

## The Return of Jesus:

### The Timeline, part 3

*Look! He comes with the clouds of heaven.  
And everyone will see him—  
even those who pierced him.  
And all the nations of the world  
will mourn for him.  
Yes! Amen!  
Revelation 1:7 (NLT)*

*So the angel swung his sickle over the earth and loaded the grapes into the great winepress of God's wrath. 20 The grapes were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress in a stream about 180 miles long and as high as a horse's bridle.  
Revelation 14:19-20 (NLT)*

*In my jealousy and blazing anger, I promise a mighty shaking in the land of Israel on that day. 20 All living things—the fish in the sea, the birds of the sky, the animals of the field, the small animals that scurry along the ground, and all the people on earth—will quake in terror at my presence. Mountains will be thrown down; cliffs will crumble; walls will fall to the earth. 21 I will summon the sword against you on all the hills of Israel, says the Sovereign Lord. Your men will turn their swords against each other. 22 I will punish you and your armies with disease and bloodshed; I will send torrential rain, hailstones, fire, and burning sulfur!  
Ezekiel 38:19-22 (NLT)*

*This is the plague with which the Lord will strike all the nations that fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths.  
Zechariah 14:12 (NIV)*

*Say to those with fearful hearts,  
"Be strong, and do not fear,  
for your God is coming to destroy your enemies.  
He is coming to save you."  
Isaiah 35:4 (NLT)*

*For on that day I will begin to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.*

<sup>10</sup> "Then I will pour out a spirit of grace and prayer on the family of David and on the people of Jerusalem. They will look on me whom they have pierced and mourn for him as for an only son. They will grieve bitterly for him as for a firstborn son who has died. <sup>11</sup> The sorrow and mourning in Jerusalem on that day will be like the great mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the valley of Megiddo.

Zechariah 12:9-11 (NLT)

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

! THE ULTIMATE \_\_\_\_\_ ENTRY.

*Open up, ancient gates!  
Open up, ancient doors,  
and let the King of glory enter.*

<sup>8</sup> *Who is the King of glory?  
The Lord, strong and mighty;  
the Lord, invincible in battle.*

<sup>9</sup> *Open up, ancient gates!  
Open up, ancient doors,  
and let the King of glory enter.*

<sup>10</sup> *Who is the King of glory?  
The Lord of Heaven's Armies—  
he is the King of glory.  
Psalm 24:7-10 (NLT)*

*In that day, everyone in the land of Judah will sing this song:*

*Our city is strong!*

*We are surrounded by the walls of God's salvation.*

<sup>2</sup> *Open the gates to all who are righteous;  
allow the faithful to enter.*

*Isaiah 26:1-2 (NLT)*

*O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me. <sup>38</sup> And now, look, your house is abandoned and desolate. <sup>39</sup> For I tell you this, you will never see me again until you say, 'Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!'*

*Matthew 23:37-39 (NLT)*

! THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF JESUS AS \_\_\_\_\_.

*For when you die and are buried with your ancestors, I will raise up one of your descendants, your own offspring, and I will make his kingdom strong. <sup>13</sup> He is the one who will build a house—a temple—for my name. And I will secure his royal throne forever... Your house and your kingdom will continue before me for all time, and your throne will be secure forever.”*

*2 Samuel 7:12-13, 16 (NLT)*

*For a child is born to us,  
a son is given to us.*

*The government will rest on his shoulders.*

*And he will be called:*

*Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*<sup>7</sup> His government and its peace  
will never end.*

*He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David  
for all eternity.*

*The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies  
will make this happen!*

*Isaiah 9:6-7 (NLT)*

*“Don't be afraid, Mary,” the angel told her, “for you have found favor with God! <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!”*

*Luke 1:30-33 (NLT)*

*Jesus replied, “I assure you that when the world is made new<sup>[J]</sup> and the Son of Man sits upon his glorious throne, you who have been my followers will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.<sup>29</sup> And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or property, for my sake, will receive a hundred times as much in return and will inherit eternal life. <sup>30</sup> But many who are the greatest now will be least important then, and those who seem least important now will be the greatest then.*

*Matthew 19:28-30 (NLT)*

! THE MARRIAGE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE \_\_\_\_\_.

*But in that day, the branch of the Lord  
will be beautiful and glorious;  
the fruit of the land will be the pride and glory  
of all who survive in Israel.*

*<sup>3</sup> All who remain in Zion*

*will be a holy people—  
those who survive the destruction of Jerusalem  
and are recorded among the living.*

*<sup>4</sup> The Lord will wash the filth from beautiful Zion  
and cleanse Jerusalem of its bloodstains  
with the hot breath of fiery judgment.*

*<sup>5</sup> Then the Lord will provide shade for Mount Zion  
and all who assemble there.*

*He will provide a canopy of cloud during the day  
and smoke and flaming fire at night,  
covering the glorious land.*

*<sup>6</sup> It will be a shelter from daytime heat  
and a hiding place from storms and rain.*

*Isaiah 4: 2-6 (NLT)*

*In Jerusalem, the Lord of Heaven's Armies  
will spread a wonderful feast  
for all the people of the world.*

*It will be a delicious banquet  
with clear, well-aged wine and choice meat.*

*<sup>7</sup> There he will remove the cloud of gloom,  
the shadow of death that hangs over the earth.*

*<sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever!*

*The Sovereign Lord will wipe away all tears.  
He will remove forever all insults and mockery  
against his land and people.*

*The Lord has spoken!*

*<sup>9</sup> In that day the people will proclaim,  
"This is our God!*

*We trusted in him, and he saved us!  
This is the Lord, in whom we trusted.  
Let us rejoice in the salvation he brings!"*

*Isaiah 25:6-9 (NLT)*

*Be dressed for service and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup> as though you were waiting for your  
master to return from the wedding feast. Then you will be ready to open the door and let him in  
the moment he arrives and knocks. <sup>37</sup> The servants who are ready and waiting for his return will  
be rewarded. I tell you the truth, he himself will seat them, put on an apron, and serve them as  
they sit and eat!*

*Luke 12:35-37 (NLT)*

*All nations will come to your light;  
mighty kings will come to see your radiance.*

<sup>4</sup> *“Look and see, for everyone is coming home!  
Your sons are coming from distant lands;  
your little daughters will be carried home.  
<sup>5</sup> Your eyes will shine,  
and your heart will thrill with joy,  
for merchants from around the world will come to you.  
They will bring you the wealth of many lands... “Foreigners will come to rebuild your towns,  
and their kings will serve you.  
For though I have destroyed you in my anger,  
I will now have mercy on you through my grace.  
<sup>11</sup> Your gates will stay open day and night  
to receive the wealth of many lands.  
The kings of the world will be led as captives  
in a victory procession.  
Isaiah 60:3-5, 10-11 (NLT)*

*The nations will walk in its light, and the kings of the world will enter the city in all their  
glory. <sup>25</sup> Its gates will never be closed at the end of day because there is no night there.<sup>26</sup> And all  
the nations will bring their glory and honor into the city.  
Revelation 21:24 (NLT)*