

WELCOME TO THE FUTURE -NOW-

[PART 20]

HERE I COME, READY OR NOT

Reading: **Revelation 19:11 - 16**

Introduction

- 100 years ago, people were **LOOKING FOR** the signs of Christ's return. Today we are **LOOKING AT** the signs.
- The signs indicating the nearness of Christ's coming are being fulfilled.

1 Looking For The Blessed Hope

- Today's scientists and world leaders fear the worst.
- News channels deliver doom and gloom into our homes.
- But while the world waits for the '**undertaker**' Christians have the greatest hope in the universe.
- [Titus 2:13] we are '**looking for the blessed hope, the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.**'
- The word '**hope**' in the NT expresses something that is certain.
- In the NT the '**Second Coming**' is referred to some 318 times. (Equivalent to 1 verse in 25).
- Consider, [Jude vs 14], [James 5:8], [Hebrews 9:28], [1 Timothy 4:1], [Revelation 22:12], [John 14:3], [Matthew 24:30].
- Christ **MUST** come and Christ **IS** coming again.

2 Just Another Day

- The Day Christ returns will start just like any other day.
- It will have '**business as usual**' written all over it.
- But in a second everything will change forever.

3 Heaven Opened

- Consider [Revelation 19:11] and [Revelation 6:14].
- The sky will be parted above us like huge curtains parting in a theatre before the audience.
- We will be able to gaze into the very heaven of heavens.

4 The Lord Himself

- Consider [Acts 1:11], [1 Thessalonians 4:16] and [Revelation 19:11ff].
- The One who loved us, choose us and saved us coming for us.
- Coming publicly and visible to all. [Revelation 1:7].

5 Sounds For The Ears

- [1 Thessalonians 4:16] The noisiest verse in the Bible.
- What is this '**shout of the Lord?**'
- Notice, '**the trumpet of God.**'
- On state occasions, a fanfare of trumpets announces the arrival of the monarch.
- It was at the shout of Israel and the trumpets blown by the priests that signalled the collapse of Jericho's walls. [Joshua 6].
- When the trumpet of God sounds everything of this earthly system will fall.
- The trumpet will announce the inauguration of a 'new world order.'
- Consider [Isaiah 9:6/7] and [Luke 1:32/33].

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