

Introduction

A TRUE STORY : I have never forgotten an incident that happened about twenty years ago. I was riding to work one morning with a fellow employee and his wife because my car was disabled. As you can imagine we talked about many things as we rode along and all was fine until the subject of Christ's return came up.

I don't recall who raised the subject but it was likely me because they were not Christians - church goers but unbelievers. The sociable chat quickly turned testy. The curt remark of my friend's wife still rings in my ears. She said (not verbatim but close): **"They have been saying that Jesus is going to return for thousands of years and he hasn't yet."**

Of course, that was her way of saying that Jesus was NOT going to return. That poor woman did not know that she and all like her had been branded by the Apostle Peter two thousand years ago. In his second letter Peter wrote specifically of the return of Jesus Christ and said:

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." II Peter 3:3-4

We are surely in the last days. The return of Jesus Christ is much closer than even most Christians imagine. Peter said that there will be numerous scoffers (mockers) who ridicule the idea that Jesus is going to return. As a matter of fact I remember when I did. Thank God He brought me out of that foolish crowd.

May I say that there are far more "scoffers" today who deny the Lord's return than when Peter wrote his letter. Anyone who denies that Jesus is coming back is a scoffer and an unbeliever. Anyone who denies that Jesus is coming back will not leave with Him when He does return to get His own.

This book will not begin to exhaust the Biblical material establishing the necessity of Christ's return. This book presents, in a short and simple

manner, four reasons why Jesus Christ must return. It is neither deeply theological nor scholarly extensive.

No Christian doubts that Jesus Christ came the first time. Contrarily, most of the world denies either His coming or His divinity. That is mystifying when, as someone once exclaimed, there is more documentation of the life of Jesus Christ than that of Abraham Lincoln. Yet no one doubts that Abraham Lincoln lived.

The birth of Jesus Christ fulfilled a number of Old Testament prophecies made hundreds of years before His birth. Among them none is cited more than this prophetic announcement by the prophet Isaiah.

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14 We know that this refers to Jesus Christ because the gospel writer, Matthew, authenticated Jesus' birth with Isaiah's prophecy. (Matthew 1:23)

It has been stated, and I accept it, that there is three times more prophecy concerning Christ's second coming than His first. Why would that be? My thinking is this. The bible teaches that a relatively small number of people will truly believe in Jesus Christ. (Matthew 7:13-14) Our present world testifies to that truth.

It therefore can be concluded that at the time of Christ's return the vast majority of people will not believe in Him or expect His return. Jesus was aware of that situation and warned the people of it in His momentous sermon on tribulation. (Matthew 24:42,44 and 25:13)

His Future Return

TRUTH: Jesus Christ's birth occurred exactly as Old Testament prophets foretold. TRUTH: There is three times more prophecy telling of Christ's return. TRUTH: In light of the fact of His first coming it would be most foolish to NOT believe that Jesus will return.

No Christian doubts that Jesus Christ is coming again. However, many Christians err on two points concerning His return. First, they do not live in a manner reflecting their belief that He will return. Second, which may be cause for the first, Christians do not expect Jesus to return in their lifetime.

The fact of the matter is that Jesus will return during the lifetime of millions of Christians. At that moment when Christ reappears there will be untold numbers of living Christians. The Apostle Paul stressed that truth in this familiar passage.

*"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: **Then we which are alive and remain** shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."* I Thessalonians 4:16-17 (bold type mine)

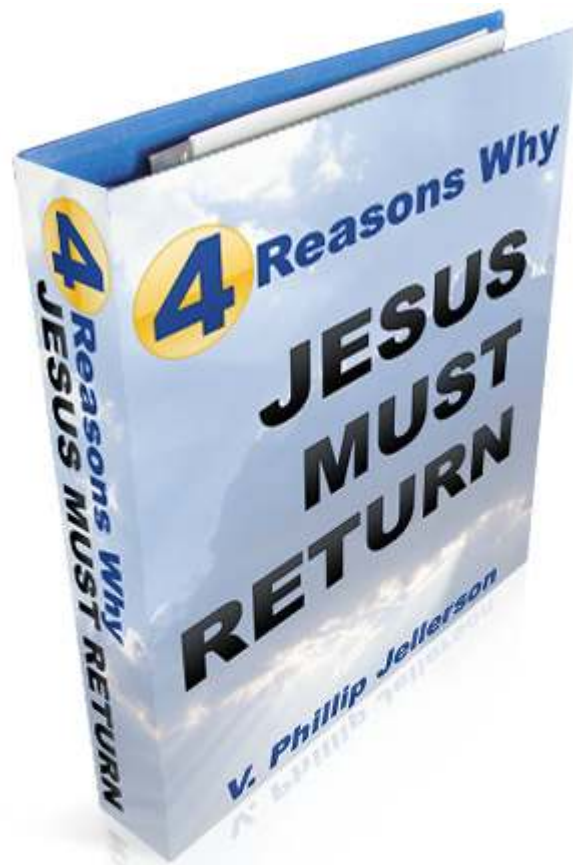
When Jesus Christ suddenly makes His second appearance there will be an incalculable number of Christians living. It is my belief, along with many others, that it is very possible that many Christians alive today will be here when Jesus Christ returns. Are you ready?

All Christians believe in the return of Jesus Christ. If you were asked why Jesus Christ must return how would you answer? No doubt many would give one or more of the "**4 Reasons Why Jesus Must Return.**"

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REASON #1

Jesus Must Return To Remain Truthful

Did Jesus tell the truth or did He lie? Jesus Himself promised the church that He would return. To His disciples Jesus said:

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:2-3

Jesus left us with His personal guarantee, "...*I will come again...*" We read of His miraculous departure for heaven in Acts Chapter 1. There we are once again given the promise of Christ's return. The accompanying angels told the disciples, "...*this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in the like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.*" Acts 1:11

We know that Jesus has not yet come back. That presents us with two possible views concerning the Lord's promise to return. He either told the truth or He lied. If Jesus spoke the truth then He MUST return because He is God and God CAN NOT lie. (Titus 1:2) What we believe hinges on who we think Jesus was and is.

Think about this. All we know about Jesus comes from God's Word - the Bible. The Bible was written by men to whom God spoke either audibly or in dreams and visions. It is therefore understandable why there is copious internal evidence to the Bible's origin, authority, surety and eternity. Take note of the following assertions.

- * *"But the word of the Lord endureth for ever."* I Peter 1:25
- * *"For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven."* Psalm 119:89
- * *"...but the word of our God shall stand for ever."* Isaiah 40:8
- * *"Thy word is truth."* John 17:17 Jesus said this of the Word of God

This author believes that all events in the history of mankind, from Adam and Eve to the coming Antichrist, are the playing out of God's Word

written before the Creation. (Genesis 1-2) If the Creation was part of God's pre-creation Word then Christ's return is also. Thus, just as the Creation happened so must the return of Jesus Christ.

At one point Jesus asked a question of His disciples in which He attested to His return. Jesus asked, "...*Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?*" Luke 18:8 Jesus is the "Son of man." There is no question that Jesus spoke of His future return. He did not say "if the Son of man cometh" but "when the Son of man cometh."

Even more convincing, Jesus specified the manner of His return. Six times in His Revelation He enunciated that He will come "quickly." He spoke it directly to three of the seven churches.

1. To the church at Ephesus Jesus said, "*Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.*" Revelation 2:5
2. To the church at Pergamos Jesus said, "*Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.*" Revelation 2:16
3. To the church at Philadelphia Jesus said, "*Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.*" Revelation 3:11

Three times in His final words to the church corporate Jesus warned of His coming "quickly."

1. *Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.* Revelation 22:7
2. *And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give to every man according as his work shall be.* Revelation 22:12
3. *Surely I come quickly.* Revelation 22:20

Jesus spoke repeatedly of His return. **Therefore Jesus must return to remain truthful.** Otherwise He is a liar and we have been deceived but I can't believe that, how about you?

Why Jesus Must Return

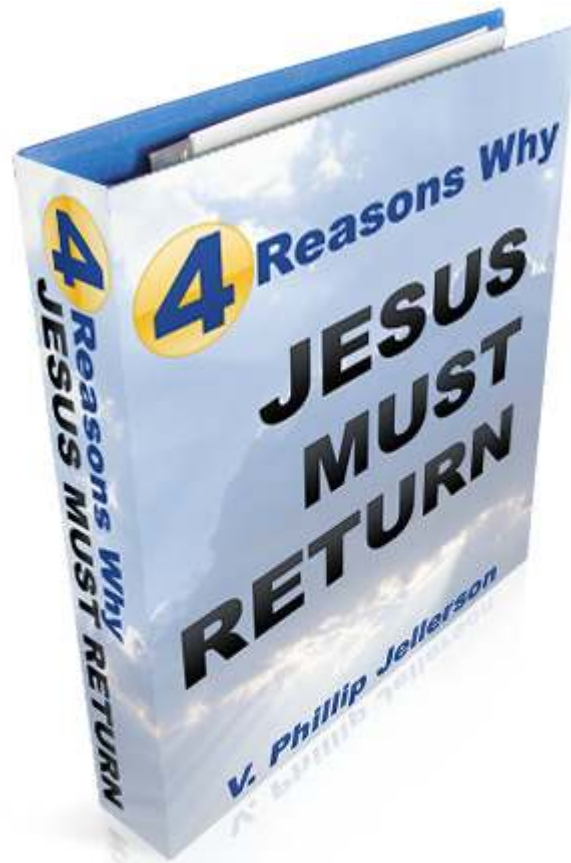
The simple promise that Jesus will return is insufficient in that it does not reveal specific prophetic events which demand that Jesus returns. We will lightly address three prophetic works which Jesus must return to perform. They are: **rescue** - **render** - **rule!**

Bear in mind that if Jesus were not destined to return then volumes of scripture pertaining to these three prophetic events would be nothing but fantasy - fabrications - lies. That cannot be!

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REASON #2

Jesus Must Return To Rescue His People

Many Christians are apt to be surprised at the identify of "His people." Scripture firmly identifies both the Jews and Christians as the Lord's people. The Jews are His earthly people or natural nation while Christians are His holy or spiritual nation. (I Peter 2:9) Both of these nations of people (Jews and Christians) will be in need of rescuing when Jesus returns.

That is precisely why Jesus must return - **to rescue His people**. The first people to be rescued will be His holy people - the church. From what must they be rescued? The church will be rescued from God's wrath. The Bible is replete with warnings of the coming wrath of God upon this world.

The subject of God's wrath is traced throughout the Bible. The New Testament virtually opens with the mentioning of God's wrath. One day as John the Baptist was baptizing repenters in the Jordan River unbelieving Jews gathered to observe the activity. John the Baptist chided them with the question, "*O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?*" Matthew 3:7

One day God will pour out His wrath upon this unbelieving world. Before He does He will send Jesus Christ to come and to rescue (save) His people, the church, from His wrath. The church has assurance that they will not experience the wrath of God. Here are three Bible promises to that affect.

I Thessalonians 1:10 "*.....And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.*" Christians are counted as being already delivered from God's wrath because of our faith in Jesus Christ.

I Thessalonians 5:9 "*For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.*" God has determined that the church will not suffer His wrath. Jesus will return to deliver the church, His people, from God's wrath.

Romans 5:9 "*Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.* Christians will be saved from God's wrath by Him whose blood washes us clean, Jesus Christ.

Every Christian can have a settled heart that he/she will NOT see the wrath of God. How will Jesus rescue His people, the church, from God's wrath? First, let us see what Jesus said about His coming back for the church. He told the disciples:

*"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again**, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."* John 14:2-3 (bold type mine)

Jesus told His disciples that He was going back to heaven to prepare them a place. He further told them that He would come back and take them to be with Him. Jesus will return one day to take the church out of this world to be with Him BEFORE the wrath of God comes.

How will Jesus take the church out of this world to be with Him? The Apostle Paul explained that with the best known Biblical description of the rapture. In his first letter to the church at Thessalonica he wrote:

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." I Thessalonians 4:16-17

The following itemization shows what Paul said will happen when Christ comes to rescue (rapture) the church.

1. Jesus will come down from heaven with a victorious shout.
2. The voice of the archangel Michael will also be heard.
3. All deceased Christians will rise from the graves at their voices.
4. All living Christians will follow them to meet Jesus in the air.
5. All the church will spend eternity with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus will rescue His people, the church, by a miraculous act known as the rapture. Rapture can be defined as a "catching away" or "snatching up" which is exactly what will happen to Christians when Jesus comes back for them.

NOTE: There is much more knowledge to be had concerning the rapture beyond what is given here. I hope you will consider reading my e-book **The Church Rapture** which is listed on my web log: www.sureprophecy.com

Jesus Must Return To Rescue His People

There is a second group of "His people" which Jesus will rescue upon His return. That group is the Jews which, as related to Jesus, are "his own." (John 1:11) Jesus was a Jew of pure blood. Because of His Jewish mother who was a direct descendant of King David, Jesus is rightful heir to King David's throne. Anyone who claims that Jesus was anything other than a Jew is a liar either by ignorance or deception.

Just before Christ returns the Jews will be in a desperate state. Jerusalem and all Israel will be under siege by the armies of her enemies. How is this for irony? It was unbelieving Jews who caused the crucifixion of Jesus. It will be that same Jesus who returns and rescues them, His people, from their enemies.

Universal opposition to Israel is much emphasized in Bible prophecy. This unanimous disapproval of Israel will culminate with the amassing of the world's armies in Israel to annihilate them. Try to imagine the military scene in these prophecies.

Joel 3:2 "*I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat...*" The "valley of Jehoshaphat" is symbolic of a time and place when God will judge the nations of the earth. That will surely happen at the Battle of Armageddon.

Zechariah 14:2 "*For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle...*" are the words of God through the prophet Zechariah. The Battle of Armageddon at the end of the tribulation period will be such a time.

Revelation 16:13-14,16 "*And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. And he gathered them*

together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."

This mustering of the world's military might in Israel is precipitated by a common hatred for God's people - the Jews. Almost all the world would like to see Israel eradicated. America is the only true ally of any consequence that Israel has. When America forsakes this alliance, **and it will**, this final march to Israel will be possible.

What the militant leaders don't realize is that they have been duped into invading Israel by God Himself. (refer to the verses above) Furthermore, they are unaware that they will face the Jews' long awaited Messiah King. Jesus Christ will return at Israel's weakest moment to rescue "His people" from their aggressors. Here is how the Bible records it.

Zechariah 12:8 *"In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem..."* The term "that day" is the time of the end - the tribulation period. The person "the Lord" is none other than Jesus Christ. It is He who will defend Jerusalem.

Zechariah 14:3 *"Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle."* In context this speaks of the Battle of Armageddon at the end of the world. Jesus Christ will instantly appear and destroy the invading host. The phrase *"when he fought in the day of battle."* could be alluding to the time when God personally delivered the Israelites from Pharaoh's army at the Red Sea. (Exodus 14:13-14)

Revelation 19:11-22 ISRAEL IS DELIVERED! Because of its length this passage is not quoted here. If one reads it they will see a rich description of the Lord's return to earth. They will read of His treading the armies which trampled Israel.

When does this miraculous rescue of the Jews take place? Earlier we saw that the rescue of His people, the church, happens at the rapture BEFORE God's wrath. The rescue of His people, the Jews, does not occur until AFTER God's wrath. The wrath of God is represented by the seven vials in Revelation Chapters 16-18. Jesus returns in Revelation Chapter 19.

Before leaving this subject I feel impressed to tell of a confrontation I had with a supervisor in the early nineties. I tell this to illustrate the

prevailing hate that common people have for Jews. Two or three of us gathered in the shop office each day for lunch with the supervisor. It was an enjoyable time for us.

On this particular day the subject of Jews came up. The supervisor went off! I mean he spewed a loud tirade against Jews. We were shocked. I asked the supervisor why he was so hateful of the Jews. Did they abduct your wife or children? Did they burn down your house? Did they blow up your car?

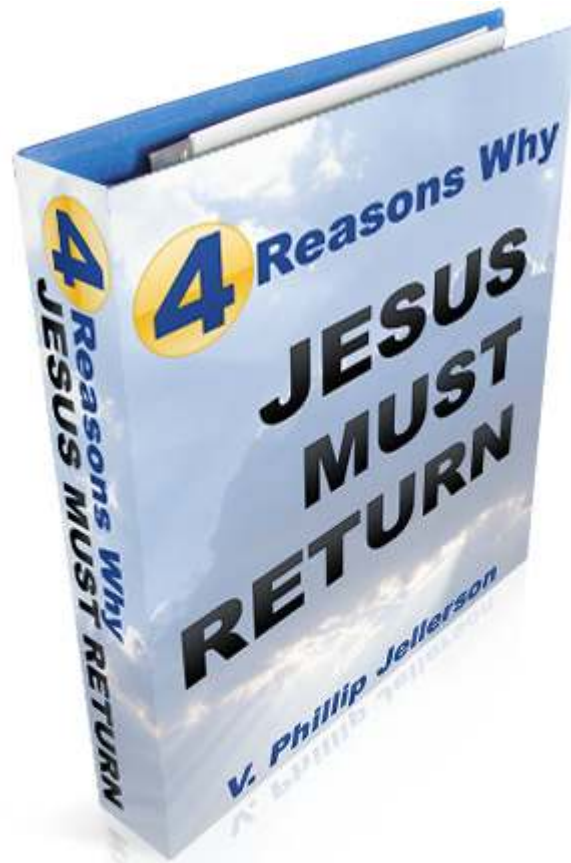
Then I asked him, "what have the Jews done to you personally?" You know what he answered? "**Nothing**" Can you believe it? That is a perfect example of how people throughout the world hate Jews for no personal reason. It is that undeserved, unjustifiable hate that will incense the rulers of the world to march on Israel just before Jesus Christ returns.

Jesus must return to rescue His people.

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R E A S O N # 3

Jesus Must Return To Render Judgment

All unbelievers are agitated by the thought that they will be judged by God for their ways. Those who are disturbed by the idea of a “judgmental” God actually misplace their fears. It will not be God the Father who judges them. IT WILL BE JESUS CHRIST. Read what Peter said about Jesus the Judge.

“And he (Jesus) commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.” Acts 10:42 (parenthesis mine)

Peter told his listeners that Jesus had commanded them (the disciples) to preach to the people that God the Father had ordained Jesus Christ to be the Judge of the quick and dead (believers and unbelievers). How fitting that is. Jesus, the One who loved us enough to die for us, will also be our Judge.

In his Gospel John gave the reason for God the Father investing in Jesus all authority as Judge. It reads:

“For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honor the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.” John 5:22-23

Wow! The heavenly gavel has been passed to Jesus Christ. God the Father has given His Son full authority to judge. Any and all forthcoming judgment will be administered by Jesus Christ. Therefore, WE WILL ALL BE JUDGED BY JESUS CHRIST.

We seldom hear it preached that the resurrection is a judgment but that is exactly what it is. Above we cited John 5:22-23 which is part of a larger textual message in John 5:21-30. (it may help to read that now) The point is that Jesus Christ will be the Judge at the two resurrections. He will judge as to which resurrection we will be part of.

1. The first resurrection will be for “*they that have done good.*” That will be at the rapture of the church (Christians).

2. The second resurrection will be for *"they that have done evil."* This resurrection will take place after the Millennial Kingdom, a thousand years after the first.

After the first resurrection Christians will stand before the "judgment seat of Christ" and be judged for their works. (I Corinthians 5:10) At the second resurrection unbelievers will be judged by Christ at the great "white throne judgment." (Revelation 20:11-15) These two judgments will take place in a heavenly setting somewhere beyond earth.

There will also be a time of severe judgment on earth after the first resurrection. Jesus Christ will return to punish the unbelieving world before He sets up His Millennial Kingdom. Here is a strong narrative of that judgment.

"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him." Jude 14-15

Did you notice whom Jude quoted? This coming judgment was first preached by Enoch of old. Judgment of sinners is not a new message. It flows through the Bible. The world has had and heard of God's coming judgment for thousands of years. Like the rest of God's Word it has fallen on deaf ears.

This time of judgment is described for us in the book of The Revelation. We find it in Revelation Chapter 19 verses 11-21. Because of its length we will not record it here. We ask the reader to read it himself/herself in their Bible.

There we learn that Jesus Christ returns to earth and slays all the armies of the world gathered in Israel. This is the Battle of Armageddon. This produces a river of blood running through the valley for one hundred and eighty miles. The dead carcasses are eaten by great flocks of birds filling the sky over the battlefield. This is the judgment of unbelievers on earth rendered by Jesus Christ upon His return to earth.

Are the judgments and punishment applied by God and Christ right? Christians have no problem with divine judgment because they know God's Word. Non-Christians on the other hand are repulsed by the idea of being judged or punished either by God or Jesus Christ.

Here are three scripture references which settle the issue as to whether divine judgment and punishment are right.

II Timothy 4:8 "*Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, **the righteous judge**, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*" (bold type mine)

Paul tells of the "crown of righteousness" which he and all believers will be awarded at the rapture. Paul called the Lord Jesus Christ the "**righteous judge**."

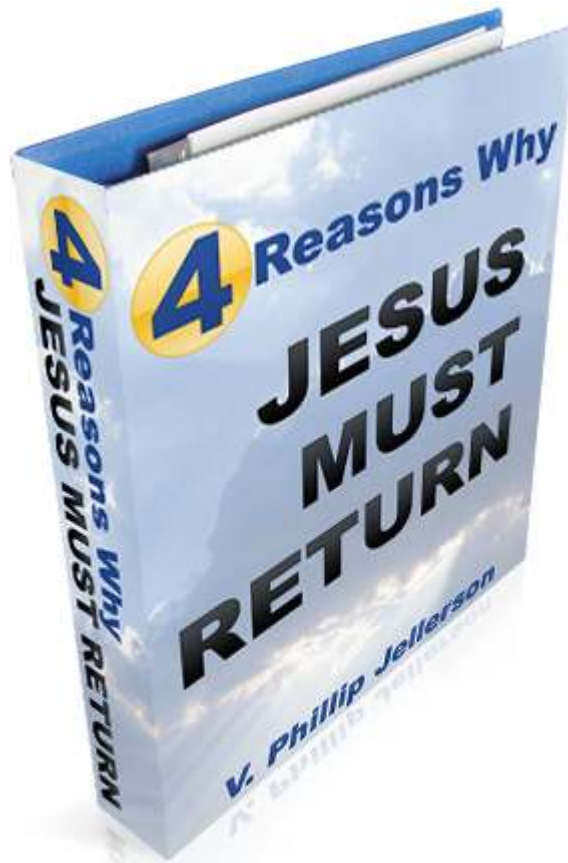
Revelation 16:7 "*And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, **true and righteous are thy judgments**.*" (bold type mine) This declaration is heard as the vials of God's wrath are emptied upon the earth. The vial judgments are harsh but **true and righteous**.

Revelation 19:2 "***For true and righteous are his judgments:** for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.*" (bold type mine)

God judges end time Babylon in His wrath because: (1) she had spoiled the earth with her false religion (2) she had murdered untold numbers of His believers. Again, God's judgments are **true and righteous**.

We conclude the subject of judgment with the question which Abraham asked of God when He was minded to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham asked, "*Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?*" Genesis 18:25 The answer is "yes." God will do right because He is righteous. Being righteous means that His judgment is righteous - it is right.

Jesus Christ must return to render judgment!



REASON #4

Jesus Must Return to Rule On Earth

We will devote more time to this subject because it relates to the present world in which we live. Some who read this may brand me unpatriotic or worse, a lunatic. Thankfully, those who know God and His Word will appreciate the truth of what is written here.

Does it seem like America and the world are headed for a BIG crash - a HARD fall? Well, if it does it is because they are. I know that this sort of talk short circuit's the psyche of those who think that man is autonomous - in full control. I don't know how any observing, thinking person could believe that after the past couple of decades.

The fact is the world is in the most precarious position it has ever been. A bolder fact is that it is going to get worse and acting like an ostrich will not change it. The words of the Apostle Paul are very appropriate for our time. He wrote, "*This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.*" II Timothy 3:1

We are living in perilous times NOW. The Bible has some poignant words concerning the conditions at the time of the end. They are words that we never hear from government, the media or academia. Why? Because they show man's failures which the humanists cannot accept. Read what God's greatest prophets said of the coming tribulation.

Daniel: "*...and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time...*" Daniel 12:1

Jesus: "*For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.*" Matthew 24:21

Daniel and Jesus described a coming time of trouble which surpasses anything the world has ever seen. Copious Bible prophecy portrays mankind in a dire situation just before Jesus Christ returns. What is the cause of this unparalleled time of social crisis?

Several causes could be cited but since our subject is "rule" as in "governing" we call one cause to the front. To understand this issue we copy Paul's teaching on "government" in the book of Romans.

“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.” Romans 13:1-5

That is a wordy quote but necessary for understanding why **Jesus Must Return to Rule**. We can extract three main thoughts from Paul’s speech on government. (1) Civil government is ordained (sanctioned) by God. (2) Our responsibility is to obey civil government. (3) Government is to be a ministering agent of God to the people.

Civil government is supposed to act on behalf of God but in these last days governments are abdicating that position. By their ruling powers they are separating the people from God unto themselves. The people do not belong to the government they belong to God. People are unaware how, by judicial and legislative powers, governments are deceiving and misleading them.

Pages could be written on the many ways, which when acted out, do not break civil laws but are disobedient to God. How can that be you ask. It is because government allows or disallows activities contrary to God’s Word. Here are a few examples.

Dissolution of the family - The family (a married man and woman and their children) is God’s basic social unit. He fashioned it with Adam and Eve and their children. The family is the basic building block for human societies.

In the past few years we have witnessed an “all out” attack upon the family unit. Can you believe that there is now intense debate to define the concept of “family.” Thanks to government action and inaction a family now can consist of about any combination of people.

Murder of the unborn - Who has not heard God's sixth commandment: *Thou shalt not kill.* Exodus 20:13 That refers specifically to pre-meditated (intentional) murder NOT accidents or the action of war. The Bible is very clear that life begins at conception NOT after birth.

Well, the government has weighed in on the issue and decided that life does not begin at conception. Of course, they can't agree when life does begin but that doesn't deter them from legislating "abortion" as legal. THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABORTED. Millions upon millions of babies have been **murdered** (premeditated) as the result of an ungodly government.

There is one sweet consolation however. The murdered babies will live in heaven while the abortionists will suffer death in Hell.

Legitimizing homosexuality - Just one Old Testament verse is needed to refute all supposed rightness of homosexuality. "*Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.*" Leviticus 18:22 God said that "man lying with man" (this would also include woman lying with woman) is "abomination." Such activity is disgusting or detestable with God.

Once again, government has disregarded God and legislated homosexuality to be legal. Since then we have been steam-rolled by the homosexual community. Our society is now being fully indoctrinated that homosexuality is equal to heterosexuality.

Abolition of the Bible - Government is censoring the Bible from the public arena. It is a banned book in most if not all of our public schools. For the most part student cannot quote, reference or read the Bible in school work. Teachers have been fired for having and reading a Bible in the classroom.

Oh, how the government has changed things. I remember sitting in classrooms in the forties and fifties and hearing the teacher read from the Bible to the students every morning. You understand of course that that was back when America was great because of its more Godly attitude.

Need it be said that it was through the knowledge of God's Word and adherence to it that made America the greatest nation on earth. Have you not noticed that since the Bible has been set aside America has lost its esteemed position and credibility?

Silencing Christians - Governments are quietly and stealthily working to stifle the voice of Christianity. Why do they want to silence Christians? Two reasons: (1) Governments have forsaken God. They no longer perform as His agents. They have their own plan for humanity. (2) They view Christians as religious fanatics and Counter productive to their socialistic agenda. Christians are public enemy #1 to them.

How does government move to silence Christians? The most effective way is to unceremoniously pass laws restricting Christian activity and speech. Here is a recent example. I think it was in the first stimulus bill that President Obama signed, a large amount went to colleges and universities to retain professors and programs. GET THIS: No money was to go to educational institutions that had religious classes or activities.

So much more could be said but not now. I hope enough has been expressed to show that government wants to silence Christians and the Christian message.

Deficit Spending - Question: What would happen to you and your household if you continued to spend far more than your income? Financial ruination would come to you, right? Well, what do you think is in store for all Americans if the government refuses to halt its astronomical deficit spending? We will become an impoverished society - a nation of beggars.

America (we the people) is a debtor nation. I have read that if the Countries to whom America was indebted called in the chips America could not pay its debt. Yet our government keeps piling onto its debt. Who in their right fiscal mind would call that being responsible to God and His people?

What happened to the concept of frugality, of **saving**? The government has propagandized the people into believing that

saving retards national growth and welfare. They have what the Ford Motor Company used to advertise, a "better idea." And what is that? Americans should spend, spend, spend so that Government can spend, spend, spend.

We could go on and on with ways in which governments are failing God and the people. There is a price to pay when governments reject the wisdom God. Governments lose their power and societies decay from lack of godly leadership. History tells of many great societies ALL of which have fallen from power and prestige to being "also ran" countries. America will soon join that dubious class if government doesn't turn back to God.

At the beginning of this REASON 4 we quoted the assessments of Daniel and Jesus concerning the coming tribulation period. We will arrive at that time largely because of ungodly governments. Then during that time the Antichrist will gain world control. He will be brutal despot. Thank God he will rule for only three and a half years before Jesus Christ returns to depose him.

Repeatedly Bible prophecy predicts that Jesus Christ will return to earth as the sole, supreme ruler. Let us look at a couple of such predictions.

"And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." Luke 1:31-33

The angel Gabriel said those words to Mary informing her of the impending birth of Jesus Christ. We should take note of specific things that Mary was told about her forthcoming child. They are so meaningful.

1. The child would be a son and she would name him JESUS meaning "salvation is of God."
2. The child would be great (mighty in power) and would be called the Son of the Highest or the Son of God.
3. God the Father will give JESUS the throne of David His ancestral Father by Mary. This means that JESUS will be king of Israel.

4. Jesus will forever be the King of Israel.
5. His kingdom of believers shall never end.

No one believes that Jesus was King of Israel during His brief visit two thousand years ago. Israel had no king in those days. They were ruled by Roman Emperors. Jesus never held any political or civil office. Jesus was crucified as a "king-to-be" which means that **He must return to be king.**

This Jesus, the child of Mary, is the Jews' Messiah. (see John 1:41) Ample Old Testament prophecy proclaims that their Messiah will be their king. The Jews have been living in expectancy of their Messiah King for thousands of years. It was so when Jesus was among them. The fact that Jesus never assumed the kingship was a major reason the Jews rejected Him.

Even Jesus' disciples expected Jesus to be king of Israel in their time. In their farewell meeting with Him on the Mt of Olives, as Jesus was preparing to return to heaven, they said to Him, "*Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?*" Acts 1:6

Plenty of Old Testament prophecies point Jesus Christ as King. Here are two having great significance. We will not expound on these verses here but be assured that they speak of none other than Jesus Christ.

Jeremiah 23:5-6 "*Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.*"

Isaiah 9:6-7 "*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever...*"

King David penned a splendid prayer (Psalm) invoking God's favor upon his son, Solomon. Much of that prayer is unquestionably prophetic of the future kingship of Messiah Christ in the Millennial Kingdom. It follows.

"He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him." Psalm 72:8,11 This Psalm accentuates three features of the reign of Jesus Christ.

1. He will rule over ALL the earth.
2. ALL kings (earthly rulers) will bow to Him in subjection.
3. ALL nations - ALL people - will serve Him.

The above verses, and many others not quoted, create an unshakable prophetic theme. Jesus Christ will one day return to earth and rule as King over all the world. That time is called the Millennial Kingdom - a thousand years of rule by Jesus Christ. The lost (unbelieving) world rejects this future kingship but Christians look forward to it with great glee.

God's Word is sheer delight! Why? Because John gave us a powerful word picture of Jesus Christ returning to assume His long time promised Kingship. It is recorded in Revelation Chapters 19-20. I leave it to the reader to read those chapters and get a blessing.

Here is the key verse from the Revelation scene when Christ returns to rule over the pitiful populace left on earth after the rapture of the church.

"And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." Revelation 19:16

When Jesus Christ returns He will be the sole **King** of all the earth!

When Jesus Christ returns He will be the sole **Lord** to worship!

Have you ever heard the lyrics of George F. Handel's magnificent piece titled "Messiah?" In that soul stirring song Handel lauds the "King of kings and Lord of lords." Nations have national anthems. If there is one for the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus Christ Handel's "Messiah" would certainly be fitting.

Jesus must return to rule the world.

I hope you have enjoyed and learned from reading these “**4 Reasons Why Jesus Must Return.**”

1. To **remain** truthful
2. To **rescue** His people
3. To **render** judgment
4. To **rule** over all the earth



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