

John 14:7

The manner of his coming

SUBJECT: The Blessed

Hope

(Titus 2:13)

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John 14:3

The Second Coming of Christ. "The Blessed Hope"

So much as the life of the Saviour, in the hearts of the apostles, in the words of Scripture.

Jesus: "I go away, & will come again." "I will come again & will take me to myself."
Paul: "I will come again & will take me to myself."
3: "Therefore watch, and be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh." Mat 24:42

- Th. angls: Act 1:11
- Paul: Phil. 3:20, 21; I Thes. 4:16
- II Tim. 4:1, 7, 8 Heb. 10:37
- Peter: II Cor. 3:3, 4, 8, 9, 10-13
- James: 5:8
- Jude: 14
- John Rev. 1:7
- Christ: last word - Rev 22:20 - and the closing prayer. 22:20

There must be something else with and beyond what we have seen, known, in this life, earth.
 If this is all, ^{misery, death, a punishment, faith.} ^{half way} just this side only: Cross it to fall into the abyss?
 Here, an apparent triumph of ^{evil} ^{Villain, wickedness, tyrannical power triumphs.}
 (a) Herod or Antiochus, St. Stephen, ^{broken by, dying in his own blood.} ^{History leaves it that way, but does God?}
 "an apparent triumph of death. Death gains triumph."
 The pale horseman comes, comes, comes. ☉
 "If, in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."

But the Scripture views altogether different. - Jesus, "go to prepare a place..."
 Here, we have no eternal abiding place - we seek out to come.
 we strangers and pilgrims on the earth - our home is in heaven.
 Heb. 11: (a) The song: "I am a stranger here, heaven is my home"
 Rev. 21: "I am a stranger here, heaven is my home"
 Earth is a dust cloud,
 someone & things rot
 and we are not
 here is my goal

This earth, all its works, shall be destroyed by fire. This shall be a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.

☉ The bread of adversity, the young of flowers.
 And all that beauty, all that wealth is in grass.
 Awaits alike the inevitable dawn.
 The paths of glory lead but to the grave.
 Harmonic against, eloquent no more
 "Strong story"
 "beautiful fragrant"

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The manner of his coming. Two fold.
but character unexpectedly, suddenly, without announcement.

(1) As a thief. To steal away his jewels, his men.

→ Parable of the treasure hid in a field, parable of pearl of great price.
The mystery of the church, I Thess. 4:15-18 The first resurrection
The midnight cry, the bride, The millennium.

(2) As lightning, sent to veil heaven's departure as a secret.
An unexpected, sudden last thing.
The secret resurrection, the first resurrection.

The response to his coming. Two fold.

(1) Terror.

"Wait because of him" Rev. 1:7

"Crying for the rock & milk." Rev. 2:17

(a) my broken dream

(2) Joy unspeakable.

The end of sickness, sorrow, death --
The fellowship of the saints, a new body

and Christ

(a) "Don't cry much, I'll be here soon."

Revelation
II Tim 4:6-8 Acts 1:11 "This man Jesus..."
John Rev. 22:20
(c) "I'll return"

All of us
some day shall
shall it be before
us.

True?
joy?
one of the things