



What If Christ Returns Today?

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Revelation 22:6-12

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²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. ²² Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ ²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.’

Matt.7:21-23

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But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons

I Tim.4:1

³ Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.”

II Pet.3:3-4

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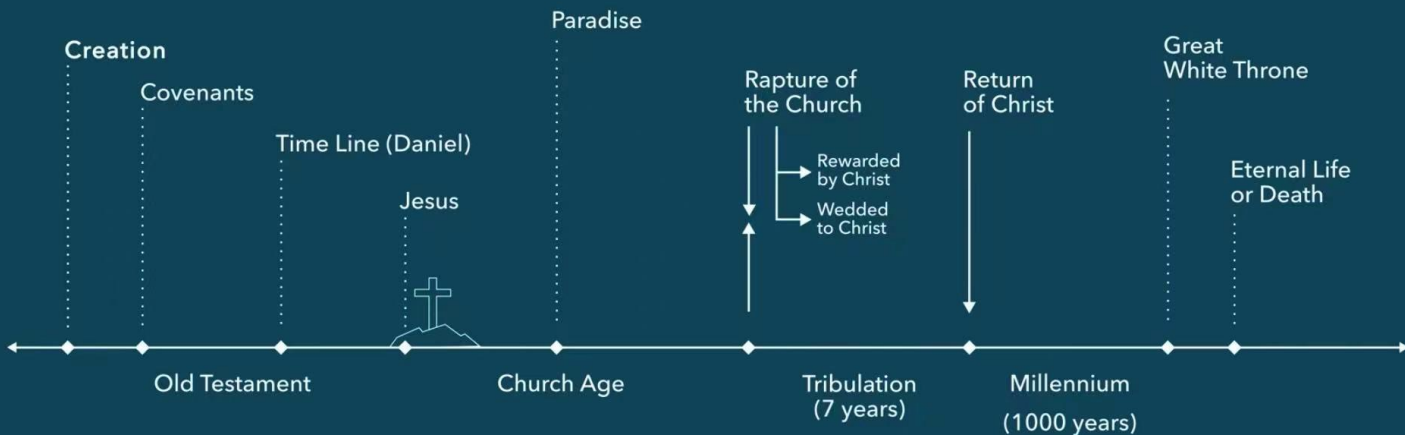


¹³ looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus.

Titus 2:13



HEAVEN'S TIME LINE





I. Immediate obedience (vs 6-7)

- “*heed the words of...this book*” (vs.7) - the imminent return of Christ causes us to be obedient.
- **Test your obedience:**
 1. Time
 2. Talent
 3. Treasure



II. Immediate worship (vs. 8-9)

- The most important thing about worship is not about the effect it has on the one who worships but the effect it has on God. It's about Him!
- **Test your worship:**
 - a. Do you have a sense of wonder?
 - b. Are you becoming more like Christ?
 - c. Does anything in your life get more focus than Christ?



III. Immediate proclamation (vs. 10-11)

- Since there is tremendous warning, we cannot “*seal up the words of...this book*”(vs.10)
 - We must speak its truth. The urgency of His second coming compels us to spread the Word.



III. Immediate proclamation (vs. 10-11)

- How?
 1. Don't shy away from making your friends, co-worker, relative uncomfortable.
 2. Emphasize that the gospel is not primarily therapeutic.
 3. Gently remind them of their mortality.



Conclusion (vs. 12)

*¹² “Behold, I am coming quickly, and
My reward is with Me, to render to
every man according to what he has done.*

Rev 22:12