



~ Lesson #4 ~

The World's Only Hope

Never has the world faced so many perplexing problems that seem to have no solution. Your daily newspaper reveals a host of difficulties that man is incapable of solving.

The nations have tried in vain to resolve their differences through the United Nations. Not many of the major world problems have been solved or settled. The moral decay of mankind is apparent wherever one looks. The general confusion and perplexity in grappling with current social problems is very evident.

Many are asking, "Where can a permanent solution to these problems be found?" Your Bible holds the answer. Christ foretold the event that will resolve all of these problems of mankind. There is no other solution!

In the closing days of His ministry on this earth, nearly 2,000 years ago, Jesus talked about the day when He would be taken and crucified. The disciples of Christ would not allow themselves to believe that such a fate would ever overtake their beloved Leader. Christ knew that they would need an abiding hope in the days to come. He gave them the wonderful promise we find recorded in [John 14:1-3](#), "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a

place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”

The fulfillment of this promise in the coming of our Lord the second time to this earth is the world’s only hope. Let us see what the Word of God teaches concerning this wonderful event.

THE BIBLE SAYS

1. What does Paul call the second coming of Christ? Titus 2:13

The Bible Says: _____

2. What promise did Christ make concerning His return? John 14:1-3

The Bible Says: “And if I go and prepare a place for you, _____

_____.” (Verse 3).

3. When people talk about the second coming of our Lord being secret, what should we do? Matthew 24:23-26

The Bible Says: _____

4. To what did Jesus liken the glory of His coming? Matthew 24:27

The Bible Says: _____

5. What will “all the tribes of the earth” see? Matthew 24:30

The Bible Says: _____

6. According to the book of Revelation, how many will be able to see Christ return? Revelation 1:7

The Bible Says: _____

7. What did the angelic messengers say concerning the return of Christ? Acts 1:9-11

The Bible Says: “This _____ which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come _____.” (Verse 11).

8. Who will accompany our Lord at His coming? Matthew 25:31

The Bible Says: _____

9. What is the purpose of His return to this earth? Matthew 16:27

The Bible Says: _____

10. What is the first event to take place at the second coming of Jesus? I Thessalonians 4:16

The Bible Says: _____

11. What will the angels do as Christ appears in glory? Matthew 24:30, 31

The Bible Says: _____

***12. What will happen to the righteous who are alive at this time?
I Thessalonians 4:16, 17***

The Bible Says: _____

***13. How are the righteous changed by the coming of Christ?
I Corinthians 15:51-53***

The Bible Says: “For this corruptible must put on _____

and this mortal must put on _____.” ([Verse 53](#)).

Note: “We look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body.” [Philippians 3:20, 21](#).

14. What effect will this event have on the wicked? Revelation 6:14-17

The Bible Says: _____

15. To whom will Christ appear as Deliverer and Saviour when He comes the second time? Hebrews 9:28

The Bible Says: _____

During the dark hours of World War II many Americans imprisoned by the enemy in the Philippine Islands maintained their sanity and will to live by remembering and believing a promise. That promise was made by General Douglas MacArthur when he was forced to leave them behind. He said as he left, “I shall return.”

Those weary, ill-treated prisoners repeated the promise and looked forward to the day when the American Army, under the leadership of General MacArthur, would return to liberate them. They never gave up hope, for they

trusted in the ability of the United States to fulfill that hope. What a wonderful day it was when General MacArthur's soldiers and paratroopers delivered them from their prison camps. Their hopes were realized on that day.

Soon our Lord will return, for He has promised to "come again." When He comes, He will forever banish sin, suffering, and sorrow. Gone will be the world's many insoluble problems. The day of happiness and peace will have arrived!

You surely want to be ready to meet Him. Why not plan for that happy event? Would you like to express your desires by marking the squares below?

I want to be ready when Jesus comes.

Please remember me in prayer.

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