

FOUNDATIONS

Key Doctrines of the Bible Explored

The Return of Christ

Matthew 24, Revelation 20

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1. We know that Jesus is going to_____.
2. We don't know_____ he is going to return. (Matt. 24:44)
3. Jesus did give us some_____of what would happen before his return.
 - False _____and false prophets. (Matt. 24:4-5)
 - Wars, and_____of Wars (Matt. 24:6)
 - Famines and earthquakes (Matt. 24:7)
 - Universal_____of Christians (Matt. 24:9-10)
 - Many will_____the faith (Matt. 24:10)
4. Eventually, Satan will be bound for a _____ years (Rev. 20:1-6)
 - View 1: Amillennial - The view that the millenium is_____, and when it ends, then Jesus will return.
 - View 2: Postmillennial - The view that the millennium will come gradually, and Jesus will return_____the millennium.
 - View 3: Premillennial - The view that the millennium will come suddenly, and Jesus will return_____the millenium.
5. What we can be sure of:
 - Satan will be released from prison to gather those he has_____for battle. Rev. 20:7-8)
 - At the end of that battle, Jesus will_____Satan and he will be thrown into the lake of fire forever. (Rev. 20:10)
 - Jesus will execute final judgment and reign as_____ forever.
 - This should give us a confident hope that is a foundation of constant underlying joy in our lives.

Scriptures on The Return of Christ

Matthew 24:4–14

4 Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will deceive many. 6 You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. 7 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of birth pains. 9 “Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. 10 At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, 11 and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. 12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, 13 but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

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.

Revelation 20:1–10

1 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. 2 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. 3 He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time. 4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years. 7 When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison 8 and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—and to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. 9 They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God’s people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. 10 And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.