



# Questions Often Asked

*"Will Jesus Come In The Year 2000?"*

- Introduction:
1. I know of very few Bible subjects that have given rise to as much speculative thinking than has the subject of the second coming of Jesus.
  2. The return of Jesus serves as a source of hope to Christians who await His coming.
  3. For others, events surrounding His coming has caused disillusionment and disbelief.
  4. Let's see what God has revealed to us about this often asked question.

## I. The Predictions Of His Coming

- A. Throughout the ages, there have been many failed predictions of the second coming of Jesus.
- B. This kind of constant speculation does nothing but give fuel to skeptics.

## II. The Promise Of His Coming

- A. Jesus, angels, and His apostles all promised that Jesus would come again.
- B. (Jn. 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; 1 Thess. 1:7-10, 4:16-17; Heb. 9:28, 2 Pet. 3:4,8).
- C. While I have not stopped to count, according to one Bible scholar, there are well over 1000 references to the Lord's return.

## III. The Period Of His Coming

- A. The countless predictions and speculations concerning the period or time of Christ's return show a misunderstanding of the biblical text.
- B. The Bible plainly declares that no one knows when Jesus will return.
- C. (2 Peter 3:10) He will come as a thief in the night.
- D. (Matthew 24:36-44) He will come as in the days of Noah.
- E. (Matthew 24).
  1. This passage has reference to two comings judgments (one upon the city of Jerusalem, the other upon the world).
  2. (Matthew 24:4-35) describes the Lord's coming and judgment upon Jerusalem which happened in 70 A.D. — This coming of the Lord had signs.
  3. (Matthew 24:36-44) describes the Lord's final or second coming and judgment at the end

## IV. The Preparation For His Coming

- A. (Matthew 24:42) Be watchful.
- B. (2 Peter 2:11,14) Be holy, godly, without spot and blameless.

- Conclusion:
1. Jesus is coming again. God promised He would, and God is faithful.
  2. We have no biblical reference concerning the time of His coming.
  3. In view of this truth, we must live every day in a state of preparation.
  4. If He comes and we are unprepared, we will miss out on Heaven and will suffer eternally for our sins in the hands of an angry God.

## Matthew 24 Understood: The Destruction Of Jerusalem & The End Of Time

The Lord's Coming In The Destruction Of Jerusalem (Matthew 24:1-35)	The Lord's Coming At The End Of The World (Matthew 24:36-23:46)
There would be no benefit by fleeing to the mountains	There would be benefit by fleeing to the mountains
This coming was local (Judea & Palestine)	This coming will be universal
This would require haste in escaping	In this, haste will accomplish nothing
This would be while the Sabbath was still binding	This will be long after the Sabbath law had ended
The elect involved in this would be helped by the shortening of the days	In this, the shortening of the days would help no one
Related to this coming, there were definite signs	Related to this coming, there would be no signs given
The time of this coming was known to the Lord	The time of this coming was not known to the Lord
Following this coming, the gospel would be preached	Following this coming, there will be no preaching
In connection with this coming, some would have time to escape	In connection with this coming, no one will have time to escape
This coming would occur in the lifetime of "that generation"	With regard to this coming, the emphasis is upon delay
This was a local judgment upon just one nation (Jews)	This is a universal judgment upon all nations