAT IS JESUS' COMING AND MY GOING LIKE? Getting Ready For Christmas

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Part 3 of 4
Revelation 20:1-8

I. INTRO: THREE MILLENNIAL VIEWS CONCERNING HIS COMING

Millennium – two Latin words:

“melli” – thousand

“annum” – year

Rev 20:1-2; 4-5; 7-8 (NKJV)

“Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ²He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

⁴And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection

⁷Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.”

- Amillennialism – “A” means no.
- Postmillennialism – “Post” means after.
- Premillennialism – “Pre” means before.

3 Basic Premillennial views:

- Pretribulation
- Midtribulation
- Posttribulation

II. THREE PART OUTLINE OF REVELATION

“Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.” Rev. 1:19

1. “THE THINGS WHICH YOU HAVE SEEN...”

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He saw the risen glorified and conquering Christ – Rev. 1:12-18

2. “THE THINGS WHICH ARE...”

This is the church age – Rev 2-3

7 Churches of Asia (Representation of all the churches of all ages.)

APOSTOLIC AGE – 33 A.D. – 100 A.D. – Ephesus – Rev. 2:1

MARTYRDOM AGE – 100 A.D. – 313 A.D. – Smyrna – Rev 2:8

CORRUPTION AGE – 313 A.D. – 590 A.D. – Pargamos – Rev. 2:12

RISE OF PAPACY – 590 A.D. – 1517 A.D. – Thyatira – Rev. 2:18

REFORMATION – 1517 A.D. – 1792 A.D. – Sardis – Rev. 3:1

MISSIONARY – 1792 A.D. – 1950 A.D. – Philadelphia – Rev. 3:7

RIGHTS OF PEOPLE – 1950 – PRESENT – Laodicea – Rev. 3:14

3. ‘THE THINGS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THIS

Rev. 4-22

“After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, ‘Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.’” Rev. 4:1

The Day of the Lord Is Coming

2 Peter 3 (NLT)

¹*This is my second letter to you, dear friends, and in both of them I have tried to stimulate your wholesome thinking and refresh your memory. ²I want you to remember and understand what the holy prophets said long ago and what our Lord and Savior commanded through your apostles.*

³*First, I want to remind you that in the last days there will be scoffers who will laugh at the truth and do every evil thing they desire. ⁴This will be their argument: “Jesus promised to come back, did he? Then where is he? Why, as far back as anyone can remember, everything has remained exactly the same since the world was first created.”*

⁵*They deliberately forget that God made the heavens by the word of his command, and he brought the earth up from the water and surrounded it with water. ⁶Then he used the water to destroy the world with a mighty flood. ⁷And God has also commanded that the heavens and the earth will be consumed by fire on the day of judgment, when ungodly people will perish.*

⁸*But you must not forget, dear friends, that a day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. ⁹The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise to return, as some people think. No, he is being patient for*

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your sake. He does not want anyone to perish, so he is giving more time for everyone to repent. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and everything in them will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be exposed to judgment. □

¹¹Since everything around us is going to melt away, what holy, godly lives you should be living! ¹²You should look forward to that day and hurry it along—the day when God will set the heavens on fire and the elements will melt away in the flames. ¹³But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised, a world where everyone is right with God.

¹⁴And so, dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen, make every effort to live a pure and blameless life. And be at peace with God.

¹⁵And remember, the Lord is waiting so that people have time to be saved. This is just as our beloved brother Paul wrote to you with the wisdom God gave him—¹⁶speaking of these things in all of his letters. Some of his comments are hard to understand, and those who are ignorant and unstable have twisted his letters around to mean something quite different from what he meant, just as they do the other parts of Scripture—and the result is disaster for them.

Peter's Final Words

¹⁷I am warning you ahead of time, dear friends, so that you can watch out and not be carried away by the errors of these wicked people. I don't want you to lose your own secure footing. ¹⁸But grow in the special favor and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To him be all glory and honor, both now and forevermore. Amen.

III. THINGS TO CONSIDER ABOUT OUR GOING.

Our lives should be different because of His coming.

We should understand the preciousness and the beauty of life.

"Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." James 4:14 (NKJV)

"And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment. So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin to salvation." Heb. 9:27,28

"...there is but a step between me and death." I Samuel 20:3b

"For we walk by faith and not by sight. We are confident, yes well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord." 2 Cor. 5:7,8

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“Then the dust will return to the earth as it was and the Spirit will return to God who gave it.” Eccl. 12:7 (NKJV)

TWO DESTINATIONS

HEAVEN

James 14:1-6 – a place of peace
- a permanent place

- a presence of Jesus

Rev. 21:4 – no more crying

- no more death

- no more sorrow

- no more pain

HELL

Rev 21:8 – a place of vile association

Luke 13:28 – a place of separation from all of the saints of all of the ages

2 Peter 2:4, Jude 3 – a place of eternal darkness

Mark 15:34 – a place of eternal separation from God

Luke 16:15 – a place of memory

Rev. 14:10-11 – a place of hopelessness and despair

Matt. 25:41 – a place of burning

“The Lord isn’t really being slow about His promise to return, as some people think. No, He is giving more time for everyone to repent.” 2 Peter 3:9 (NLT)

Jesus being infinite, suffered in a finite time what you, being finite would suffer for an infinite time.