

.... Shaking was also felt in France, Switzerland, and Northern Italy. A devastating fire following the earthquake destroyed a large part of Lisbon, and a very strong tsunami caused heavy destruction along the coasts of Portugal, southwest Spain, and western Morocco." -<http://nisee.berkeley.edu/lisbon/>

9) What does the Bible say will happen to the sun and moon before Jesus comes? -Joel 2:31, Revelation 6:12

1 - The "SUN shall be t_rned into da_kn_ss" and the "Mo_n into Bl__d before the great and terr__ble day of the L_rd come."

*Note: The sun being darkened and the moon turning into blood are 2 prophecies that were fulfilled in the late 1700's. Here's a quote from a pastor who lived during that time: "But especially I mention that wonderful darkness on the 19th of May 1780. Then, as in our text, the sun was darkened; such a darkness as probably was never known before since the crucifixion of our Lord. People....



....left their work in the house and in the field. Travelers stopped; schools broke up at eleven o'clock; people lighted candles at noonday; and the fire shown as at night." -Rev. Elam Potter, May 28, 1780. On the evening of May 19, 1780, the moon turned blood red. Milo Bostick in "Stones's History of Massachusetts" says, "The moon which was at it's full, had the appearance of blood."

10) What does the Bible say will happen to the stars before Jesus comes? -Revelation 6:13.

1 - "And the st__rs fell on the e__th."

*Note: This prophecy was fulfilled on November 13, 1833. Eyewitnesses reported 240,000 meteors all at once! The celebrated astronomer and meteorologist, Professor Olmstead, of Yale College, says: "Those who were so fortunate as to witness the exhibition of shooting stars on the morning of November 13, 1833, probably saw the greatest display of celestial fire works that has ever been since the creation of the world, or at least within the annals covered by the pages of history." -Our Lord's Great Prophecy, page 35.



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11) What does the Bible forewarn will take place with many Christians and church goes in the later times? -1 Timothy 4:1

1 - The Bible predicts that many Christians will "depa_t from the fa_th" because they will be deceived by "se__ucing spi__its and do__trines of De__ils."

*Note: The Bible warns that communication with the dead and spiritualistic practices would rise in the last days. In fulfillment, spirit channeling, séance and fortune telling has become an acceptable practice even in Protestant America. In fact, the fastest growing religion in America is Wicca, which is modern day witchcraft.

Appeal) Will you guard against Satan's false doctrines and follow Jesus all the way that you may be prepared for Jesus' second coming? ____.

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Lesson 7:

"The Second Coming vs. the Secret Rapture"



The blessed hope that is revealed to us in the Bible is the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Most Christians can agree that Jesus will come, but will His coming be secret, or visible to the whole world? What will happen after He comes and what are the signs to look for that tell us that He is coming soon? Complete this lesson with the King James Bible and have all your questions answered about the second coming!

1) What is foretold in the Old Testament that will take place at the end of the world? What confirmation is given in the New Testament of the same event? -Psalms 50:3, 4; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9.

1 - "Our G_d shall co__e" and will "jug__e His peo__le."

2 - "The Lord Je__s shall be re__aled from heaven" and will take "venge__nce on them that kn__w not Go__."

*Note: Both Old and New Testament of the Bible foretell of the great event of the coming of the Lord. Jesus came the first time as a babe in a manger to die as the Lamb of God for the sins of the world. The second coming will be much different. He will come to deliver His people and to judge the wicked. This event will be a joyful and happy event for a few, but will be dreadful and terrible for the majority who are unprepared for His coming.

*Note: When Jesus comes the second time, there will be 4 classes of people:

1 - The Righteous Dead

2 - The Righteous Living

3 - The Wicked Dead

4 - The Wicked Living

2) What will happen to the righteous dead and living when Jesus comes? 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17

A) The righteous living will go up to heaven first, then, the dead will follow.

B) The wicked dead will rise first, then the righteous living.

C) The righteous dead will rise first, then the righteous living will ascend to heaven.



A resurrection will take place at Jesus' coming.

*Note: 1 - Righteous Dead (GO TO HEAVEN) 2 - Righteous Living (GO TO HEAVEN)

3) How will the wicked react when they see Jesus coming in the clouds? -Matthew 24:30, Revelation 6:14-17

- 1 - The nations of the earth will "mou__n" when they see Jesus come with "po__er and great glory."
- 2 - "The kings of the e__rth, and the gr__at men, and the r__ch men" "hid themselves in the d__ns and in the r__cks of the mo__ntains."

4) What will happen to the wicked that are unprepared for the second coming of Jesus? -2 Thessalonians 2:8, Jeremiah 25:33.

- 1 - The "Lord shall cons__me" the wicked with "the spi__it of His mouth and shall d__str__y with the brightn__ss of His coming."
- 2 - The "slain of the L__d" shall be "from one e__d of the ear__h even unto the other __nd of the earth."

*Note: Here is what will happen to the 4 groups at Jesus' coming:

- 1 - Righteous Dead (GO TO HEAVEN)
- 2 - Righteous Living (GO TO HEAVEN)
- 3 - Wicked Dead (REMAIN DEAD)
- 4 - Wicked Living (SLAIN BY THE BRIGHTNESS OF JESUS COMING)

5) How many people will be left on earth after the coming of Jesus? -Isaiah 24:1, 3; Jeremiah 4:23-25

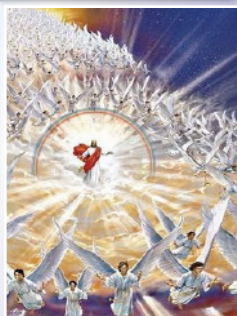
- 1 - The earth will be made "emp__y" of all human life at His coming.
- 2 - Jeremiah saw "no m__n" on the earth after Jesus coming.

*Note: If all the righteous are in heaven and wicked are slain, that leaves no living person on the earth. It will be completely emptied!

6) Who will come with Jesus and how many people will witness His coming? -Matthew 25:31, Revelation 1:7

- 1 - Jesus will come "with a__l the holy an__els with Him."
- 2 - When Jesus comes "eve__y e__e shall se__ Him."

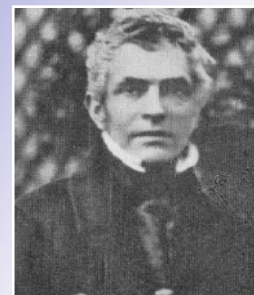
*Note: The second coming will NOT be a secret event, but, instead, every eye will witness His coming and most will be terrified. With all the glory and power of Jesus and His angels, the skies will be lit up with light brighter than the sun!



***Warning: Beware of the FALSE TEACHING of the SECRET RAPTURE!** This doctrine teaches that Jesus' coming will be a spiritual, secret event, instead of a literal coming. It also teaches that you have a second chance to go to heaven if you miss out on the rapture. It is a doctrine of Devils that will cause many to be unprepared for Jesus' coming!



*Note: The Left Behind movie and book series promotes the secret rapture doctrine. In the movie, Rayford Steele is an airline pilot whose relationship with his wife has gone sour. He ponders having an affair with an attractive flight attendant, Hattie Durham. In the midst of a flight to London, a number of their passengers mysteriously disappear, and chaos takes hold as a number of vehicles on the ground and in the air are suddenly unmanned. This mysterious disappearance is a depiction of the secret rapture doctrine that is taught in MOST Christian Churches, today.



John Nelson Darby

*Note: The Secret Rapture doctrine was NOT taught in any Christian Church before 1830. It is a fairly new doctrine that was first taught on a large scale by Pastor John Nelson Darby. He introduced this doctrine into American Churches in the 1850's and it has rapidly spread throughout Protestantism ever since. Darby's rapture teaching was influenced by Jesuit Francisco Ribera's false theology of "Futurism", which taught that that the prophecies of Anti-Christ in Daniel are all fulfilled in the future. Darby's rapture doctrine CANNOT be backed with the Bible and is one of Satan's end time deceptions!

7) How many chances does the Bible teach that we have to be ready for the coming of Jesus? -Matthew 24:44, 48-51; 25:10-13.

- 1 - We must be "rea__y" because those who are unprepared will be punished with the "hypoc__ __tes" where there will be "we__ping and gn__shing of te__th."
- 2 - The "vir__ins" who were unprepared for the coming of the "brid__gro__m" [symbolic of the coming of Jesus], were shut outside of the wedding.

*Note: The 2 texts above both give a warning that if we are NOT ready for the coming of Jesus that the door of mercy will be closed upon us and we will be punished with the wicked unbelievers.

8) What does the Bible say will happen to the EARTH as a sign that Jesus will come soon? -Revelation 6:12

- 1 - There "was a gr__ __t ea__thqu__ke."

*Note: This great earthquake already took place in 1755. History records: "The earthquake began at 9:30 on November 1st, 1755, and was centered in the Atlantic Ocean, about 200 km southwest of Cape St. Vincent. The total duration of shaking lasted ten minutes and was comprised of three distinct jolts. Effects from the earthquake were far reaching. The worst damage occurred in the south-west of Portugal. Lisbon, the Portuguese capital, was the largest and the most important of the cities damaged. Severe shaking was felt in North Africa and there was heavy loss of life in Fez and Mequinez. Moderate damage was done in Algiers and in southwest Spain.