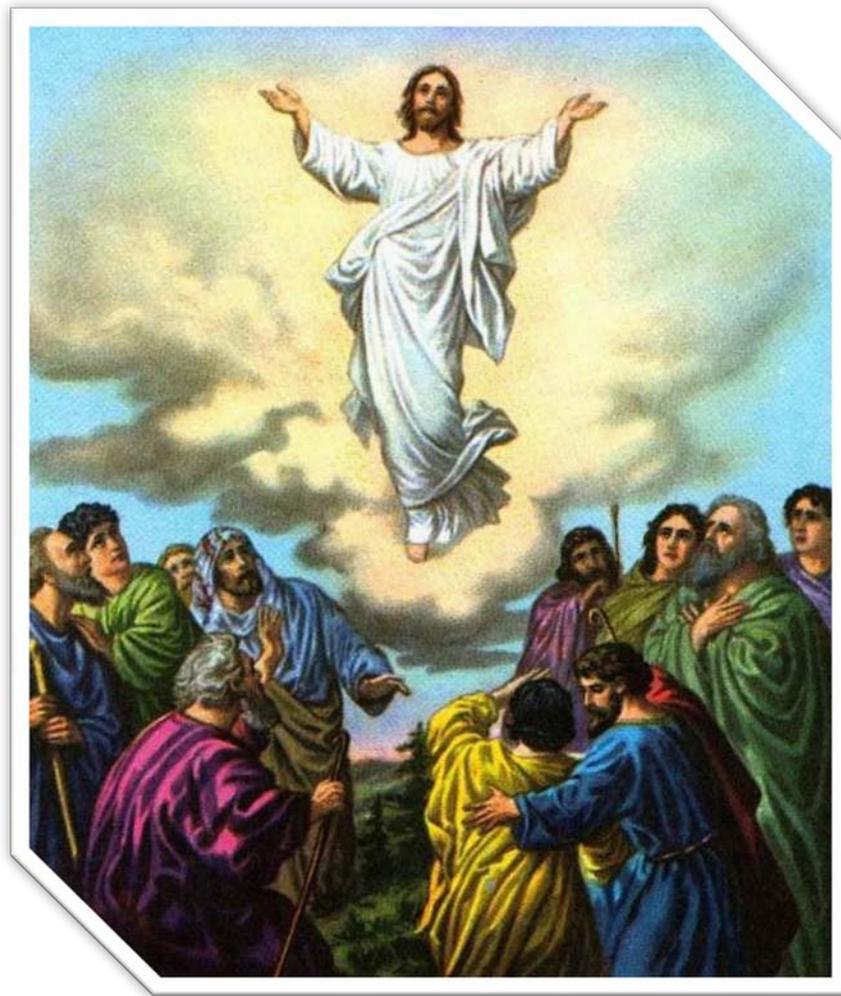


My Bible School

Lesson # 5

Coming Again !



“Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.” Acts 1:11



The return of Jesus is mentioned more than three hundred times in the 260 chapters of the New Testament.

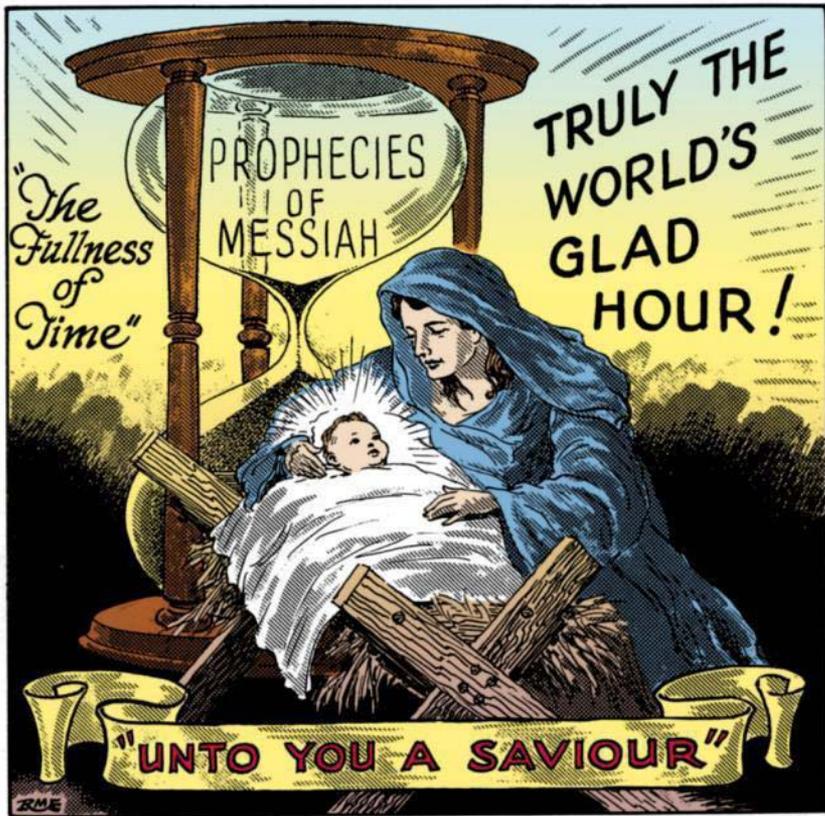
In the Bible, there are eight times as many references to the second coming of Jesus as to the first.

Patriarchs, in the Old Testament, looked forward to it and it has also been the blessed hope of the church in the New Testament.

1: WILL CHRIST COME AGAIN?



“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.” John 14:2-3:



For centuries the people of God awaited the fulfillment of the promises concerning Christ's first coming as the Messiah. Then came the wonderful day when heavenly messengers made the announcement: **“Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11.**

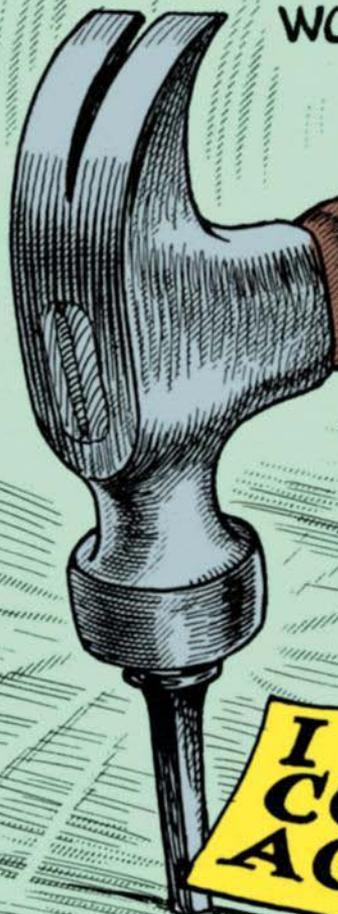
Just as surely as the promises of God were fulfilled in the first advent of Jesus to this world, so surely will be those that pertain to His second advent. The day of His return will be the most wonderful day in all history.

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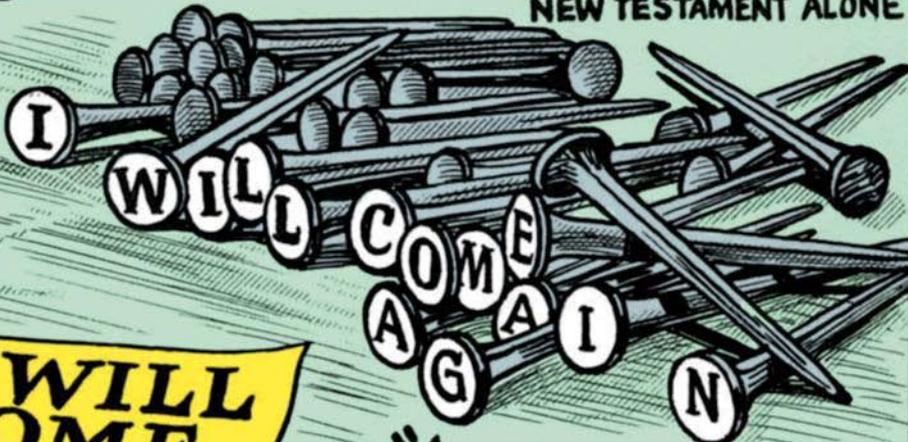
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CHRIST'S PROMISE

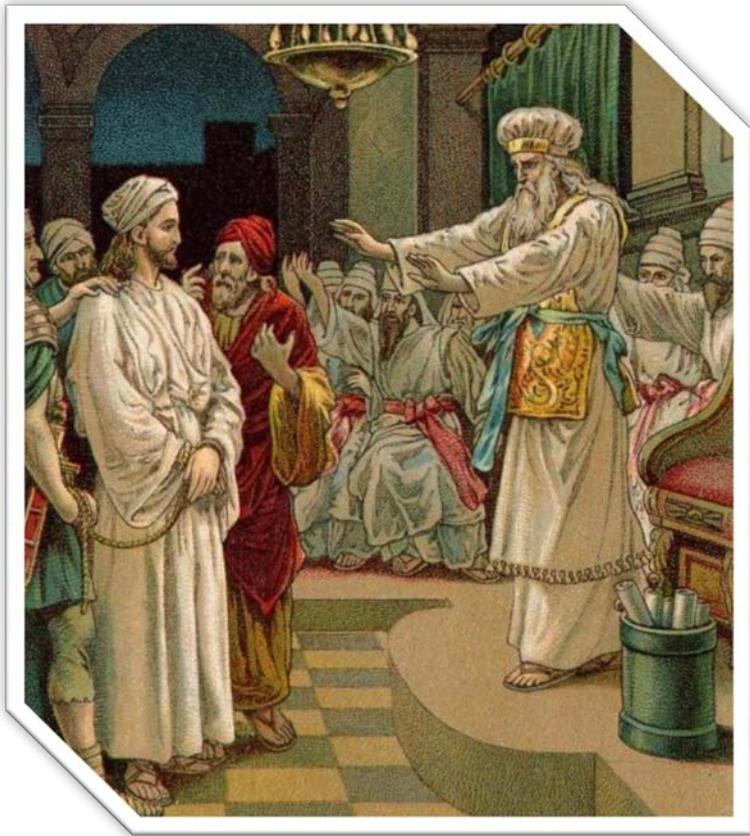
300 REFERENCES IN
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I WILL
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When Jesus was put under oath by the high priest at His trial, as He stood a prisoner flanked by guards at the foot of Caiaphas' throne, He said, **“Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.”** **Matthew 26:64.** This promise, made under the oath, and can be depended upon: He will come again.

2: HOW WILL HE COME?

1. So we can see Him.

“Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him.”

Revelation 1:7:

“Then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory” Matthew 24:30:



2. So we can hear Him.

“He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.” Matthew 24:31.

“The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God.” 1 Thessalonians 4:16.



3. He will come in glory.

**“When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory.”
Matthew 25:31.**

The effect of this glory upon the inhabitants of earth we can only faintly imagine. If, at the time of Christ's resurrection, the appearance of one angel prostrated the Roman guards as dead men, it is no wonder that many will try to hide from the glory of Christ, praying for the rocks and mountains to fall on them, when He appears in the glory of all the holy angels.



ONE WHO IS NEAR,
"EVEN AT THE DOORS,"
IS BUT ONE STEP AWAY!

JESUS'
SECOND
COMING

FINAL EVENTS
FORETOLD
IN PROPHECY



4. He will come unexpectedly.

“Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.” Matthew 24:44.

“Of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only.” Matthew 24:36.

In the clearest language, Jesus Christ taught that His coming would be open, announced, personal, literal, visible, and that good and bad alike would see Him come. He was to come as a "thief in the night" only in the sense that none would know the "day and hour," and multitudes would be unprepared.



Jesus warned us about false Christs:

“Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” Matthew 24:26-27.



If some glorious being, or any other kind of being, should appear to you and even perform some miracles of healing or work a thousand wonders, it is not Jesus Christ. He is not coming that way. Fantastic delusive teachings are sweeping millions into a river of deception.



When Christ comes back, He will be "this same Jesus" who went away (*Acts* 1:9-11). "This same Jesus" who rose from the dead had flesh and bones (*Luke* 24:39-43). He ascended to heaven as the Son of man to be our Mediator (*1 Timothy* 2:5). He is coming back literally and physically as the Son of man (*Matthew* 26:64). There will be nothing secretive or ghostly about it.

3: WHY WILL HE COME?

1. To raise the righteous dead.

“The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.”

1 Thessalonians 4:16.



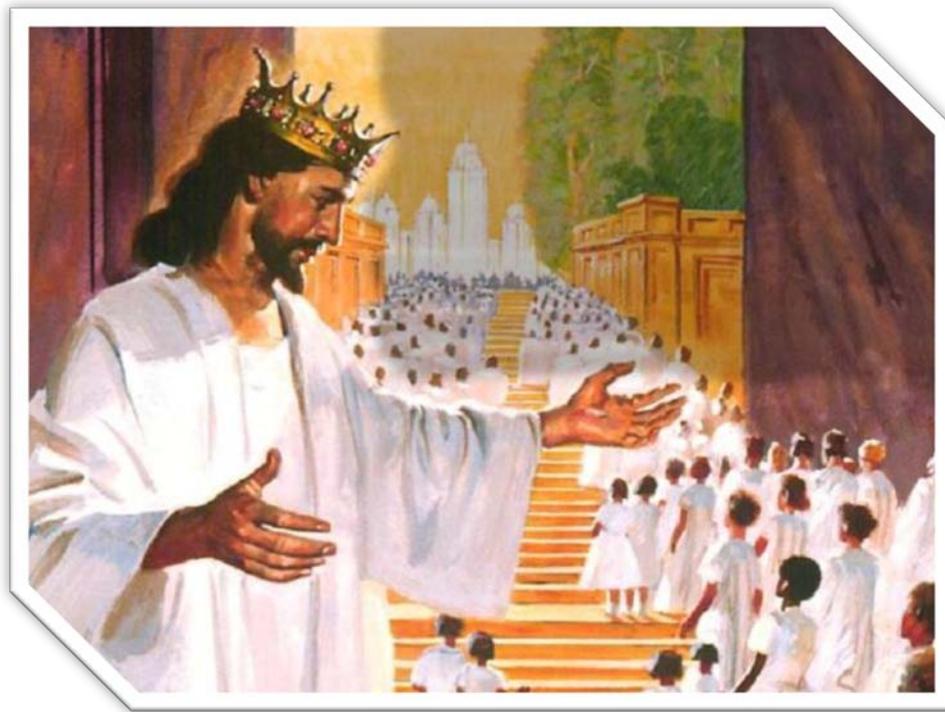
3: WHY WILL HE COME?

2. To catch up the righteous living with the resurrected dead.

“Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds. to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord:” 1 Thessalonians 4: 17.

3. To change their vile bodies.

“Our conversation is in heaven; from whence also 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, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.” Philippians 3:20-21



4. To take the righteous to heaven.

“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.” John 14:2-3.

He comes for His people. With intense longing has He desired that “they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am” John 17:2.



5. To destroy the living wicked.

“The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from Heaven with His mighty angels. in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ” 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9.

4: HOW MAY WE BE READY?

1. We can come to Him.



“All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.” John 6:37.

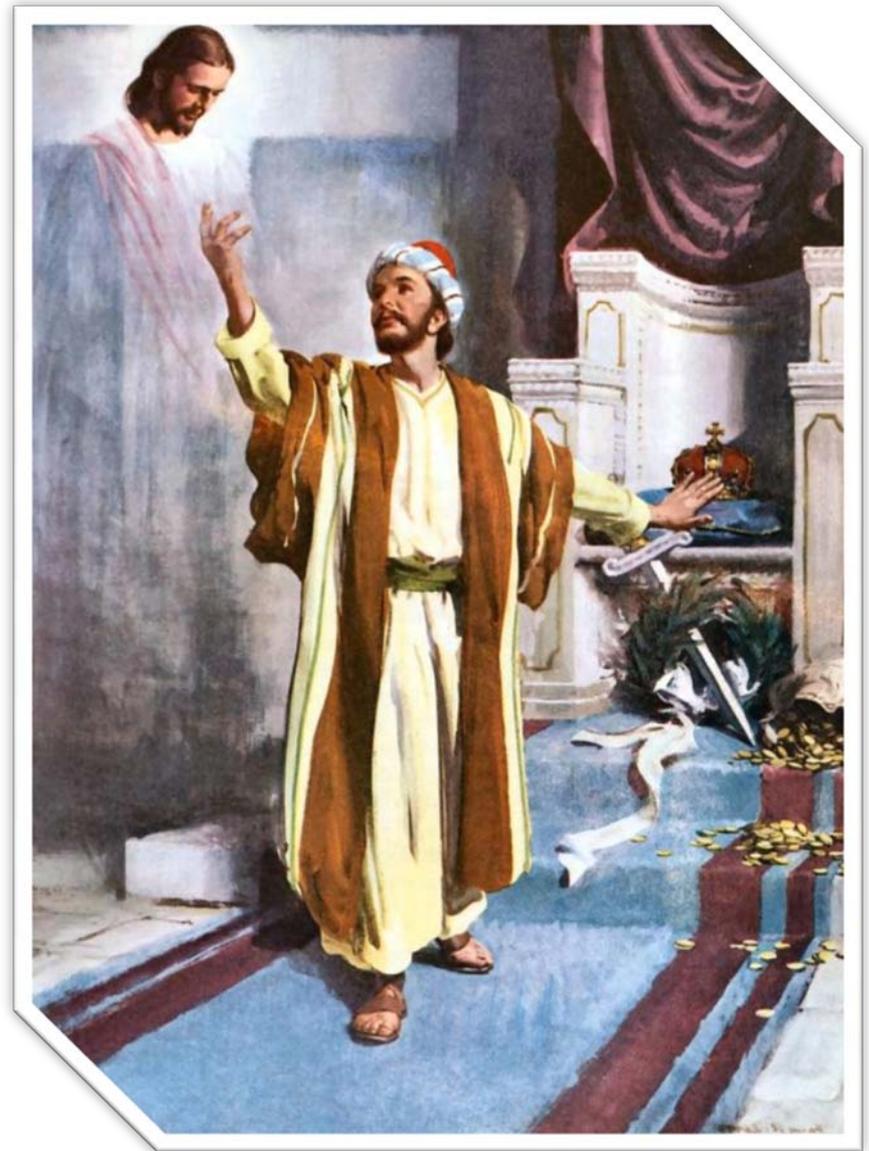
If we are to be accepted by Christ when He comes, He must be accepted by us now. One great reason He has not already come is that there are still honest souls to be saved.

2. We can live for Him as did Paul.

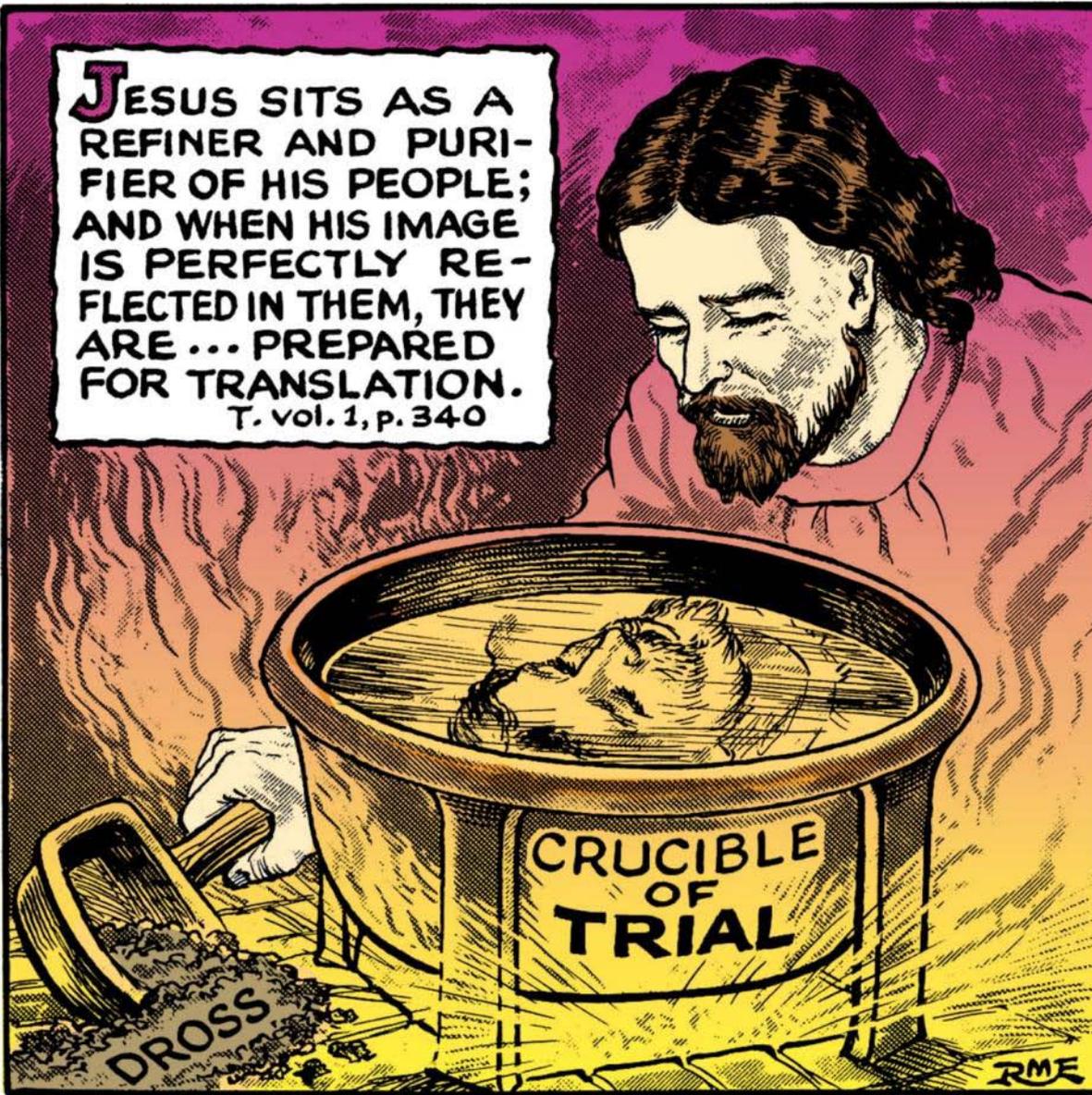
“I have fought a good fight. I finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing.”

2 Timothy 4:7-8.

Mere profession of Christianity or church membership will not avail. "For me to live is Christ," said Paul (*Philippians 1:21*).



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T. vol. 1, p. 340



3. We can seek to be like Him.

“We know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure:” 1 John 3:2-3.

4. We can look for Him.

“Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation:” Hebrews 9:28.

If we look for Him, it will affect our preparation for His coming. In the parable given by Christ, one servant said, **“My lord delayeth His coming,”** and he began **“to smite his fellow servants and to eat and drink with the drunken. The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for Him, and in an hour that he is not aware of. And shall cut him asunder and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites.”** Matthew 24:48-51.

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His appearing.**



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Yes, those who love His appearing will be ready.



How much it means to be ready when Jesus comes! What a thrill to see Him face to face and to feel His arm around you thrown! How will it be to meet Him in peace and hear Jesus speak your name? What joy awaits you, living with Him through the endless ages of eternity! When Jesus comes for you; That is the most satisfying experience that can ever come to any human being. May that experience be yours.

The opening strains of the grandest sound ever to fall on mortal ears will soon be heard!

2nd Coming Overture



"The Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard." Isa.30:30

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Isa.35:5
"The ears of the deaf shall be unstopped."

**If Jesus should come at this moment
To catch up with Him in the air
All those who love His appearing,
Forever to be with Him there,
How would He find you? I wonder
Watching, waiting, faithful, true?
Dearly beloved, consider
How will it be with you?**

