

## One Day The Lord Is Coming Back!

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Man is not going to destroy the earth or the heavens; the passing of time is not going to bring about their end; but the Creator who made them, when He is ready, will, suddenly and without warning, cause them to “be dissolved with fervent heat,” to “burn up,” to be “destroyed,” to “pass away” (2 Peter 3:10-12). That day will come “as a thief” (v. 10). It will be “the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men” (v. 7), but it will also be the day the Lord is coming back for:

1. **His church.** “For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, being himself the saviour of the body” (Ephesians 5:23). Hebrews 12:23 speaks of “the church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven.”
2. **For those who are watching.** “Watch therefore, for ye know not the day nor the hour” (Matthew 25:13). “Watch therefore: for ye know not on what day your Lord cometh” (Matthew 24:42).
3. **For those who are ready.** “Therefore be ye also ready; for in an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh” (Matt. 24:44). “And they that were ready went in with him to the marriage feast: and the door was shut” (Matthew 25:10, from the parable of the virgins).
4. **For those who are looking for Him.** “Looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ” (Titus 2:13). “Looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God” (2 Peter 3:12). “...Not to me only, but also to all them that have loved his appearing” (2 Timothy 4:8).
5. **For those who are faithful.** “Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life” (Revelation 2:10). “Here, moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful” (1 Corinthians 4:2).
6. **For those who have died in the Lord.** “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them” (Revelation 14:13). Read also 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 — “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”

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