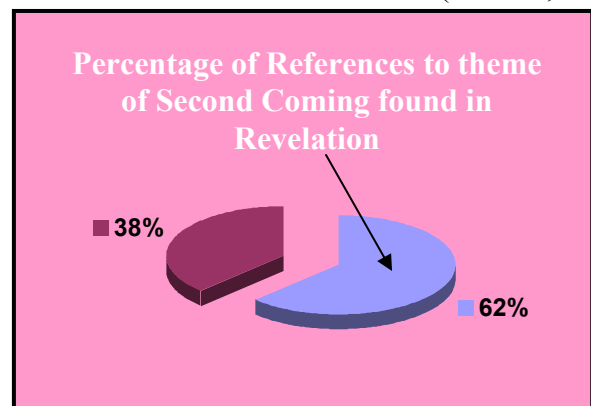


Our Best Friend Returns



DELIVERED BY JESUS FROM OUR DEADLY ENEMY

We have three wonderful friends from heaven who send us grace and peace (Rev 1:4,5). Jesus Christ is the one, who, when working with His Father and the Holy Spirit makes this grace available to us (Jn 1:17; 2 Cor 13:14). Therefore, if we respond to their invitation; they will come and live in our hearts through the Holy Spirit as their representative (Jn 14:16-23; Eph 3:16,17). They are our friends and comforters if we have faith like Abraham did (Isa 41:8; Heb 11:6,8; Jn 14:16,26; 2 Cor 1:3,4). The closest of these friends is Jesus; because greater love cannot be demonstrated to us than laying down one's own life like Christ did for all mankind (Jn 15:13; 1 Jn 2:1,2). He died for us when we were still sinners; showing His great love for us (Rom 5:8). The Lamb is therefore our very, very best friend. He has gone to prepare a place for us (Jn 14:1-3). He said He will come again to receive us unto Himself; that we may be with Him (Jn 14:3). The king of kings wants us to reign with Him for ever and ever (Rev 22:5). Jesus wants to dwell with us in the most beautiful city that has ever been built (Rev 21:1-3,23). No wonder He says in Rev 22:12 *behold I come quickly*. The Saviour cannot wait to take us home away from our great enemy the Devil; because He came to destroy the works (sin) that Satan uses to try and separate us from our best friend Jesus (1 Jn 3:8; Isa 59:2). The Second Coming of Christ is the most exciting and wonderful experience that will soon be upon us. We will see Jesus our best friend. May we all be among those that are "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;" Titus 2:13. Salvation made effective at the Second coming of Christ, the judgement to determine who will be ready to be saved for the second coming of Christ, and the reward of the righteous and the wicked at the second coming and beyond are the central theme of the message of Revelation. They all cluster around the cross of Christ and the Second Coming.



1. Which three titles of Jesus are given in Rev 1:5?

Ans: And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the _____, *and* the _____ of the dead, and the _____ of the kings of the earth.

See Appendix 3A article 1 for more information.

2. There are three wonderful things that Jesus does for us. What are they? Rev 1:5 last part, 6

Ans: Unto him that _____ us, and _____ us from our sins in his own blood, And hath _____ us _____ and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

See Appendix 3A article 2 for more information.

CAUGHT UP BY ANGELS TO MEET JESUS IN THE AIR

3. Which great event happens before we will reign as kings and priests unto God? Rev 1:7 first part

Ans: Behold, _____ cometh with clouds;

Jesus has already through His own merits made us Kings and priests unto God, but we will not reign with Him until the 1,000 years that starts at the second coming (Rev 20:4). We are kings and priests with Him now only through Christ representing us in heaven (Eph 2:4-6). Therefore the Second Coming will be the first time that we sit down with Christ on His throne with the Father literally (Rev 3:21).

4. Who is it that comes in the clouds? Rev 1:8,13

Ans: a. I am _____ and _____, the beginning and the ending,

Ans: b. And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the _____ of _____,



5. Who is the alpha and omega who is called the son of man? Rev 22:13,16; Acts 7:55,56

Ans: a. I am _____ and _____, the beginning and the end, Rev 22:13

Ans: b. I _____ have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. Rev 22:16

Ans: c. and saw the glory of God, and _____ standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the _____ of _____ standing on the right hand of God. Acts 7:55,56.

It is Jesus that is called the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, and the Son of man. Jesus is the one that speaks the message to John for the seven churches (Rev 1:12).

See supplementary information from other parts of the Bible about the clouds of Rev 1:7 in Appendix 3 B. Fill in the answers on the appendix sheet to find the answers below in questions 6-8.

6. Jesus will come with clouds Rev 1:7. Who are sometimes signified as clouds or chariots? Ps 104:3,4; 68:17.

Ans: _____

7. How many angels will come with Jesus at the Second Coming? Mt 25:31

Ans: _____ the holy angels with him

8. What work will the angels be involved with at the Second Coming of Christ? Mt 24:31

Ans: _____ together his elect from the four winds

THE FATE OF THE WICKED AT CHRIST'S RETURN

9. What is something that God, Jesus the Lamb, and the angels are surrounded by? Rev 15:8; 21:23; 18:1



Ans: a. And the temple was filled with smoke from the _____ of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled. Rev 15:8

Ans: b. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the _____ of God did lighten it, _____ the _____ is the light thereof. Rev 21:23

Ans: c. And after these things I saw another _____ come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was _____ with his _____. Rev 18:1

The word glory in the Greek is *doxa* (dox'-ah) which includes in it's meaning: *brightness*. God the Father and Jesus are so bright that there is no need of the sun or the moon in the Heavenly City.

10. How bright is Jesus' countenance? Rev 1:13,16

Ans: a. And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the _____ of man, Rev 1:13

Ans: b.: and his countenance *was* as the _____ shineth in his strength. Rev 1:16

11. How many will see Jesus and His brightness at the Second Coming, and what will be the reaction of the wicked? Rev 1:7

Ans: a. Behold, he cometh with clouds; and _____ shall see him,

Ans: b. and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall _____ because of him. Even so, Amen.

See supplementary information in Appendix 3B about glory and fill in the answers to questions 12-14



12. There is a threefold glory that Jesus will come in. What is it? Lk 9:26

Ans: when he shall come in _____ own glory, and *in his* _____, and of the holy _____.

13. There was one angel that came to roll back the stone from the door of Jesus' tomb. How bright was his face? Mt 28:3

Ans: His countenance was like _____, and his raiment white as snow:

14. If one Angel's brightness had such an affect on the Centurion soldiers what will be the affect of the glory of Father, the Son, and all the Holy Angels on the wicked? 2 Thess 2:8

Ans: and shall _____ with the _____ of his coming:

15. The fourth plague is an example of how God destroys the wicked. What does He use for their destruction? Rev 16:8,9

Ans: And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with _____. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

16. What happens to the beast and the false prophet at the Second Coming of Christ? Rev 19:20

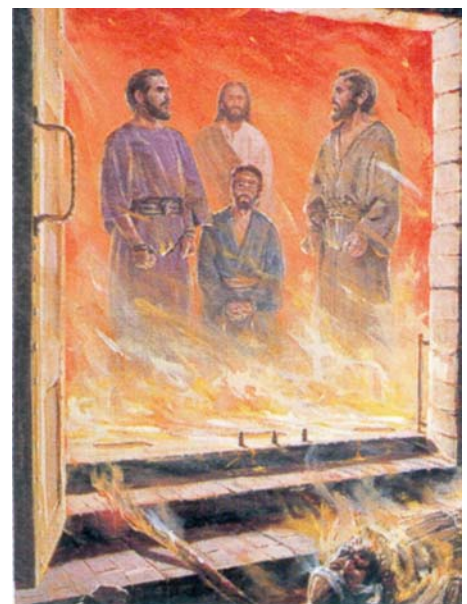
Ans: And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a _____ of _____ burning with brimstone.

See Appendix 3 C for extra information in other parts of the Bible on the fire at the Second Coming of Christ.

17. How will God take vengeance on them that don't know Him at the Second Coming of Christ? 2 Thes 1:7,8 See note below

Ans: a. In _____ taking vengeance on them that know not God,

Ans: b. In the day of His coming, the last great trumpet is heard, and there is a terrible shaking of earth and heaven (Heb 12:26-29). The whole earth, from the loftiest mountains to the deepest mines, will hear. Everything will be penetrated by _____ (2 Pet 3:10-12). The tainted atmosphere will



be cleansed by fire. The fire having fulfilled its mission, the dead that have been laid away in the grave will come forth--some to the resurrection of life, to be caught up to meet their Lord in the air, and some to behold the coming of Him whom they have despised and whom they now recognize as the Judge of all the earth (1 Thes 4:16,17; Rev 1:7; Mt 26:64; Dan 12:2).

All the righteous are _____ by the flames (Isa 43:2). They can walk through the fire, as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego walked in the midst of the furnace heated seven times hotter than it was wont to be heated (Dan 3:17-28). The Hebrew worthies could not be consumed, because the form of the fourth, the Son of God, was with them (Dan 3:24,25). So in the day of the coming of the Lord, smoke and flame will be _____ to harm the _____. See note below

Everything that can be devised by the enemy to occupy the mind, and to divert attention from this message, will be devised. But we are to go forward in the proclamation of the Word of the Lord (Mt 28:18-20). The end of all things is at hand. The coming of the Lord in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory, is very near. . . .

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18. Something will accompany the fire of the Second Coming of our best friend Jesus. What is it? Ps 50:3

Ans: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very _____ round about him.

19. How big is the fire that will be burning at the Second Coming? 2 Pet 3:12 How shall we survive the fire that burns before Jesus at his second coming? Will we get burnt? Isa 43:2

Ans: a. the coming of the day of God, wherein the _____ being on _____ shall be dissolved 2 Pet 3:12

Ans: b. when thou walkest through the _____, thou shalt not be _____; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. Isa 43:2

20. What happens to the wicked when the fire goes before the Lord? Ps 97:3 What else comes with the fire which also can be quite destructive? Ps 97:4

Ans : a. A fire goeth before him, and _____ his enemies round about. Ps 97:3

Ans: b. His _____ enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled. Ps 97:4

21. What always accompanies lightning? Rev 16:18

Ans: And there were voices, and _____, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake,

22. What will happen to every city on earth? Rev 16:18,19 What will destroy them? Rev 16:20,21

Ans: a. and there was a _____, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, *and* so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the _____ of the nations fell. Rev 16:18,19

Ans: b. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And there fell upon men a _____ out of heaven, *every stone* about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great Rev 16:20,21.

The greatest earthquake this world has ever seen will destroy every city on earth. Besides the earthquake there will be huge hail of one talent in weight. This would be up to 50 Kg (112 Lb.- Equivalent to about 16 house bricks) in weight which would be devastating in it's effect on cities, forests, and all living creatures. Every island and mountain are moved out of their places (Rev 6:14) so much so that they cannot be found (Rev 16:20). The largest island in the world is Australia.



23. Who are in the mountains when they are about to be destroyed? Rev 6:14-17 Who are they hiding from?

Ans: And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the _____ of the earth, and the great _____, and the _____ men, and the chief _____, and the _____ men, and every _____, and every _____ man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the _____ and _____, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the _____: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

24. What else happens to the mountains besides being demolished by the earthquake? Ps 97:5; 2 Pet 3:12

Ans: a. The hills _____ like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. Ps 97:5

Ans: b. the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the _____ shall _____ with fervent heat? 2 Pet 3:12

25. How will the wicked be affected by these melting elements? Nahum 1:5

Ans: and the hills melt, and the earth is _____ at his presence, yea, the world, and _____ that _____ therein.

26. What does the beast persuade all the armies of the world to do at the coming of Jesus? Rev 19:19 What happens to the beast and the false prophet of Revelation 13 at the Second Coming of Christ? Rev 19:20

Ans: a. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to _____ against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. Rev 19:19

Ans: b. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were _____ alive into a _____ of _____ burning with brimstone. Rev 19:20

See Appendix 3 C in extra information on the second coming to help fill in answers to questions 27, 28.

27. What is one thing the LORD will do at the Second Coming? Heb 12:26; 1 Thes 4:16,17; Ps 47:5

Ans: a. Whose _____ then _____ the earth: ...Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. Heb 12:26

Ans: b. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a _____, with the voice of the archangel, and with the _____ of God: 1 Thes 4:16,17



Ans: c. God is gone up with a _____, the LORD with the sound of a _____. Ps 47:5

28. Will we be afraid when Jesus comes with His reward for the righteous and the wicked and they are being destroyed all around us by all the events we have just studied in this lesson? Ps 91:5-8

Ans: Thou shalt not be _____ for the terror by night...A _____ shall fall at thy side, and _____ at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the _____ of the _____.

29. How did Jesus say He would come back again to those who are not watching? Rev 3:3; 16:15

Ans: a. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will _____ on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. Rev 3:3

Ans: b. Behold, I come as a _____. Blessed is he that _____ and _____ his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. Rev 16:15

Jesus comes as a thief only to those who are lost. 1 Thes 5:1-6. If he comes as a thief to us we will be eternally lost. Jesus asks us to watch and be ready lest that day of His return come on us unawares Mt 24:42-44; 25:13; Mk 13:33-37; Lk 21:34-36.

THE RIGHTEOUS AT THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

30. What did Jesus say four times in Revelation to encourage us always to watch and pray? Rev 3:11; 22:7,12,20.

Ans: Behold, I come _____:

The Second Coming of Christ and His reward for the righteous and the wicked is the major theme through Revelation. Evangelist Dwight Moody said that this event is mentioned 2,500 times in the Bible.



31. What wonderful change will come to us at the coming of Jesus? Rev 2:11; 1 Cor 15:51-53

Ans: a. He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second _____. Rev 2:11

Ans: b. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but ____ shall all be _____, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* _____ on _____. 1 Cor 15:51-53

We receive immortality at the Second Coming of Christ. We will never die from that time onwards because we will have access to the tree of life (Rev 2:7).

See Appendix 3 A for more information on our bodies like Jesus' body to help fill in question 32.

32. Whose body will our new immortal and incorruptible bodies be like Phil 3:20,21; Lk 24:39-43

Ans: a. we look for the Saviour, the Lord _____ Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned _____ unto _____ glorious _____, Phil 3:20,21

Ans: b. for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. ...he shewed them *his* _____ and *his* _____. ...And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took *it*, and did _____ before them. Lk 24:39-43

DECEPTIONS AND THE SECOND COMING

33. Will Satan try to impersonate Christ's Second Coming? Rev 16:14; 2 Cor 11:14; Mt 24:24

Ans: a. For they are the spirits of _____, working _____, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Rev 16:14

Ans: b. And no marvel; for _____ himself is _____ into an _____ of light 2 Cor 11:14.

Ans: c. For there shall arise _____, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Mt 24:24

Satan no doubt will impersonate Christ to try and deceive even God’s elect people. We are told that if any Christ appears on the earth don’t go out to see him (Mt 24:26).



34. Will Jesus’ Second Coming be in secret? Rev 16:18

Ans: And there were _____, and _____, and _____; and there was a great _____,

Jesus coming as we have seen through this lesson will be very loud, very visible by all, and even some of the dead shall be awakened (Rev 1:7; 1 Thes 4:16-18). It will not be in some secret place (Mt 24:26). All will meet Jesus in the air not on the earth (1 Thes 4:17). Jesus our best friend will appear the second time with all our sins forgiven for our salvation so He can take us home (Heb 9:28). Later on in another lesson we will look at this subject in more detail.

35. Would you like to be ready to meet our best friend Jesus to live with Him forever
