

MESSIANIC MILESTONES

THE RETURN OF THE MESSIAH

I. WHY WILL HE RETURN?

A. **2nd Timothy 4:1**

At His appearing, He will judge.

B. **Matthew 25:31-46**

His purpose will be to separate sheep from goats, the righteous from the cursed, one for eternal life and the other for everlasting punishment.

C. **Jude 14-15**

The Lord comes to execute judgment.

D. **Hebrews 9:27-28**

He will appear again to judge and to save.

II. HOW WILL HE RETURN?

A. **Acts 1:9-11**

He will come as He went, with the clouds.

B. **1st Thessalonians 4:13-16**

His heavenly descent will be accompanied by shouting, an archangel's voice, and God's trumpet.

C. **2nd Thessalonians 1:3-12**

He will be revealed from heaven with angels and fire!

III. WHEN WILL HE RETURN?

A. **1st Thessalonians 5:1-11; 2nd Peter 3:1-10**

The "when" question cannot be answered for the very specific reason that God has deliberately withheld that information. No thief sets an appointment and calls to confirm his coming, nor will Christ.

B. **Acts 17:30-31**

Although there can be no certainty as to when it will occur, know that there truly is “a day” appointed.

C. 1st Thessalonians 4:15-18

We are also aware of the order of events on that day. First, the dead in Christ will rise. After that, those Christians living on earth will ascend to meet the Lord.

IV. WHERE WILL HE RETURN?

A. 2nd Peter 3:7, 10-13

It won't happen on earth, for it will cease to exist at that time. He will never step foot here again.

B. 1st Thessalonians 4:17

Indeed, the saved will meet Jesus in the sky.

V. WHO WILL BE THERE WHEN HE RETURNS?

A. Matthew 16:27

Angels will accompany our Lord's return.

B. 2nd Corinthians 5:10-11

“Each one” “whether good or bad” will face the Lord in judgment.

C. Matthew 25:31, 41

Even Satan and the demons will be judged.

D. Acts 10:42

Whether living or dead, every soul will be judged.