



What's Next?

A Look into Biblical Prophecy

I. No Surprises

Revelation 1:1 (NIV®)

¹ The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him **to show his servants what must soon take place**. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,

- ❖ Anti-christ
- ❖ Tribulation
- ❖ Jesus' return to earth
- ❖ Eternal judgement
- ❖ Rapture

Matthew 13:36-43 (NIV®)

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. ⁴⁰ "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

II. Key Element of "Last Days"

Acts 2:16-21 (NIV®)

¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Joel 2:28 (NIV®)

²⁸ 'And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

III. In Jesus' Absence

John 14:1-6 (NASB®)

¹ "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.

² "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

³ "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also.

⁴ "And you know the way where I am going."

⁵ Thomas *said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus *said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

John 14:16-18 (NASB®)

¹⁶ "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;

¹⁷ *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

John 14:25-27 (NASB®)

²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you. ²⁶ "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. ²⁷ "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

Ephesians 1:17 (NIV®)

¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

IV. Life in the Spirit (Jesus)

A. Jesus' baptism, descent of the Spirit

B. Jesus' ministry

Luke 4:18-19 (NIV®)

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

C. Jesus' resurrection

Romans 8:11 (NIV®)

¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

D. Jesus' ascension

Ephesians 1:19-21 (NIV®)

¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, ²⁰ which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Prayer

Heavenly Father give to us the Spirit of wisdom of revelation that we may know You better. Grant us an understanding heart that we might recognize Your invitations and have the courage to say yes. We rejoice in Your provision for our lives, we cast all our anxiety on You for we know You care for us. Thank You for not leaving us alone. We choose to rest in Your great love and strength, in Jesus' name, amen.

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