

### Lesson April 7: When Will Jesus Come -3

The scriptures give a clear answer to this question, yet men continue to speculate and try to set specific dates for the second coming. While we see the deterioration of the morals and the rejection of God by society and say that “it can’t be long,” we need to keep in mind the truth of the scriptures on this subject.

While we have many questions, we need to understand that God has not told us everything that we would like to know. There are “secret things” that belong to God and that He will reveal to us when it suits His purpose.

**Deut 29:29:** The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

**Acts 1:7:** Jesus said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

1. **Read Matt 24:35-36** and tell if Jesus knew the “times” set by the Father:
2. The return of Jesus is such a clear definite teaching of the scriptures that it is given many names. Tell what the return is called in the following scriptures:
  - **Phil 1:10 =>**
  - **1Thess 5:2 =>**
  - **1Cor 5:5 =>**
  - **Phil 1:6 =>**
  - **1Cor 3:13 =>**
  - **1Thess 5:4 =>**
  - **2Tim 1:12 =>**
  - **2Pet 2:9 =>**
  - **Jude 6 =>**
  - **2Pet 3:12 =>**
3. Read **1Thess 5:1-7** and answer the following:
  - To what two things does this passage describe the Lord’s coming?
  - Describe the two classes of people who are contrasted in this scripture:
  - What “advantage” should the sons of the light have?
4. Read **2Pet 3:10** and tell:
  - To what does this passage compare the Lord’s coming again?
  - What does Peter say skeptics would say about the return of the Lord?
5. Read **Matt 24:43-44** and describe:
  - In what way(s) will the coming be “like a thief?”
  - What should be the alertness of Christians in view of this?
  - Since we know that Jesus is coming again, but do not know when, how should we prepare ourselves for this?

6. Read **James 5:7-9** and tell:
  - What attitude is James stressing here?
  - What significance do you see in the example of the farmer that is used?
  - In what way(s) is the Lord's coming "near?"
  
7. Read **Heb 9:28** and tell why Christ will return:
  - For whom will He do this?
  
8. Read **Phil 3:20** and answer:
  - Where is our citizenship? (What does this mean?)
  - How are we to "await?"
  
9. Read **1Cor 1:7-9** and tell what attributes God will give His children so that we can "eagerly await:"
  
10. Read **Titus 2:13** and tell what our attitude should be toward Jesus' return:
  
11. Read **2Pet 3:11-12** and tell how Christians are to live in light of Jesus' coming again:
  - How will this affect His return?

**Note:** When Jesus comes again, the scriptures say that it will be the end of all corruption. All that is wrong will be made right, evil punished, and suffering of Christians ended.
  
12. Read **Rom 8:18-23** and consider the following:
  - What is not worthy to be compared to the glory to come?
  - For what is "creation groaning?"
  - What hope are Christians eagerly awaiting?
  
13. Read **1Pet 1:13** and tell what admonition Christians are given to help us wait for the glorious appearing of Jesus Christ:
  - How would this help us live as we wait? (See verses **14-15**)