

## Are you Ready?

Jesus' coming back, look busy!?!

**God's Upper Story:** "*I will be their God & they will be My people.*" This week: God is completing His upper story; are you ready?

### 1. The Return of Christ.

- **Matthew 24:36 (NLT)** "However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows.
- **Matthew 24:42 (NLT)** "So you, too, must keep watch! For you don't know what day your Lord is coming.
- **Matthew 24:44 (NLT)** "You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected."
- **2 Peter 3:15 (NLT)** "And remember, our Lord's patience gives people time to be saved."

### 2. The Rapture: the gathering up of the church to Himself.

- **2 Thessalonians 2:1 (NLT)** "Now, dear brothers and sisters, let us clarify some things about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we will be gathered to meet him."
- **2 Corinthians 5:8 (NASB)** "to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord."

### 3. The Final Judgment of All People.

- **Hebrews 9:27 (NLT)** "And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment."
- **Revelation 20:11-12 (NLT)** "And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. <sup>12</sup> I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books.
- **Revelation 20:15 (NLT)** "And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire."

### 4. The Establishment of His Reign among His People in the New Heaven and the New Earth.

- **Revelation 21:1-4 (NLT)** "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, 'Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them.<sup>4</sup> He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.'"
- **Revelation 22:3-4 (NLT)** "No longer will there be a curse upon anything. For the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup> And they will see his face, and his name will be written on their foreheads."
- **Revelation 22:17 (NLT)** "The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' Let anyone who hears this say, 'Come.' Let anyone who is thirsty, come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life.
- **Revelation 22:20 (NLT)** "He who is the faithful witness to all these things says, 'Yes, I am coming soon!' Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!"

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Read before Home Group: **Colossians 3** – How does being heavenly minded impact your daily life?

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