



"Return Ready: An Enduring Hope"

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"If I go away...I will come again and take you to myself, so that where I am you may be also." John 14:3

The Affirmation of Scripture concerning the End-Times:

1. Scripture affirms the RETURN of our King.
Zechariah 14:3-4, Matthew 24:30, John 14:3, John 14:3, Acts 1:11, Revelation 1:7
 - Scholars have counted 1,845 biblical references to Jesus' second coming.
 - Christ's return is emphasized in no less than 17 Old Testament books and in 7 out of every 10 chapters in the New Testament.
 - Jesus referred to His return 21 times.
 - The second coming is SECOND only to faith as the most dominant subject in the New Testament.
2. Scripture affirms the RAPTURE of the Church.
1 Thessalonians 4:15-17
 - a. The rapture is a SURPRISE event.
Matthew 24:36, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2
 - b. The rapture is a SUDDEN event.
1 Corinthians 15:52
 - c. The rapture is a SELECTIVE event.
1 Corinthians 15:23, Revelation 21:27, 1 Thessalonians 4:14

3. Scripture affirms the eternal REIGN of Christ.
Revelation 19:16, Isaiah 9:7
 - a. Christ is victorious over the DEVIL.
Revelation 20:10
 - b. Christ is victorious over DISEASE.
Genesis 3:17, Galatians 3:13, Revelation 22:2-3
 - c. Christ is victorious over DEATH.
1 Corinthians 15:54-55, Revelation 21:4-5

Questions to Consider:

- Am I living with hope? If not, why not?
- Am I ready for the return of the King? Have I repented of my sins, submitted to Him as Lord and embraced my new identity as His child?

What is the Holy Spirit prompting me to do?
