



# Beyond the Final Test

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***“Behold, He is coming with clouds,  
and every eye will see Him.”***

*Revelation 1:7*

## 1. ONE VERSE IN TWENTY-FIVE

One of every twenty-five verses in the Bible relates to the Second Coming — the “blessed hope, and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ” (Titus 2:13), promised to “all who have loved His appearing” (2 Tim. 4:8).

**Matthew 24:4-5, 24**

And it is the event Jesus warned us most about being deceived over: “Take heed that no one DECEIVES you... false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders.”

## 2. IT IS LITERAL

**Hebrews 9:28; Mark 13:26-27**

“Unto them that look for Him shall He APPEAR the SECOND TIME.” “Then they will SEE the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory” — and He gathers His elect from the four winds.

## 3. IT IS PERSONAL

**Acts 1:9-11**

“THIS SAME JESUS, who was taken up from you into heaven, WILL SO COME IN LIKE MANNER as you saw Him go into heaven.” Visibly, bodily, in the clouds — the same way He left.

## 4. IT IS VISIBLE

**Revelation 1:7; Matthew 24:30**

“EVERY EYE will see Him.” “All the tribes of the earth shall mourn, and they shall SEE the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven.” Nobody will need to be told it happened.

## 5. IT IS AUDIBLE

**1 Thessalonians 4:16-18**

“The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a SHOUT, with the VOICE of the ARCHANGEL, and with the TRUMPET of God.

And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive... shall be caught up together with them in the clouds.”

Add “noises and thunderings and lightnings... a great earthquake” (Rev. 16:18-20). Nothing about this event is quiet.

*And notice the last line: “Therefore COMFORT one another with these words.” Paul filed the Second Coming under comfort, not terror.*

## 6. FOR EVERY TRUTH, A COUNTERFEIT

The seven-year tribulation is built on Daniel 9:27 — “HE shall confirm a covenant with many for one week.” Who is the “He”? Messiah, named in the verses just before. That last week ran AD 27 to AD 34 — Jesus baptized, the cross in the middle at AD 31, the gospel to the world. Not a gap at the end of time; already history.

**Matthew 24:23-27**

A SECRET coming? “Lo, here is Christ, or there; BELIEVE IT NOT... 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.” Jesus warns of the person, the place, and the manner.

## 7. TWO QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

“As a thief in the night” (1 Thess. 5:2-4) refers not to HOW He comes but WHEN — and Peter adds “a great noise” and elements melting (2 Pet. 3:10).

“One taken, the other left” (Luke 17:34-36): Jesus compares it to Noah’s flood and Sodom, where the lost “were all DESTROYED.” Asked “WHERE, Lord?” He said, “Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered.”

## 8. TWO WAYS TO SEE THE SAME SKY

**Revelation 6:15-17**

Some hide in the rocks: “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne... who is able to stand?”

**Isaiah 25:9**

Others look up: “THIS IS OUR GOD; we have waited for Him, and He will save us.” Same sky. Two ways to see it.

## 9. AND THEN — THE NEW JERUSALEM

**John 14:1-3**

“In My Father’s house are many mansions... I go to prepare a place for you... I will come again and receive you to Myself.” He is coming to take us to a place He has been building.

**Revelation 21:2, 18-21**

A real city, coming down from God out of heaven — a wall of jasper, twelve foundations of precious stones, gates of pearl, a street of gold like transparent glass.

**Revelation 21:3-4, 23; 22:1-2**

“God Himself will be with them... and will wipe away every tear... no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying... no more pain.” No sun is needed — “the Lamb is its light.” A river of life flows from the throne.

*And Isaiah 66:23: “From one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me.” The appointment we studied all week runs right on into eternity.*

## 10. THE DECISION

**Revelation 22:11**

“He who is unjust, let him be unjust still... he who is holy, let him be holy still.” A day comes when every character is fixed. Any belief, or any favorite sin, standing between you and that morning?

***“Behold, He is coming!”***

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