

Luke 12:40 - The 2nd Coming of Christ (Pt2)

Luke 12:40 Be ye therefore ready also: **for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.**

Things That Happen **Before He Comes**

1) The gospel shall be preached in the whole world - Evangelistic

- Matt 24:14 "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come."

2) There Will Be Times of Difficulty - Perilous

- 2 Tim 3:1-5 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

3) The Mountain of the Lord's house shall be established - Victorious Church

- Isa 2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

4) The pouring out of God's Spirit - Spirit-Filled Church

- Acts 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

These spiritual gifts - continuous since the day of Pentecost

- 1Co 1:4-7 KJV I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; 5 That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; 6 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: 7 So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

5) There will be a falling away first, Apostasy

- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 ESV (1) Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, (2) not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. (3) Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion [KJV Falling Away] comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, (4) who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.

Rebellion = G646 falling away apostasia - defection from truth

- **same word used here** Act 21:21 NIV They have been informed that you teach all the Jews who live among the Gentiles to turn away from Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or live according to our customs.

Apostasia comes from the root word that means writing of divorcement G647

- Mat 5:31 KJV It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

These words stem from G868 - to remove, that is, (actively) instigate to revolt; usually (reflexively) to desist, desert, etc.:

- 1Ti 4:1 NIV The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will **abandon** the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

Things that Happen *At His Coming*

1) The resurrection of believers - HOPE FOR THOSE WHO DIE IN CHRIST

- 1Th 4:13-18 NIV Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and **the dead in Christ will rise first.** 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.
 - The living WILL NOT PRECEDE the dead in Christ in the resurrection
 - It will be with a loud command, voice of the archangel and trump of God

Note: There are two resurrections

- Dan 12:2-3 NIV Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: **some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.** 3 Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.
- John 5:28-29 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, (29) And shall come forth; **they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.**
- Acts 24:14-15 KJV But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets: (15) And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be **a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.**

Their timing is like bookends on each side of the 1000 years

- Revelation 20:4-6 KJV And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (5) But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This *[what he just described - emphasis mine]* is the first resurrection. (6) Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

2) Vengeance or Punishment

- 2Th 1:6-12 NIV **God is just:** He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you 7 and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. 8 He will **punish** those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might 10 on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed...
 - vs 6 God is just - God's judgement must be seen as a righteous thing [there is resurrection and there is eternal judgement]
 - vs 8 punish = take vengeance - same word used here
 - Act 7:24 KJV And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian:
 - Rom 12:19 KJV Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.
 - 1Pe 2:13-14 KJV Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; 14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

The final judgement of man rests upon whether they know God and obey the gospel of Jesus Christ

- Punish those who do not know God and those who do not obey the gospel of Jesus Christ
- Everlasting destruction (some think this means annihilation)
 - everlasting means perpetual
 - same word that means eternal life (Matt 25:46)
- Shut out from seeing his face and the glory of his power
 - Rev 7:9-10 KJV After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; 10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

What Kind of People Ought We to Be? or How Should We Live In Light of the 2nd Coming

2Pe 3:10-11 NIV But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. 11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, **what kind of people ought you to be?** You ought to live holy and godly lives

Continue in Him

- 1Jn 2:28-29 NIV And now, dear children, ***continue in him***, so that when he **appears** we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming. 29 If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

NOTE: 1 John mentions abiding or continuing 23 times in the book of 1 John

So Many Start But Do Not Continue - What Are Some Factors?

False Doctrine

- Galatians 5:7 NIV You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth?

Love of the world

- 2 Timothy 4:10 KJV For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

Unbelief - and a heart hardened through deceitfulness of sin

- Hebrews 3:12-14 KJV Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. (13) But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. (14) For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end;

Love growing cold because of abounding iniquity

- Matthew 24:12-13 KJV And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. (13) But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Make it our goal to please Him

- 2 Cor 5:6-10 Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. We live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.
 - Live by faith - without faith it is impossible to please Him

A pursuit of godliness

- 1 John 3:2-3 KJV Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. (3) And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Meet together & encourage one another (see 1 Thes 4:18 & 5:11 also)

- Heb 10:24-27 KJV And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. 26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, 27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

Allow God to work in me - What is He after

1) Increase in love, strengthen heart for holiness

- 1Th 3:12-13 NIV May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. 13 May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

God takes us through the process of sanctification

- 1Th 5:23-24 NIV May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

A walk worthy of His calling

- 2 Thes 1:9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might 10 on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you. 11 With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. 12 We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 22:20-21 NIV (20) He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. (21) The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.