

Behold, I Am Coming Quickly! Revelation 22:7

Stand Read Luke 12:35-40 Pray

As we approach the end of this book and the end of the bible, we find Jesus reminding us three times that He is coming quickly. He has just given us the fullest picture of Daniel's seventieth week that we have in the bible and now focuses on the main point of the listener. He is coming!

Are focus today is on Revelation 22:7...

"Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

He is coming quickly! The word is "Tachos" (Not tacos!) where we get our word for "Tachometer". Anybody who has drove a stick shift would know what it is. The idea is the same. Keep these words in your mind and heart as they will come about suddenly. Just as a car quickly shifts into gear, the Day of His appearing will be just like that.

This brings us to this doctrine that we have that was taught by Jesus. Remember our rules for church doctrine? If it was taught by Jesus in the gospels, mentioned or practiced in the book of Acts, and taught in the epistles then it is a church practice or doctrine.

We just read that it was taught by Jesus. We have seen in prior lessons that it was taught in the epistles. We see it in the book of Acts in chapter one...

Acts 1:4-11

4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive

power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? **This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner** as you saw Him go into heaven.”

This doctrine is known as the doctrine of imminency or the imminent return of Christ. It is very clear in scripture that Jesus can come at any moment. And why would He do that? Because we would goof off until that time! (Give Illustration) People try to say that Jesus never taught about the rapture and that it was just made up in the 1900's. He may not have mentioned it directly, but he did clearly allude to it in John 14...

John 14:1-6

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again and receive you to Myself**; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

5 Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”

6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

This is clearly a reference to a Jesus Galilean wedding! Talk about “Before the Wrath”

I have heard people brush this off as if it didn't matter. You are not a bible student if you don't take every word seriously. How many times does God have to tell you? As we saw in our opening reading that Jesus taught about His return all through His ministry. Let's review it again...

Luke 12:35-40

35 “Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; 36 and you yourselves be like men who **wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding**, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. 38 **And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.** 39 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would [g]have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 40 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

This parable is clearly a reference to the wedding. Only in the Galilean wedding does the son not know what time the father is going to call the wedding. Notice Peter’s reply?

41 Then Peter said to Him, “Lord, do You speak this parable **only to us, or to all people?**”

42 And the Lord said, “Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? 43 Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. 44 Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. 45 But if that servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, 46 the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and **appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.** 47 And that servant who knew his master’s will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. 48 But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

Jesus explains to Peter that this “coming” is only for believers. Think about it. We have seen in Revelation that at His second coming EVERYONE will see Him. He comes as Judge, not deliverer.

This is why He is reminding us He is coming quickly!

Jesus taught about this all through His ministry. It’s not a one off in 1 Thessalonians 4. He was telling them as He is telling us, be ready!

Luke 17:20-37

20 Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation; 21 nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within (In your midst, which He was at that moment) you.”

22 Then He said to the disciples, “The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. 23 And they will say to you, ‘Look here!’ or ‘Look there!’ Do not go after them or follow them. 24 For as the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day. 25 But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. 26 **And as it was in the days of Noah**, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: 27 They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise **as it was also in the days of Lot**: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; 29 but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

31 “In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. 32 Remember Lot’s wife. 33 Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. 34 I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. 35 Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. 36 Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left.”

37 And they answered and said to Him, “Where, Lord?”

So He said to them, “**Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together.**”

We may not know the day or hour, but a couple clues...

Genesis 6:5-8

5 Then the Lord saw that the **wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.** 6 And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. 7 So the Lord said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.” 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

Genesis 18:20-21

20 And the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and **because their sin is very grave,** 21 I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know.”

Well, it’s a good thing we don’t see that happening right now!

People always like to point to Matthew 24 as being the proof text that we will go through the tribulation. They forget to do their homework and compare the three gospels that mention it. But even in Matthew 24 Jesus teaches the same point as in Acts 1 and Revelation 22.

Matthew 24:32-44

32 “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! 34 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

36 “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

The word “but” is a change of subject or application of the thought that was just taught. That day and hour is no doubt the seven-year tribulation. Now he is teaching the church, which is the group that this is written to, what to look out for.

36 “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 40 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. 42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Didn't he teach this in Luke 12 and 17? Wow, it's almost like Jesus is making a point. I am being sarcastic but how can we not see it? This is why ALL the epistle writers taught that Lord would return at any moment and to be ready!

But we need to go no further than the Luke 21...

Luke 21:25-38

25 “And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; 26 men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”

29 Then He spoke to them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. 30 When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. 31 So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

34 **“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.** 35 For it will come **as a snare** on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 **Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”**

37 And in the daytime He was teaching in the temple, but at night He went out and stayed on the mountain called Olivet. 38 Then early in the morning all the people came to Him in the temple to hear Him.

Luke points out the last words that were said in the Olivet Discourse. They call us pretribers escapist. Why I like it! Jesus said to pray to be one! In the original it is to “Escape from Calamities”. Couldn’t be clearer than that!

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Do you want to be blessed? Keep the words of Revelation in your heart and know that you were not appointed to wrath.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those

who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 **For God did not appoint us to wrath**, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

Have you watched any of the new Billy Crone documentary? We watched the first one and I can say we don't have much time left! Are you ready? Only, one way to be. Get saved today!

Stand Pray Song

Communion

Luke 22:14-20

14 When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. 15 Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 **for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.**"

17 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; 18 for I say to you, **I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.**"

19 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; **do this in remembrance of Me.**"

20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, **which is shed for you.**