

**There's A Great Day Coming**

“When the actors have played their last  
drama,  
And the mimic has made his last fun;  
When the film has flashed its last picture,  
And the billboard displayed its last run.  
When the crowds seeking pleasure have  
vanished,  
And gone out in the darkness again;  
When the trumpet of ages has been sounded,  
And we stand in His presence – What Then?”

## 1 Co.15:52

“...in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed”

# Law without punishment is absurd

Sin is not fully punished in this life.

The wicked may escape punishment

Good people are not always rewarded

“And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment” – Hb.9:27

- **Die:** cemeteries... Death is a fact.
- **Judgment:** as plainly taught as death...

# Belshazzar, Daniel 5

<sup>26</sup> This is the interpretation of each word.

**MENE:** God has numbered your kingdom,  
and finished it; <sup>27</sup> **TEKEL:** You have been

weighed in the balances, and found wanting;

<sup>28</sup> **PERES:** Your kingdom has been divided,  
and given to the Medes and Persians.

○ **Most powerful man in world, yet...**

# Philosophers, Acts 17

<sup>30</sup> “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

- Includes ‘brilliant’ philosophers...

# Where does this leave scoffers?

All history is against them

Flood

Sodom

Lot's wife

Korah (Nu.16)

Jezebel

Haman

Judas . . .

What is the  
most  
important  
thing we will  
ever do?

**PREPARE  
FOR THE  
GREATEST  
DAY**

# I. How Is Christ Coming Again?



# He is coming Victoriously

- Lk.19:11-27
  - Austere (21): hard, harsh, strict in requirement. ...a Pharaoh.
    - Lk.16:27-31, blames God...
    - Why is Lazarus saved?
  - Lk.19: why other servants rewarded?
  - Jn.1:11, first coming...
  - Jn.5:22-23, “honored” Father, not Son

# He is coming Personally

- Ac.1:11, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? **This same Jesus** who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven”
  - “This Jesus” – Mk.14:60-65; Dn.7:13-14
    - Jn.8:41
    - Jn.9, no amount of evidence will convince them...

# He is coming Visibly

- Ac.1:11 ...will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven
  - “in like manner...” = just as . . . .
    - Clouds are vehicle of Deity

# He is coming Audibly

- 1 Th.4:16, For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.
  - Shout: word of command...always included authority
  - Voice of Archangel
  - Trumpet: 1 Co.15:52, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound...

# He is coming Unexpectedly

- 1 Th.5:2, For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.
  - Thief: no signs, no date
    - William Miller
    - Hal Lindsey: *Late Great Planet Earth*
  - God is not bound by time.
    - Amalek, Ex.17:8 . . . 1 Sm.15

# He is coming with mighty angels

- 2 Th.1:7-9
  - No one ever led such an army
  - Mt.26:53, more than twelve legions
    - $6000 \times 12 = 72,000+$

# He is coming in flaming fire

- 2 Th.1:7-9
  - 'In': investiture: invested in, surrounded by (fire).
  - Hb.1:7, angels
  - Hb.10:27, expectation
    - Lv.10
    - Nu.16:35, And a fire came out from the LORD and consumed the two hundred and fifty men who were offering incense

I. How Is Christ Coming Again?

**II.** What Will Be Great About  
The Judgment?



# 1. Greatest crowd ever assembled

- 2 Co.5:10, 'all' – from Adam to end of time
  - Mt.12:41, “The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation, and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here. 42 “The Queen of the South will rise up in the judgment and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here.
  - Hb.10:25

## 2. Greatest Judge ever to sit on throne

- 2 Tim.4:8, Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.
  - Unjust judges are concerned with bribes, reelection, not justice.
  - Others do not know whole truth; render unjust verdict.
  - Hb.1:9

## 2. Greatest Judge ever to sit on throne

- Our Judge knows all . . . Gn.18
  - Thoughts, Mt.5:27-28
  - Words, Mt.12:36-37
  - Deeds, Rom.2:6
  - Non-deeds (neglect), Ja.4:17

### 3. Greatest books ever written

- Jn.12:48
  - Not judged by neighbor's works
  - Not judged by parents' faith
  - Not judged by our feelings
    - Prov.14:12
    - Mt.15:14

## 4. Greatest separation ever known

- Mt.25:31-46
  - Sheep . . . Goats
- 2 Tim.2:19, not a trial to determine guilt or innocence – He already knows
- 2 Th.1:7, ‘rest’ (relief)
- 2 Th.1:8-9, ‘vengeance’ (eternal destruction)
  - Some prefer that it offer extremes:

Temporary  
suffering (purging)

Total  
annihilation

## 5. Greatest verdict ever pronounced

- Mt.25:46, And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life
  - Eternal decree

I. How Is Christ Coming Again?

II. What Is Great About Judgment?

**III. Important Questions  
On That Day**

1. Did I obey the gospel?

– Jn.12:48, The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.

2. Have I remained faithful? Mt.25:14-30