

Getting Ready for Jesus' Second Coming **Daniel 7:13-14**

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1. Daniel was a man determined to serve the Lord.
 - a. He had a vision from God in Daniel 7:13-14.
 2. Daniel wasn't the only one to talk about the coming of Jesus. Paul wrote about this in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18.
 3. In the last verses of the last chapter of the last book in the Bible, John writes, "He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus." Revelation 22:20
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- I. How Will Jesus Return? 1 Thessalonians 4:16a, "the Lord himself will come down from heaven."
 - A. The word for "coming" was used for a visit of a person of high rank.
 - B. Paul lists several key elements to the Lord's return.
 - C. God's timetable of the Return of Jesus will come as a surprise.

 - II. When Will Jesus Come? 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3, "Now, brothers about times and dates, we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night."
 - A. Jesus made it clear that no one knows the exact time when He will return.
 1. Matthew 24:36, "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.
 - B. In 1 Thessalonians 5:2-3, we see that there are three main parts to the Day of the Lord.
 1. It will be unexpected (2b).
 2. It will be destructive (3a).
 3. It will be inescapable (3b).

 - III. Why Is Jesus Returning? 1 Thessalonians 4:13, "Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope."
 - A. Jesus' return gives us hope.
 - B. Jesus is coming back for me and for you.
 1. "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." John 14:1-4
 - C. Jesus is coming back to rule as the exalted King of all creation.