

When will the Lord Jesus come to take the church?

- 1. The Lord Jesus has promised that He will come back to take all those who believed in Him to meet Him in the clouds one day. However, He didn't tell us when He will come.**

- . In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 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. (John 14:2-3 ESV)
- . Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. (1 Thessalonians 4:17 ESV)
- . Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to Him, we ask you, brothers. (2 Thessalonians 2:1 ESV)

- 2. The Lord did tell us that after the church is taken up with Him, there will be 7 years of tribulation on earth. Then the end of the age will come. He has also told us what are the signs of the coming of the end of the age.**

- . As He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?" (Matt. 24:3 ESV)
- . Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. (Revelation 3:10 ESV)
- . And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. (2 Thessalonians 2:6-8 ESV)
- . Revelation chapters 4-5: It starts to mention about the tribulations only after church rapture.

3. When we see the signs, and the signs start happening more frequently, then we know that the end time is coming very soon. The time of the church being taken up is even closer.

- . And they asked Him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” (Luke 21:7 ESV)
- . “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” (Mark 13:4 ESV)
- . As He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?” (Matthew 24:3 ESV)

4. The signs are like warnings, reminding us to prepare ourselves to see God.

- . Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. (Matthew 24:42-43 ESV)
- . “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.” (Mark 13:32-37 ESV)

5. When we see there are more wars, nation against nation, kingdom against kingdom, and the making of many new types of weapons;

6. We’ll see earthquakes will happen in various places and they will be more frequent;

- . For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. (Matthew 24:7 ESV)
- . Then He said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. (Luke 21:10 ESV)

7. Many people will die because of wide spread diseases;

8. There will be famines, and many will suffer from malnutrition and hunger;

- . There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. (Luke 21:11 ESV)

9. Lawlessness will also increase, and there will be more crimes, hatred, and the love of many will grow cold;

- . And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. (Matthew 24:12 ESV)
- . But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. (2 Timothy 3:1-7 ESV)

10. Also there will be climate change, and energy shortages, lots of different disasters, pollutions,

- . When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. (Revelation 6:12-14 ESV)

11. And we'll see the advancement of computer technology. All these are the signs of the coming of the end time.

- . This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666. (Revelation 13:18 ESV)

12. We know that the Lord will come to end all the chaos and all the wars. But before that, He will receive the church to the heavenly home.

- . Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of Him. Even so. Amen. (Revelation 1:7 ESV)
- . And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of His mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of His coming. (2 Thessalonians 2:8 ESV)
- . If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! (1 Corinthians 16:22 ESV)

13. We have to trust in the Lord and not follow the bad trends of the world. We have to keep ourselves and love the Lord.

- . Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:13)

14. We also have to take the chance to preach the gospel, to save many from the 7 year tribulation and help many to go to heaven.

- . Then He said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” (Matthew 9:37-38 ESV)
- . And He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you.” (Luke 10:2-6 ESV)
- . For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. (2 Corinthians 6:2 ESV)