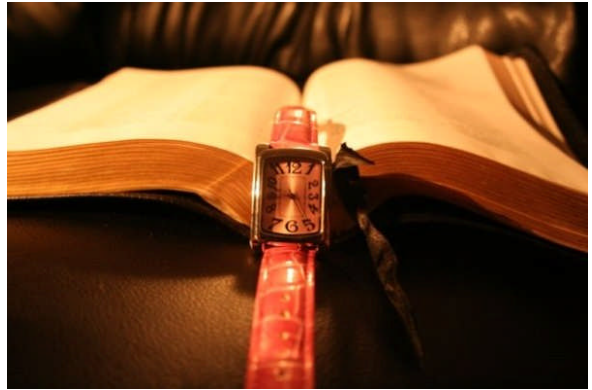


A Chronology of Christ's Return

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Preceding the Day of the Lord:

1. Jesus Christ came to earth, died, and rose again to reign in Heaven (1 Tim. 6:14-15).
2. There will be a falling away (2 Thess. 2:3). (History shows us that this has taken place.)
3. There will be no signs to usher in the Day of the Lord (Matt. 24:37-39; 1 Thess. 5:2-3; 2 Pet. 3:10).
4. Judgment will come when God's long-suffering is full (2 Pet. 3:9).



The Day of the Lord:

1. The Lord will descend from heaven (1 Thess. 4:16).
2. Christ will descend with an accompanying shout, the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God (1 Thess. 4:16).
3. Christ will descend with angels in flaming fire (2 Thess. 1:7).
4. This will be a universal revelation of Jesus (1 Thess. 4:17).
5. The dead in Christ shall rise first in immortal bodies (1 Thess. 4:16; 1 Cor. 15:52).
6. Hades shall give up all the dead for the final judgment at the sound of Christ's voice (John 5:28-29).
7. All people will be changed into incorruptible bodies (1 Cor. 15:52-54).
8. Righteous living on earth will be caught up to Christ (1 Thess. 4:17; Matt. 24:40-41).
9. Christ will not set foot upon the earth (1 Thess. 4:17).
10. This world will pass away, being destroyed by fire (2 Pet. 3:10-11).
11. These events will happen in a "twinkling of an eye" (1 Cor. 15:52).
12. All men will be gathered to the judgment bar of Christ (John 5:29-30; Acts 24:25; 2 Cor.

5:10; 1 Pet. 4:5).

13. Every knee will bow and every tongue will confess Christ is Lord: (Phil. 2:10-11)

14. Christ will separate the sheep from the goats (Matt. 25:31-46).

15. All people will be judged by one standard, the Bible (John 12:48; Rev. 20:12).

16. All people will be judged according to deeds/ works (Rev. 20:12-13; 2 Cor. 5:10).

17. All people will be judged as to whether their works were authorized by Christ (Matt. 7:22-23).

18. Those who are covered by the blood of Christ will be passed over and avoid God's wrath (1 Cor. 5:7; 1 Pet. 1:17-18).

19. The redeemed will receive a crown (2 Tim. 4:8; Rev. 2:10).

20. Those who did not know God or did not obey Him will receive a sentence of punishment (2 Thess. 1:8-9).