

WELCOME TO THE FUTURE -NOW-

[PART 22]

HERE I COME, READY OR NOT
(CONTINUED)

Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:7 - 10

Introduction

- We are currently asking, *'What will the 2nd coming of the Lord Jesus be like when it happens?'*
- The heavens roll back like a scroll, the last trump, the 1st resurrection of the dead and the believers *'glorification.'*

1 Notice The Role Of Angels At Christ's FIRST Coming

- Gabriel announced to Mary she was to bear the Christ Child.
- An angel confirmed Mary's explanation of the pregnancy to Joseph.
- Angels appeared to the shepherds the night Jesus was born and sang first Christmas carol. [Luke 2:14]
- They warned the wise men and Joseph re: Herod's murderous intentions towards the young Jesus. [Matthew 2:13/19].

2 Angels Have A Prominent Role At Christ's SECOND Coming

- Consider: [Matthew 16:27], [Matthew 24:30/31], [Mark 8:38], [2 Thessalonians 1:7], [Jude vs 14], [Revelation 19:14].
- Angels form Christ's entourage at His coming.
- Those angels have a twofold mission on this great day.

3 They Will Gather/ Evacuate Those Who Are 'In Christ'

- Consider the story of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah in [Genesis 19].
- The angels '**evacuated**' Lot and his family from the cities just prior to divine fire falling in judgement upon them. [Genesis 19:16/17].
- Legions of angels will '**evacuate**' God's elect from this world. [1 Thessalonians 4:16/17], [Psalm 91:11/12].
- Only those '**in Christ**' will be raptured/evacuated.
- Those not '**in Christ**' will be left behind.
- Raptured to '**meet**' (apantesis: come face to face with) the Lord in the air.
- The air is just the '**meeting place.**'
- Those same angels have a 2nd mission on that great day.

14 In Flaming Fire Taking Vengeance

- **NB.** Not one person '**in Christ**' left behind.
- Those in Christ at the meeting in the air and those not in Christ left behind on earth.
- Sodom's cup of iniquity was full and judgement now must fall. [Genesis 19:24/2528].
- The day of Christ's 2nd coming the last person to be saved will be saved and earth's cup of iniquity will also be full.
- God's judgement will fall as it did on Sodom. [2 Thessalonians 1:7 - 9].
- Those left behind were **NOT** ready.
- [Revelation 6:14 - 17] describes the future scene.
- What 2 angels did with Sodom and Gomorrah, legions of angels will do with earth. [2 Peter 3:7/10].
- God destroyed Noah's godless world with water. He will destroy ours with fire.
- We will come back to '**a new heaven and a new earth.**' [2 Peter 3:13].

Conclusion: [2 Corinthians 5:11] ***"Therefore knowing the terror of the Lord, we persuade men..."***

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