

Christ and his apostles clearly taught that he would return in the first century. **Do you believe them?**

1. **Matthew 3:7 (KJV)**

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

2. **Matthew 3:10 (KJV)**

¹⁰ And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

3. **Matthew 3:12 (KJV)**

¹² Whose fan (*winnowing fork*) is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

4. **Matthew 10:23 (KJV)**

²³ But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.

5. **Matthew 16:28 (KJV)**

²⁸ Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

6. **Matthew 23:29-36 (KJV)**

²⁹ Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous,

³⁰ And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.

³¹ Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.

³² Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.

³³ Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

³⁴ Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and *some* of them ye shall kill and crucify; and *some* of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute *them* from city to city:

³⁵ That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.

³⁶ Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.

7. Matthew 24:34 (KJV)

³⁴ Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

8. Matthew 26:64 (KJV)

⁶⁴ Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

9. Luke 21:22 (KJV)

²² For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

10. John 21:22 (KJV)

²² Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what *is that* to thee? follow thou me.

11. Acts 2:16-17 (KJV)

¹⁶ But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

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:

12. Romans 13:11-12 (KJV)

¹¹ And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

¹² The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

13. Romans 16:20 (KJV)

²⁰ And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

14. 1 Corinthians 7:29 (KJV)

²⁹ But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none;

15. 1 Corinthians 7:31 (KJV)

³¹ And they that use this world, as not abusing *it*: for the fashion of this world passeth away.

16. 1 Corinthians 10:11 (KJV)

¹¹ Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

17. Philippians 4:5 (KJV)

⁵ Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

18. Colossians 1:23 (KJV)

²³ If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; (compare Mt. 24:14, Rom. 16:25-26, Col. 1:5-6, 2 Tim. 4:17)

19. 1 Thessalonians 4:15 (KJV)

¹⁵ For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

20. 1 Thessalonians 5:4 (KJV)

⁴ But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

21. 2 Thessalonians 1:6-7 (KJV)

⁶ Seeing *it* is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;

⁷ And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

22. 1 Timothy 6:14 (KJV)

¹⁴ That thou keep *this* commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

23. Hebrews 1:1-2 (KJV)

¹ God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

² Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

24. Hebrews 9:26 (KJV)

²⁶ For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

25. Hebrews 10:25 (KJV)

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. Hebrews 10:37 (KJV)

³⁷ For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

27. James 5:7 (KJV)

⁷ Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

28. James 5:8 (KJV)

⁸ Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

29. 1 Peter 1:4-5 (KJV)

⁴ To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

⁵ Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

30. 1 Peter 1:20 (KJV)

²⁰ Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

31. 1 Peter 4:5 (KJV)

⁵ Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

32. 1 Peter 4:7 (KJV)

⁷ But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

33. 1 Peter 4:17 (KJV)

¹⁷ For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it* first *begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God?

34. 2 Peter 2:3 (KJV)

³ And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

35. 1 John 2:17 (KJV)

¹⁷ And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

36. 1 John 2:18 (KJV)

¹⁸ Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

37. 1 John 4:3 (KJV)

³ And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

38. Jude 1:17-18 (KJV)

¹⁷ But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

¹⁸ How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

39. Revelation 1:1 (KJV)

¹ The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified *it* by his angel unto his servant John:

40. Revelation 1:3 (KJV)

³ Blessed *is* he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time *is* at hand.

41. Revelation 2:25 (KJV)

²⁵ But that which ye have *already* hold fast till I come.

42. Revelation 3:10 (KJV)

¹⁰ Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

43. Revelation 3:11 (KJV)

¹¹ Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

44. Revelation 18:24 (KJV)

²⁴ And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth. (compare with Matt. 23:35-36)

45. Revelation 22:6 (KJV)

⁶ And he said unto me, These sayings *are* faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

46. Revelation 22:7 (KJV)

⁷ Behold, I come quickly: blessed *is* he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

47. Revelation 22:10 (KJV)

¹⁰ And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time *is* at hand.

48. Revelation 22:11 (KJV)

¹¹ He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

49. Revelation 22:12 (KJV)

¹² And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

50. Revelation 22:20 (KJV)

²⁰ He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

SKEPTICS

Bertrand Russell – “...He (Christ) certainly thought his second coming would occur in clouds of glory before the death of all the people who were living at the time. There are a lot of places where it is quite clear that he believed his second coming would happen during the lifetime of many then living... In that respect clearly he was not so wise...” (“Why I am Not A Christian”, p. 16)

Jews For Judaism (Website) – “Jesus did not come back “quickly”, as promised, to judge mankind. The time is long past that one can claim that Jesus will come back “quickly”. Thus, what we have in Rev. 22:20 is false prophecy.”

A VALID CHRISTIAN RESPONSE

R. C. Sproul – (speaking on the time-text statements of Christ’s coming) “...skeptical criticism of the bible has become almost universal in the world. And people have attacked the credibility of Jesus. Maybe som Church fathers made a mistake. Maybe our favorite theologians have made mistakes. I can abide with that. I can’t abide with Jesus being a false prophet, because if I am to understand that Jesus is a false prophet, my faith is vain.” (“The Problem of Imminency”, Covenant Eschatology Symposium, Mt. Dora, FL 1993)

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Because we believe in the inspiration of Scripture, we believe that all the time statements listed in the above verses to be true and accurate... most being fulfilled in Christ’s coming in judgment to fully terminate the Old Covenant Age and to destroy Jerusalem (Mystery Babylon) in 70 A.D.

We are therefore calling for a new Reformation in Bible-believing Christianity, a reformation in eschatology!

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