

Apostle John is now speaking to us about Jesus's second coming as Jesus descends from heaven.

"And I saw heaven opened and behold a WHITE horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war ... And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon WHITE horses, clothed in fine linen, WHITE and clean — And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations ... And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS." (Rev. 19:11, 14–16)

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith The LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as WHITE as SNOW; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." (Isa. 1:18)

The believer's righteousness is equal to and described as the same as Jesus's.

"I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days (Jesus) did sit, whose garment was WHITE as SNOW, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened." (Daniel 7:9–10)

"And I saw the dead, small, and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works — And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." (Rev. 20:12, 15)

"He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in WHITE raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels." (Rev. 3:5)



His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow.

(Matt. 28:3)

"His raiment became shining, exceeding WHITE as snow; so, as no fuller on earth can WHITE them." (Mark 9:3)

JESUS, "Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are WHITE already to harvest." (John 4:35)

"Lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with WHITE robes — And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. What are these which are arrayed in WHITE robes? and whence came they? These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them WHITE in the blood of the Lamb." (Rev. 7:9–10, 13–14)

JESUS, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning, and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." (Rev. 1:8)

"And the Spirit and the bride say, COME. And let him that heareth say, COME. And let him that is athirst COME. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." (Rev. 22:17)

"He which testifieth these things saith, SURELY, I COME quickly. Amen. Even so, COME, Lord Jesus." (Rev. 22:20)

Westgerdes, The Tribulation Period is the Seven Year Period preceding Jesus's Second Coming. After Jesus's return he will establish his reign upon the earth for a Thousand Years during which Satan shall be chained in the bottomless pit. (Rev. 20:1–2)

Westgerdes, After the Thousand Years Satan will be released and he will gather his followers in the final great battle to defeat Jesus, Jesus will destroy Satan and his followers in this final Victory. This Victory will be followed by Jesus's destruction of the current heavens and earth and the creation of a **NEW EARTH** and a **NEW HEAVEN** in which righteousness will reign. (Rev. 20–22)

Westgerdes, About the RAPTURE, what is it? It is when Jesus calls up his saints, both dead and alive, to join him in the air. In relation to the Seven Year Tribulation period. There are three views, the rapture will be:

Before — to escape God's wrath* (1 Thess. 4:13–5:11).

Middle — When the Anti-Christ sets himself up to be worshiped in the newly rebuilt Jewish Temple. **After** — at Jesus's 2nd Coming.

About the Millennial views concerning Jesus's thousand-year reign.

"AMILLENNIALISTS see it as a spiritual reign in heaven — we are **currently in the millennium.** Amillennialism is not new — by the time of Augustine, it had become the dominant view of the Eastern Orthodox Church, the Roman Catholic Church, and many Protestants. And it was the view of the reformers, including Calvin and Luther." —Ed Jarrett,

<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/christian-terms/what-is-amillennialism.html>

Westgerdes, this is significant because those, or some, who believe this view are looking for Christ return as the world gets more peaceful and united thus, they may be deceived into accepting a false Christ, and ultimately, the Anti-Christ. (1 Thess. 5:3)

CONCERNING JESUS'S 2ND COMING

"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." (Heb. 9:28)

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus [GW-died after they believed in and surrendered their life to Jesus] will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent

them which are asleep. For the **LORD HIMSELF** shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air:

“And so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore **comfort** one another with these words.” (1 Thess. 4:14–18)

JESUS: “Let not your heart be troubled: ye **believe** in God, **believe** also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: [GW-Jesus isn't waiting **for us** to prepare the earth.]

“If it were not so, I would have told you.

“**I go to prepare a place for you.** 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. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life:

“No man cometh unto the Father, but by me — **If ye love me, keep my commandments.**” (John 14:1–6, 15)

JESUS: “And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting (consuming to much), and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. **WATCH** ye therefore, **AND PRAY** always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.” (Luke 21:34–36)

JESUS: “Watch therefore:

“For ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

“**But know this**, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore, be ye also ready:

“**For in such** an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.” (Matt. 24:42–44)

“**For the** grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying

ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that **BLESSED HOPE**, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

“Who **gave himself** for us, that he might **redeem us** from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” (Titus 2:11–14)

JESUS: “And, behold, **I COME QUICKLY.**

“**And my** reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

“**I am** Alpha and Omega, the beginning, and the end, the first and the last.

“**Blessed** are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the **TREE OF LIFE** and may enter in through the gates into the city.” (Rev. 22:12–14)

“**His lord** said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant — **enter thou into the JOY of thy lord** — The redeemed of the LORD shall return and come with singing unto Zion; and **everlasting JOY** shall be upon their head — and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.” (Matt. 25:21; Isa. 51:11)

Amen! What a wonderful day!



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“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.” (Matt. 24:27)

“For there shall arise **FALSE CHRISTS**, and **FALSE PROPHETS**, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, **if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect**—Immediately, after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 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.” (Matt. 24:24, 29–30)

Jesus is speaking to the Apostles before he ascends into heaven to sit at God the Father's right hand.

“**But ye shall receive power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall **be witnesses** unto me both in Jerusalem, and Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in **WHITE** apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same **JESUS**, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so **come in like manner** as ye have seen him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:8–11)