

What The Book of Revelation Says About Jesus Coming

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In this article, we will investigate what the book of Revelation says about the future coming of Jesus, and the way it will happen.

When John wrote the prologue to the visions he had received, he dwelt on the crowning event, which is the return of Jesus. He wrote: "Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him" (1:7). This concerns Jesus coming bodily and visibly for everyone to see.

Another reference to the future coming of Jesus is in 2:25, where Jesus says to those who believe in Him, "Hold fast what you have till I come." Then in 3:3, He says, "If you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief." What Jesus says here is related to what He says in 16:15: "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches." Jesus says this right after the outpouring of the sixth bowl, mentioned in 16:12. At this juncture, Jesus is announcing that He is about to come "as a thief." This imagery carries the meaning of Him coming unexpectedly or suddenly. Now, when Jesus says in the same verse, "Blessed is he who watches," it is apparent that those who watch will not experience His coming "as a thief," i.e. as an unexpected and sudden event. This is evident from what we see in 3:3, where Jesus says, "If you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief." Therefore, we understand that those who are not watching will experience the coming of Jesus as an unexpected and sudden event. This is also how the world will experience His coming right after the outpouring of the seventh bowl.

In chapter 19 of the Revelation, the coming of Christ is described as taking place after the great tribulation, including all seven bowls. We see Him whose name is "the Word of God" (v.13) descending from heaven on a white horse together with His heavenly army, and defeating the Antichrist and his army on the earth (19:11–21). This is obviously what John is referring to in his prologue: "Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him" (1:7).

At the coming of Jesus in chapter 19, we read in verse 15, "Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations." Then in verse 21 it says, "And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse." This ties in with what Jesus says in 2:16: "Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth."

In 22:7, Jesus says: "*Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.*" This is similar to what He says in 16:15: "*Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches.*" Then in 22:12, Jesus says, "*Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me.*" This relates to what He says in 3:11: "*Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have.*" Then again, in 22:20, Jesus says, "*Surely I am coming quickly.*"

From what we have looked at, we see that Jesus talks about His coming in chapters 2, 3, 16, and 22. Each reference is related and points to the same coming. While certain events at the coming of Christ are previewed in chapter 14, and illustrated there by "One like the Son of Man" sitting on a cloud holding a sickle, His actual coming is described in detail in chapter

19. Thus, we see a single future coming of Christ presented in the book of Revelation, and it is after the tribulation period. This means believers are to be waiting for what John wrote of in 1:7: "Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will *see Him*." What John wrote here can be connected to what he wrote concerning the coming of Jesus in 1 John 3:2: "We know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall *see Him* as He is."

At the very end of the Revelation, John wrote, "come, Lord Jesus!" (22:20). John concludes the book of Revelation by expressing his longing for the return of Christ in a last prayer because this grand occasion will change everything. Of course, John had in mind the only future coming portrayed in the revelation he had received, which is Christ's coming after the great tribulation.

This article is based on a chapter in my new book "The Unveiling - A Guide to the Prophecies of the Book of Revelation" that will be available 20th November: [Click here for more info](#).

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