

— The Greatest Event: Coming Soon! —

As the rivers increase in size and importance with their increase in length, so do the events in the history of this world. Year by year finds them increasingly full of interest. Everything is heading up. Things are assuming new and strange forms. All feel that significant, foreboding events are at hand.

Why is this? It is, we believe, because the greatest of all events now facing men is the return of the Lord Jesus Christ from heaven to this world. He has been here before. We have all heard of the perfect, sinless life of love and goodness He led here on earth—a life never before lived or known among men. We also know how men rewarded Him for it, how they crucified Him, handing Him between two criminals to abase Him even more. We have learned, too, how He came forth triumphant in resurrection three days later, and was carried back to heaven, from where He had come.

Before going back, however, He left testimony about His return in its two aspects. First the Lord Jesus Himself will descend from heaven to rapture every true believer in Him, to the clouds of glory, to meet Him and be with Him forever. Then Christ will some seven years later return to the earth itself, a return no more in suffering and shame as before, but now in power, judgment, and glory, and accompanied by His bride, His body, the church of God.

Reader, it is that great event which is now facing the world. The world has continued to be Christ's enemy, though He has given it two thousand years to repent of its deeds toward Him. It has shed the blood of His servants, despised His true followers, denied all His claims. Now, even those who profess His Name are in multitudes turning traitors to Him—Judas-like kissing Him for the sake of money—and, like the world, putting Him to shame.

The end of His patience is at hand. He is about to return. Reader, on which side are you—the Lord Jesus Christ or the world's side? Are you washed from your sins in His precious blood that flowed from His side after the soldier pierced it with his spear? Are you safe under His banner? Will you be caught up in the clouds to meet Him in the air at the rapture?

O reader, these words may seem like idle tales to you. The wonderful patience of God may embolden and harden your heart, but you might as well try to stop the course of time as to avoid meeting the returning Jesus. If you are not a believer in Him, you will be left behind at the rapture to face the terrible judgments of God upon this Christ-rejecting world.

“The kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every freeman, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from ... the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?” (Revelation 6:15-17)

Thus great and small, rich and poor, weak and powerful—all who have not bowed their knees to the Lord Jesus Christ, accepting Him as Saviour, will meet Him as the *Judge* at the final great white throne judgment. *“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire”* (Revelation 20:11-15).

O reader, love must plead with you yet once more. Are you ready for the greatest of all events—the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ? Are you a friend, a lover, a worshipper of Jesus? Have you seen you need of Him as your Saviour and trusted in Him who died for your sins? If not, *now* is your opportunity. *Now* is the accepted time; *now* is the day of *salvation*; tomorrow may be too late.

“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on Him” (John 3:36)

— P. J. L.