

The Personal Return
of the Lord

Jesus Christ:

The Lord Jesus Christ has promised us:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am” (Jn.14:1-3).

तुम्हारा मन व्याकुल न हो, तुम परमेश्वर पर विश्वास रखते हो मझ पर भी विश्वास रखो। मेरे पिता के घर में बहुत से रहने के स्थान हैं, यदि न होते, तो मैं तुम से कह देता क्योंकि मैं तुम्हारे लिये जगह तैयार करने जाता हूँ। और यदि मैं जा कर तुम्हारे लिये जगह तैयार करूँ, तो फिर आकर तुम्हें अपने यहाँ ले जाऊँगा, कि जहाँ मैं रहूँ वहाँ तुम भी रहो।

There are 3-words that describe that describe His coming:

- Parousia means Personal presence. It is a theological Greek term when used must state clearly which coming viz Rapture or Revelation.
- Apokalupsis means revelation. The Lord Jesus coming on the clouds along with the saints, believers etc.
- Epiphaneia means appearing.



The Prophecies of His coming:

- Daniel foretold the vision of Jesus Coming (Dan.7:13).

मैं ने रात में स्वप्न में देखा, और देखो, मनुष्य के सन्तान सा कोई आकाश के बादलों समेत आ रहा था, और वह उस अति प्राचीन के पास पहुंचा, और उसको वे उसके समीप लाए।

- Isaiah prophesied of new heaven and new earth (Isa.65:17ff).

क्योंकि देखो, मैं नया आकाश और नई पृथ्वी उत्पन्न करने पर हं, और पहिली बातें स्मरण न रहेंगी और सोच विचार में भी न आएंगी।

- Jesus Himself said: “When the Son of man shall come in His glory.....(Matt.25:31).

जब मनुष्य का पुत्र अपनी महिमा में आएगा, और सब स्वर्ग दूत उसके साथ आएंगे तो वह अपनी महिमा के सिंहासन पर विराजमान होगा।

- Apostle Paul foretold: “keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Tim.6:14).

तु हमारे प्रभु यीशु मसीह के प्रगट होने तक इस आज्ञा को निष्कलंक और निर्दोष रख।

- The angels said: “Men of Galilee why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven” (Acts.1:10-11).

और कहने लगे; हे गलीली पुरुषों, तुम क्यों खड़े स्वर्ग की ओर देख रहे हो? यही यीशु, जो तुम्हारे पास से स्वर्ग पर उठा लिया गया है, जिस रीति से तुम ने उसे स्वर्ग को जाते देखा है उसी रीति से वह फिर आएगा।।

Jesus ascension into clouds



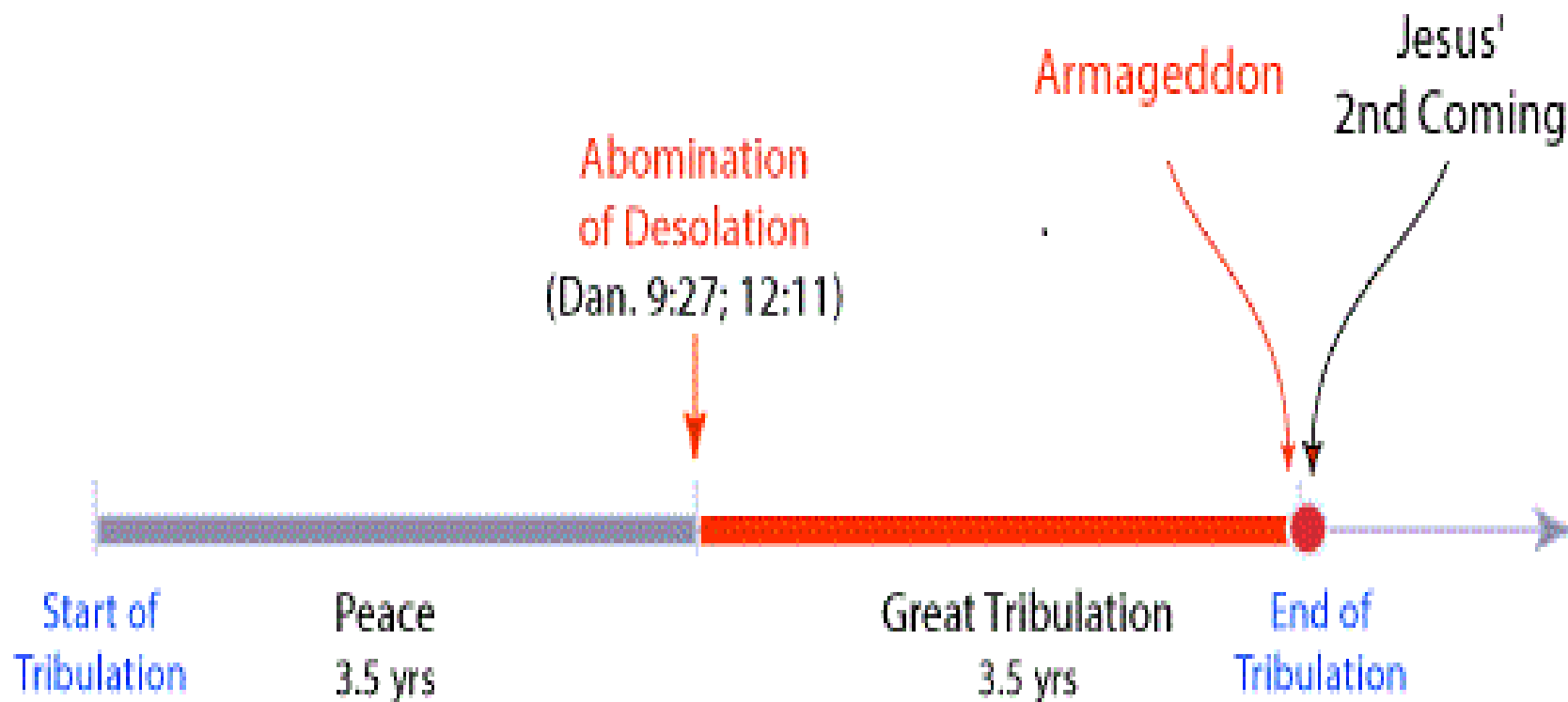
Daniel 9:27

- और वह प्रधान एक सप्ताह के लिये बहनों के संग दृढ़ वाचा बान्धेगा, परन्तु आधे सप्ताह के बीतने पर वह मेलबलि और अन्नबलि को बन्द करेगा; और कंगरे पर उजाड़ने वाली घृणित वस्तुएं दिखाई देंगी और निश्चय से ठनी हुई बात के समाप्त होने तक परमेश्वर का क्रोध उजाड़ने वाले पर पड़ा रहेगा।।
- He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven. In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.

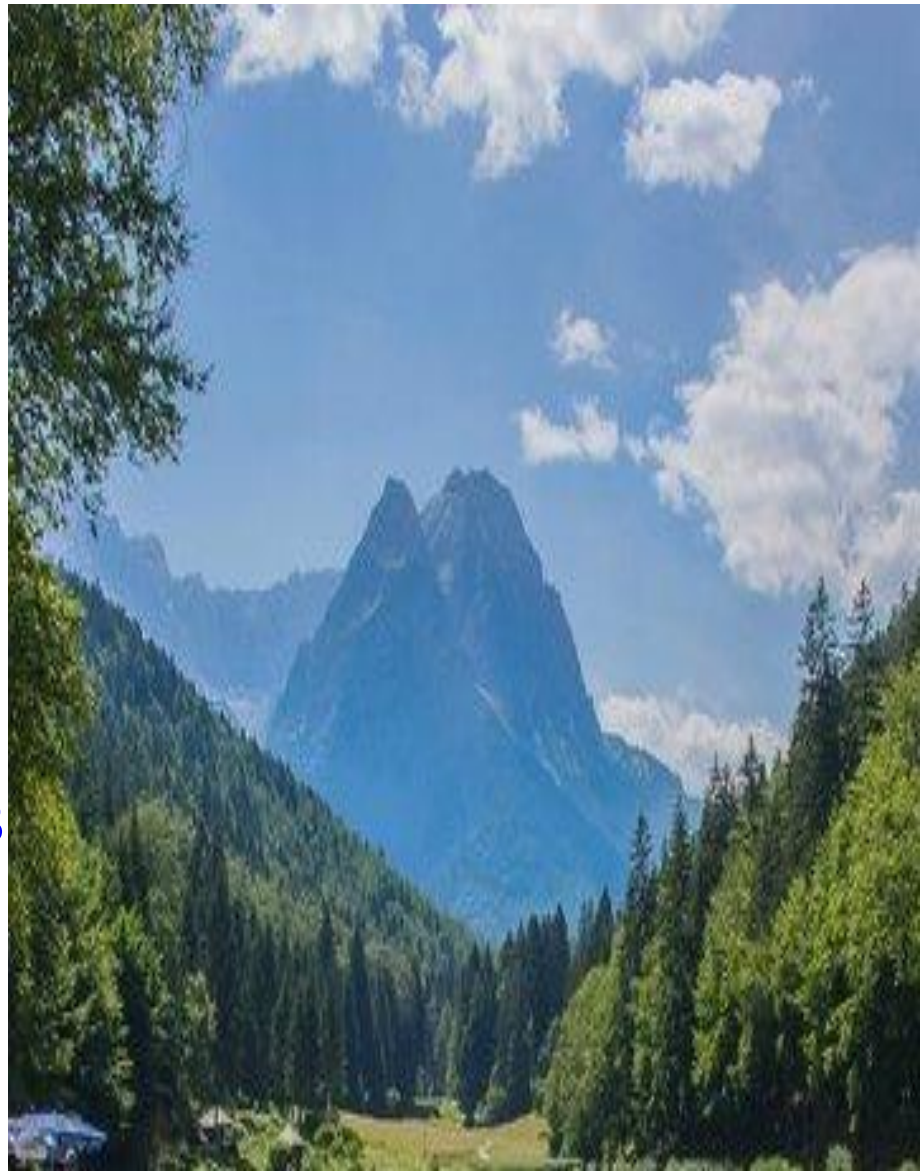


Daniel's Telescope

Daniel's 70th Week



- Daniel looked into the future with a telescope and **he could see two mountains.**
- But it was difficult to know the distance between the two mountains.
- The first mountain was the **First coming of Jesus Christ and**
- **The second one is the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.**



The Historical 70th Year of Israel's freedom from slavery by Cyrus and Darius (Dan. 7-9)

- When Daniel prayed, God not only answered his present crisis but also gave him the promise what is going to happen for the next 2500 years of human history.
- He gave a prophecy of 70-Seven weeks of future plan for human history.
- When we sincerely pray with an intercessor prayer, God not only answers our crisis, but reveals His plans for us beyond our expectations.
- Much of Daniel's revelation of the future, focuses on the Seventieth week: the time of the end, when history is about to experience the **divinely planned culmination**.

The Seventieth Week (Dan.9:24-27)

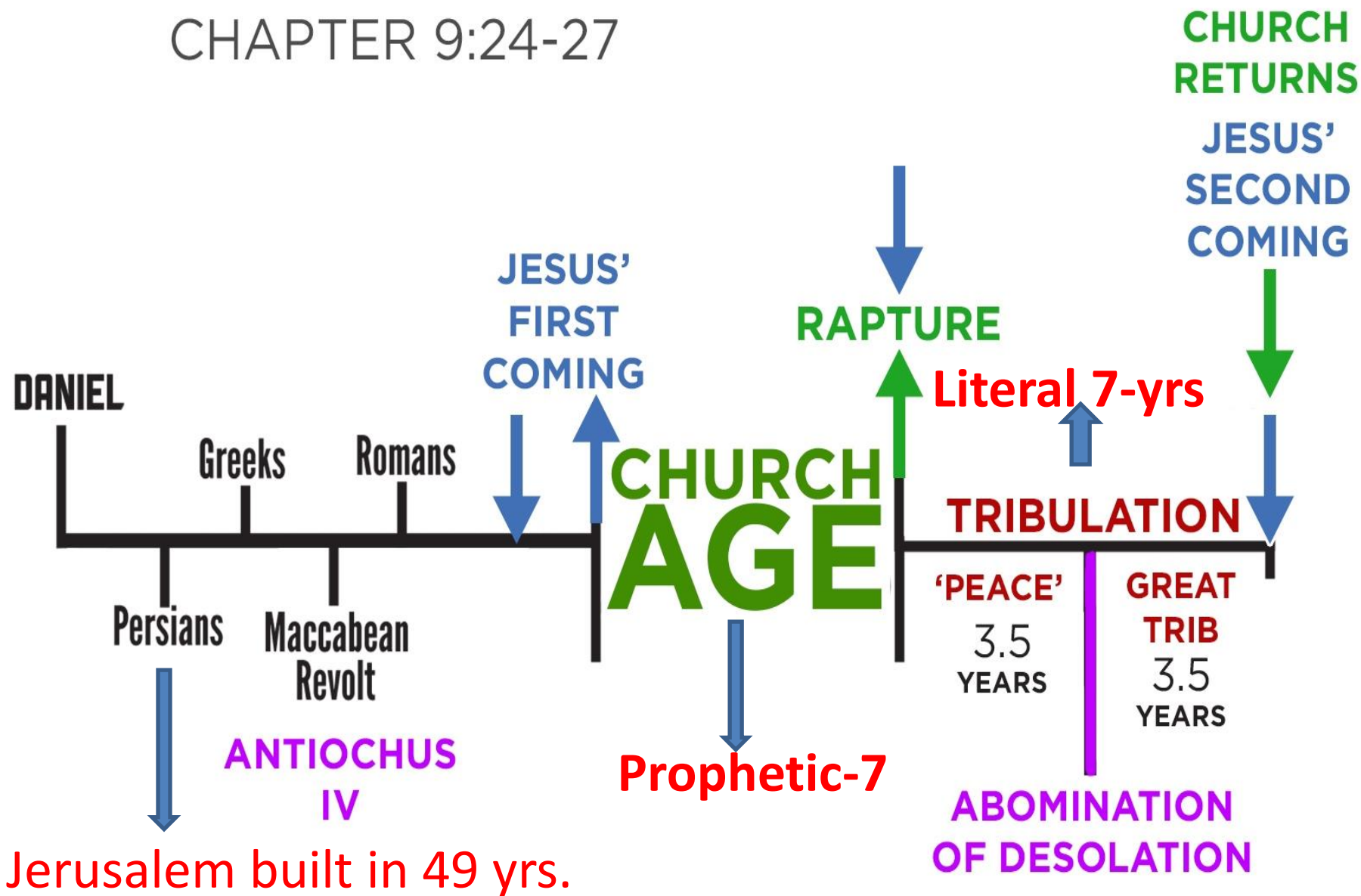
- **The literal 7-year period would be under the Antichrist (Matt.24:15) prophesy would be fulfilled in the near future. The end will come with a flood, and war and its miseries are decreed from that time to the very end.**
- **He will make a treaty with the people for a period of one set of seven, but after half this time, he will put an end to the sacrifices and offerings.**
- **Then as a climax to all his terrible deeds, he will set up a sacrilegious object that causes desecration, until the end that has been decreed is poured out on this defiler.” (9:26-27)**

The prophetic 70: (Dan.9:20-27)

- Daniel is given the understanding of the future plan for Israel. God will accomplish the total plan for Israel during a specified number of years.
- “Seventy sets of seven” for a total of 490 years, beginning with the command to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem (9:24).
- But Gabriel divided 483 years into two parts-seven weeks ($7 \times 7 = 49$ years), and sixty-two weeks ($62 \times 7 = 434$ years).
- It took forty-nine years to rebuild Jerusalem, and this was done (as Gabriel said) in very difficult times. We read in Nehemiah that restoring the city walls was very difficult.

Daniel's 70-weeks

CHAPTER 9:24-27



Then after 434 years we come to Messiah. i.e. ($7 \times 7 + 62 \times 7 + 1 \times 7$).

Third period, a 7-years (both prophetic and literal).

- The prophetic 7-year period is the Grace period from the crucifixion of Jesus Christ to the rapture of the Church.
- The literal 7-year period divided as $3 \frac{1}{2}$ tribulation and another $3 \frac{1}{2}$ great tribulation for the people of Israel which is after the rapture of the Church.

The return of the Lord Jesus Christ is in 2-stages: i) Rapture and ii) Revelation

- **Rapture** : The church (all living and dead believers) will be caught up in the air to meet the Lord Jesus Christ secretly. The world will not know.
- It is a Greek word (rapturo) which means to snatch or take away. It is derived from (1 Thess.4:17) “Then we who are alive, who are left, will be suddenly caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

- And so we will always be with the Lord.” The same word is used for Philip caught up in the spirit (Acts.8:39), Paul’s experience of being caught up into the third heaven (2 Cor.12:2-4).

Revelation:

- The glorious public appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ in the sky so that every human being would see Him. All the believers will descend with Him to the earth (Zech.14:4).

आकाश में प्रभु यीशु मसीह की महिमामय उपस्थिति ताकि हर इंसान उसे देख सके। सभी विश्वासियों को धरती पर उसके साथ उतरना होगा

The world is terrified

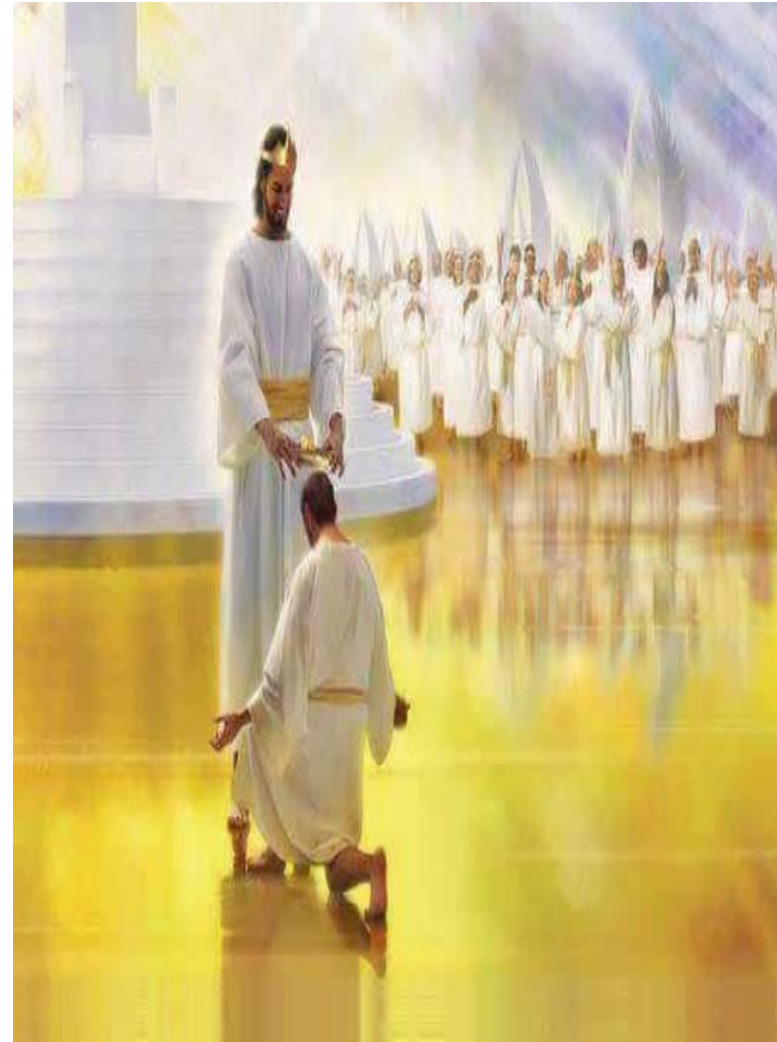
- “Look, He is coming with the clouds, and “every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of Him. So shall it be! Amen” (Rev.1:7; Titus 2:13).

"देखो, वह बादलों के साथ आने वाला है; और हर एक आंख उसे देखेगी, वरन जिन्होंने उसे बेधा था, वे भी उसे देखेंगे, और पृथ्वी के सारे कुल उसके कारण छाँती पीटेंगे। हाँ। आमीन।।



The purpose of His coming:

- To fulfil the purpose of salvation for His saints.
- He has delivered us from the power and penalty of sins when we were born again and accepted Him as our Personal Saviour.
- He will deliver us from the presence of sin too. (Heb.9:28).
- The Lord would be glorified along with His saints in His second coming. (2 Thess.1:10).
- To give rewards for believers and judgement to un-believers (2 Tim.4:8; 1 Pet.5:4).
- To reign with His children for a millennium and for eternity (Rev.20:4)



The time of His coming:

- No person knows the date of His coming. (Matt.24:36).
- "Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed" (Rev.16:15, 1 Thess.5:2).
- His coming is fixed by the Lord Himself. It is a movable date "**the Lord is not slow in keeping His promise**, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Pet.3:9ff).

- The Gospel should be preached to every person (Matt.24:14).
- "And behold, I am coming quickly Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book" (Rev.22:7ff).
- "Be dressed in readiness, and keep your lamps lit" (Lk.12:35-40).
- You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near (Jam.5:8-9).

The mode of His personal coming (Rapture):

- He is coming like a thief (Rev.16:15)
- He is coming suddenly lest He find anyone sleeping (Mk.13:36).
- He is coming at a time when people are saying peace and safety (1 Thess.5:1).
- "For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be (Matt.24:27).
- For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.



The mode of His public coming (Revelation):

- He is coming in the clouds (Matt.24:30).
- In flaming fire to take vengeance on the sinners (2 Thess.1:8).
- With power and great glory (Matt.24:30).
- With a shout and voice of the archangel (1 Thess.4:16).
- With full of His own glory (Matt.25:31).
- In the same way as He ascended to heaven (Acts.1:9-11).
- He is coming with His saints (1 Thess.3:13).
- He is coming with His angels (Matt.16:27).



Events preceding the Second Coming of Christ (Rapture)::

- When Jerusalem is surrounded by armies and destroyed (Lk.21:20,24).
- Gospel would be preached everywhere (Matt.24:14).
- The appearance of antichrist (2 Thess.2:3-8)
- The conversion of full number of Israel (2 Cor.3:15, Rom.11:25-29).



The situation of the world before Second coming (Rapture):

- Before the Lord Jesus returns there will be terrible times and life will be very hard.
- People would be engaged in terrible sins. There have been people like this all through history. But in the last days, there will be an increase of high proportion in such evil acts.
- Apostle Paul gives an exhaustive list of end time signs (2 Tim.3:1-7, Matt. 24:5-7)



Pride, sloth, anger, lust, envy, greed, gluttony

- Love for God growing cold
- Having a form of godliness, but denying the power of God.
- Many false prophets, healers, people do magic.
- Many preachers focus more on prosperity than the Evangelism.
- Wars, civil wars, earthquakes, volcano eruptions.
- Deadly diseases viz. HIV, cancer, plagues, bird flu taking heavy toll.
- Famine and pestilences.



- Boastful, proud, abusive.
- Disobedient to their parents, ungrateful.
- Unholy, unforgiving, slanderous.
- Without self-control, brutal, treacherous.
- **Lovers of themselves.**
- Conceited (false pride), perversion
- **Lovers of animals rather than human beings etc.**



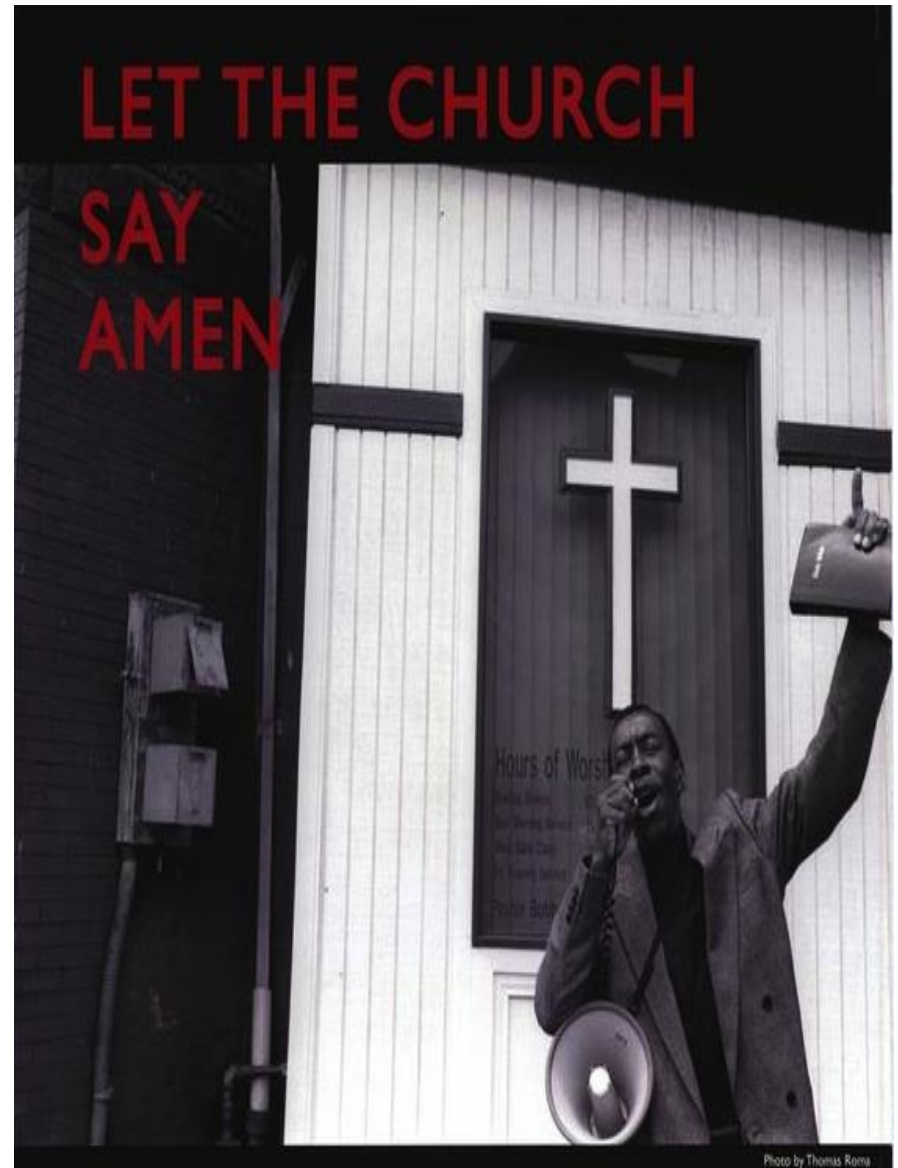
"For Men Will Be Lovers Of Themselves."

2 Timothy 3:1, 2a.



What is your response:

- We must say: “Come Lord Jesus” (Rev.22:20).
- Since His coming is imminent, the believers would respond “Amen, come Lord Jesus.”
- Those who humble themselves and accept the Lord Jesus will find Him gracious and will be saved from Hell.



- Therefore believers must plunge into the evangelistic work, inviting lost sinners, trust Christ and drink the water of life.
- Indeed, when the church lives in expectancy of Christ's return, such an attitude provokes missionary and evangelism.



**May God bless you
as you look forward
to His coming.**

**Thanks for your
Patient hearing.**

For more information, please contact: Kati Ravikumar,
Email:katiravikumar@gmail.com