

He Shall Reign Forever: The Resurrection, Rule, and Return of the Son of Man

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The first coming of the Lord Jesus requires a return of the King. Once as a suffering servant, being rejected, and in peace. The next time, He will be to rule, be glorified and worshipped. If Christ has not risen, your faith is worthless, and you are still in your sins, 1 Cor. 15:17.

- Sin created an unpayable penalty and insurmountable consequence: **Death**, Rom. 6:23.
- God can't die, but God came in human flesh and as a man died for us, Phil. 2:5-8.

What does the Bible say about the return and rule on earth of Jesus?

Gen. 1:26-28, man was created to fill the earth, rule, subdue, and mediate on earth to God, Ps. 115:16, Ps. 8:4-6, Heb. 2:8. But man failed. How can we be successful? Through Jesus, Matt. 25:31

- We will rule with Him on earth, Rev. 5:10.
- The Ancient of Days is seated on the throne and books are open, Dan. 7:9-10.
- These aren't the books of Rev. 20: 11-12, these are the books to judge the nations who came against Yahweh from Dan. 7:1-6, the beasts of Babylon, Medes & Persians, Greeks, and a 4th beast: terrible, strong, and different than the others. The Roman Empire was the near fulfillment of the prophesy (7:19-21), but Daniel prophesies of a second instance of a similar empire (V23-25) in the last days that the Ancient of Days will subdue, conquer, and give to His saints, Dan. 7:22. Dan. 7: 22-27 connects us to Dan. 9:20-27 and Rev. 16-18.
- The books are opened, the kingdoms are judged (V11-12).
- The Son of Man comes to the Ancient of Days (Yahweh God, Dan. 7:13) and is given dominion over all the kingdoms of the earth for an everlasting kingdom.
- The Son of Man also is called the Ancient of Days (7:21-22) as He comes and a judgement made in favor of the saints of the Most High. Jesus is our perfect representative, standing before God's throne as a **man** and as **God**.
- Is. 9:6-7, describes the coming and reigning of Christ. After the Son is given (V6), all of Christ's life, His resurrection, the church age, and the Tribulation occur. But His government will be established during the Millennial Reign of Christ (Rev. 20:4-6) and His Kingdom will be under His rule and judgement. He will keep peace and His words will establish everything.
- Is. 53:10, Jesus shall see His seed and prolong their days and all Jesus does shall prosper.
- Is. 61:2, Jesus declared the first part of the verse was accomplished at His 1st coming, but the day of the vengeance of our God is fulfilled in His 2nd coming.
- Zechariah 14:1-21, is filled with literal terms that demonstrate a physical coming and establishment of His throne in Israel: V2: Jerusalem, city, houses. V3: nations. V4: feet, Mt. of Olives, Jerusalem, Mt. of Olives, valley, mountain. V5: mountain valley. V8: waters, seas, summer, winter. V9: earth. V11: Jerusalem. V12: Jerusalem. V14: Judah, Jerusalem, nations, gold, silver, apparel. V15: horse, camel, donkey, cattle. V16: nations, Jerusalem. V17: Jerusalem. V18: Egypt, nations. V20: pots, horses, bowls. V21: Jerusalem, Judah, pot.
- Who is doing this: Yahweh God: V3, 4 (His feet), 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 16, 17, 20, & 21.
- His words will not pass away, judgement is coming, but in Mark 13:32, the Father knows the time but in some way the Son set aside that particular knowledge, but is on guard waiting for the Father to send Him, Rev.14:14-16, for judgement and the reaping of souls.
- Jesus identifies with the Most High and an eternal, earthly throne, Luke 1:32-33.

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- Jesus prays for His own (Jn. 17:9) to be with Jesus where He is (V24). He wants us to see the glory He had in heaven with the Father (V24) because that is our inheritance.
- Jesus ascended from the Mt. of Olives, Acts 1:12 and will return in the same manner that He left. We should pray for His return (Acts 1:14).
- The mystery of God will be completed as God spoke to His slaves the prophets, Rev. 10:7. When the 7th trump is sounded, Jesus will take possession of all kingdoms, Rev.11:15.
- Jesus' return is described as coming on a white horse, likely, in flames of fire, Rev. 19:11-15. Elijah was carried away in a chariot and horses of fire, Jesus rode a colt into Jerusalem, so Jesus riding a horse isn't too difficult for God.
- Jesus' Kenosis is rewarded: Jesus will be highly exalted above all, sitting in power, receiving a name above all others (that no one knows until this time), and every tongue in heaven, on earth, and below earth confesses to the glory of God the Father, Phil. 2:9-11.
- **What was the point of God condescending to us?**
 - To purchase for us what Jesus already has in heaven. Distance from the Holy God has been replaced with Heb. 4:16 and 10:22, which beckons us to draw near to God with confidence (boldly). Now we have fellowship with God who is visible, physically available, and eternally accessible for us to behold and touch, God with us.

Further Discussion and Application

Jesus' return is well described in the OT and NT. Why does His first coming necessitate a 2nd Coming? What prophecies describe Jesus' first coming and which ones describe His 2nd Coming? Why do some of those passages share both?

Jesus' humanity is well described in Matthew Chapters 1-4 and Luke Chapters 1-4. What is very human about Jesus in these chapters? How about in Luke 4:22? Contrast the meekness of His 1st coming with His 2nd coming.

How does the humanity of Christ fill your heart and life with truth that sustains your hope and faith in Jesus' word?

Why is our salvation dependent on a Savior who has come as a man and that He also be the Son of God?

What evidence is given in Scripture that Jesus is coming to rule on a physical earth and on a physical throne?