



PROPHECY EXPO

When Chaining the Devil Sets Him Free

I. The promise of Jesus return is the hope Christians have had, since Jesus left this earth 2,000 years ago

A. His return was promised by two angels when He left

"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."
(Acts 1:11; NASB91; SP1065)

B. Even while he was on the earth, He promised to return with the visibility of the brightness of lightning

"For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be"
(Matthew 24:27; NASB21; SP961)

C. He is coming in the clouds and with power

"Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory."
(Luke 21:27; NASB66; SP1029)

D. Jesus, Himself, will shout, and blast a trumpet

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord."
(1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; NASB160; SP1166)

E. The promise is that when He comes, every eye will see Him

“BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him.”
(Revelation 1:7; NASB189; SP1210)

F. In recent times some have foolishly said Jesus will return secretly

1. Jesus warned about those who would say, He was coming secretly

"Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There *He is,*' do not believe *him*.
²⁴ "For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.
²⁵ "Behold, I have told you in advance.
²⁶ "So if they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' do not go out, *or,* 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe *them*.
²⁷ "For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be."
(Matthew 24:22-27; NASB21; SP961)

2. The proof that Jesus is not coming secretly is that when He does come, He will come in the clouds with glory and power

"And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory."
(Matthew 24:30; NASB21; 961)

G. When Jesus comes He is bringing His rewards with Him

"Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.
(Revelation 22:12; NASB201; SP1227)

H. A significant reward will be the resurrection of life or judgment

"Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice,
²⁹ and will come forth; those who did the good *deeds* to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil *deeds* to a resurrection of judgment."
(John 5:28-29; NASB75; SP1042)

II. When Jesus comes, He will not come alone. He will be leading His heavenly army with Him

A. His angels will gather His faithful to Him

"And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other."
(Matthew 24:31; NASB21; SP961)

"Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord."
(1 Thessalonians 4:17; NASB160; SP1166)

B. It is at the 2nd Coming of Jesus that His disciples are rewarded with eternal life

"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.
⁵³ For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality."
(1 Corinthians 15:52-53; NASB139; SP1134)

C. A similar picture, but in an expanded view of Jesus' coming is found in Revelation 19: 11-14

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.
¹² His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself.¹³ He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.¹⁴ And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses."
(Revelation 19:11-14; NASB199; SP1224)

D. While the coming of Jesus is a blessing to His people, it is disastrous for the wicked. They are consumed by His coming

"Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming."
(2 Thessalonians 2:8; NASB163; SP1224)

"And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh."
(Revelation 19:21; NASB199; SP1226)

III. In summary, when Jesus comes again, the righteous are ever-after with Jesus and the wicked are consumed by the brightness of His coming (or as Revelation 19:19 says, the sword which came out of the mouth of Jesus) leaving this an empty earth, thus, chaining Satan by a chain of circumstances with no one for him to accuse or otherwise bewilder

“Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand.
² And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.”
(Revelation 20:1-2; NASB199; SP1224)

A. Satan is left to ponder His existence and his deeds, since he has no one to deceive

“And he threw him into the abyss, and shut *it* and sealed *it* over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.”
(Revelation 20:3; NASB199; SP1224)

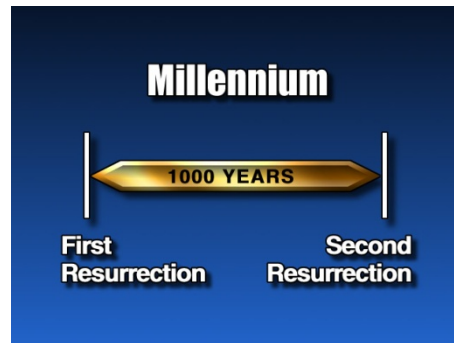
B. The righteous, on the other hand, are living, reigning and evaluating past experiences with Jesus

“Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.”
(Revelation 20:4; NASB199; SP1225)

“Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more matters of this life?”
(1 Corinthians 6:3; NASB135; SP1124)

IV. After the 1000 years the wicked, who were consumed by Jesus’ coming, are raised for final judgment

“The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed.”
(Revelation 20:5; NASB199; SP1225)



A. When the wicked come to life again, Satan is, obviously, released to pester his wicked disciples

“When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison.”
(Revelation 20:7; NASB200; SP1225)

B. Satan excites his followers into thinking they can overcome the camp of God

“And will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore.
⁹ And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city.”
(Revelation 20:8-9; NASB200; SP1225)

C. It is at that decisive moment that the Great White Throne Judgment occurs

“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.
¹² And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.
¹³ And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one *of them* according to their deeds.”
(Revelation 20:11-13; NASB200; SP1225)

D. The final punishment is rendered on the wicked

“Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.
¹⁵ And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”
(Revelation 20:14-1; NASB200; SP1225)

V. The righteous live in glory with Jesus forever more

A. They live in a new world, much like the Garden of Eden.

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea.
² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.”
(Revelation 21:1-2; NASB200; SP1225)

B. Everything in the world is remade and perfect with no pain nor crying

“And He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”
(Revelation 21:4; NASB200; SP1225)