



# #1 Thief in the Night

## 1. THE PROMISE OF HIS SECOND COMING

**John 14:3** *And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.*

## 2. THE NECESSITY OF HIS SECOND COMING

## 3. THE NATURE OF HIS SECOND COMING

- **PERSONALLY** – “for the Lord himself...” 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16
- **LITERALLY** – “in the same way as you saw him go...” ACTS 1:11
- **VISIBLY** – “every eye will see him...” REVELATION 1:7
- **GLORIOUSLY** – “with power and great glory...” MATTHEW 24:30
- **SUDDENLY & UNEXPECTEDLY** – “like a thief in the night”  
1 THESSALONIANS 5:2; LUKE 21:34-35
- **IMMINENTLY** – “be ready” MATTHEW 24:44; JAMES 5:8
- In **TWO** stages...

## 4. THE TIMING OF HIS SECOND COMING

**Matthew 24:36** *But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.*

## 5. THE SIGNS OF HIS SECOND COMING

- Increasing Religious **DECEPTION** And Hostility Towards Christians* MATTHEW 24:4, 9-11
- Proliferation Of War, Hunger, Disease, And **NATURAL DISASTERS*** MATTHEW 24:6-7
- Spectacular **COSMIC EVENTS** Visible To All* LUKE 21:11
- Rampant **LAWLESSNESS*** MATTHEW 24:12
- Ethnic Jews Returning To Their **HOMELAND*** ISAIAH 11:11-12
- The **GOSPEL** Proclaimed To All Nations* MATTHEW 24:14

## END TIMES VOCABULARY

- **The “Rapture”**: the sudden ‘snatching away’ of believers to meet Christ and their saved loved ones in the air 1 THESSALONIANS 4:14-17
- **The Glorious Appearing/Second Coming/Revelation of Christ**: the return of Christ to the earth with his saints at the end of the age to save Israel, judge unbelievers, and establish his kingdom 1 PETER 1:7, 13; TITUS 2:13
- **The Beast/Anti-Christ**: the deceptive, satanic world ruler who rises to power to lead a one-world government that severely persecutes God’s people 1 JOHN 2:18; REVELATION 13:1-10
- **The Day of the Lord**: the period of final outpouring of apocalyptic judgment on the earth 1 THESSALONIANS 5:2
- **The Tribulation**: a seven-year period of judgment and suffering on the earth MATTHEW 24:29
- **The Great Tribulation**: the final stage of the Tribulation period characterized by widespread anguish, destruction, and death REVELATION 7:14
- **Armageddon**: the ultimate end-time war pitting the world’s armies against Israel and against Christ REVELATION 16:16
- **The Millennium**: the thousand-year earthly reign of Christ over the world with his glorified saints REVELATION 20:1-7
- **Signs of the Times**: various prophesied events meant to arrest peoples’ attention and point to Christ’s coming MATTHEW 16:3
- **Prophetic Birth Pangs**: Divinely-orchestrated events that will occur with increasing frequency/intensity as the return of Christ draws near MATTHEW 24:8

## 6. THE IMPLICATION OF HIS SECOND COMING

**Matthew 24:44** *So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.*

## ARE YOU READY?

### BIBLE READING PLAN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Exodus 19    | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Exodus 19 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday: Exodus 20    | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday: Exodus 24   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday: Exodus 21   | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday: Exodus 25 |
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