

A Thief in the Night

Text Guide #14

- John 14:1-3** Jesus has promised to come again.
- Titus 2:11-13** Christ's return is the "blessed hope" of the Christian.
- Acts 1:9-11** The angel said Christ would return to the earth in the same way He left.
- Rev. 1:7** When He returns, every eye shall see Him. ***Jesus' return will be visible.***
- 1 Th. 4:16-18** He will return with a trumpet sound and the voice of the Archangel. Clearly, ***Jesus' return will be audible.***
- Ps. 50:3** He will return with fire and not be silent. ***Jesus' return will be glorious.***

But won't Jesus come as a thief in the night?

- Matt. 24:42-44** Jesus will come at a *time* we don't expect Him, as would a thief.
- 1 Th. 5:2** Again, His coming as a thief refers to *timing*, not secrecy.

What about one taken and one left?

- Matt. 24:36-42** There will only be two groups when Jesus comes — the saved and the lost.
- Rev. 22:11-12** When Jesus comes, our destiny is fixed. Our second chance is ***now!***
- Matt. 24:44** Because we don't know exactly when Jesus is coming, except that He is coming soon, Jesus warns us, we need to be ready at all times to meet Him.
- Luke 21:34** It is Satan's plan to get us caught up in the cares of this world.

Do the saints have to go through the 7 years tribulation?

- Dan. 9:26-27** The theory of 7 years tribulation comes from a misunderstanding of the 70 weeks prophecy of Daniel 9. Although the Bible talks about a coming "time of trouble", the "7 years of tribulation" is not Biblical.
- Ps. 91:5-14** God promises that those who love Him will be protected during the "time of trouble". Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments."

How can we be sure to be ready when Jesus returns?

- John 6:37** Jesus said, "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out."
- Rev. 3:20** Jesus says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in." When we allow Christ into our hearts, He prepares us to meet Him at His second coming.