

**Jesus IS coming
again!**

**We do NOT know
when!**



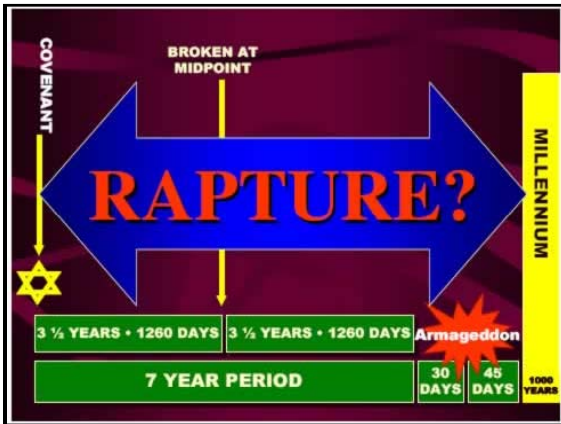


Professor Brian Cox had suggested it was a good time for a global practical joke: *“I think we should all pretend the rapture is happening so that when Harold Camping gets left behind later today he’ll be livid.”*





This is not the first time!



Resurrection is sure!

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. 1 Cor. 15:19-23

Resurrection is sure!

- Hope in Christ now
- Hope in Christ to come
- Hope in Christ for new life
- Hope in Christ based in Him!

“Those who denounce the doctrine of the second advent as speculative, fanciful and unpractical, would do well to reconsider the subject. The doctrine was not so regarded in the days of the apostles. In their eyes, patience, hope, diligence, moderation, personal holiness, were inseparably connected with an expectation of the Lord’s return. To be ever looking for the Lord’s appearing is one of the best helps to a close walk with God.”
J.C. Ryle

Resurrection is certain!
Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed; in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." 1 Cor. 15:51-54

Resurrection is certain!

- As some are alive
- As many are dead
- As sure as death – God wins!

“I do not know when Christ will come. I am no prophet, though I love the subject of prophecy. I dislike date-fixing, and I think it has done great harm. I only assert positively that Christ will come again one day in person to set up His kingdom, and that whether the day be near—or whether it be far off, it will take the Church and world exceedingly by surprise.”

J.C. Ryle

No Return – No Resurrection

- 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. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

Waiting for return – Be Ready!

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. 1 John 3:2-3

Trust Me – Follow Me – Ask Me!

"Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. John 14:1-3

Trust Me – Follow Me – Ask Me!

And you know the way where I am going." Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. John 14:4-6

Promise made – Promise kept!

And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven." Acts 1:9-11



It is not about surviving the Rapture – it is about being ready for the promised return!

So why talk about it?

- Hope for life
- Hope in death
- Purity of life
- Promise of life
- “Therefore comfort one another with these words.” 1Thess 4:18

Precisely because we cannot predict the moment, we must be ready at all moments.
C.S. Lewis