

## **The Return of Jesus, Don't Be Deceived, Be Ready**

Spiritual Authority – Restored In Christ

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### **OVERVIEW**

In this message, Chad Everett walks through Scripture to bring clarity to the return of Jesus and the importance of being grounded in truth so we are not deceived.

Before understanding what is coming, we must first understand what God has already revealed through prophecy.

#### **Daniel's 70 Weeks Prophecy**

Daniel was given a prophetic timeline of 70 weeks (490 years) for Israel and Jerusalem (Daniel 9:24–26). Sixty-nine of those weeks were fulfilled leading up to the coming and death of the Messiah, Jesus (Daniel 9:25–26). One final week remains, a future seven-year period (Daniel 9:27).

#### **The Final Seven-Year Period (70th Week)**

This final seven years begins with a covenant or peace agreement (Daniel 9:27). At the midpoint, after three and a half years, that agreement is broken, and the abomination of desolation takes place (Daniel 9:27; Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14).

#### **The Great Tribulation**

From that point, a time of great tribulation unfolds (Matthew 24:21; Mark 13:19). After this period, Scripture describes the return of Jesus, coming in the clouds with power and glory (Matthew 24:29–30; Mark 13:24–26; Acts 1:9–11; Revelation 1:7).

#### **The Return of Jesus, Trumpet, and Gathering**

At that time, there is the sound of a trumpet (Matthew 24:31; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; 1 Corinthians 15:52), and God gathers His people to Himself (Matthew 24:31; Mark 13:27; 1 Thessalonians 4:17).

This message is not just about understanding prophecy, it is about knowing what Scripture says so clearly that we are not led astray.

In a world filled with voices, opinions, and increasing deception, believers must be rooted in the Word of God. The more we know Scripture, the less likely we are to be deceived.

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## HOW TO USE THIS STUDY GUIDE

Read → Respond → Reflect

Open your Bible. Read the Scripture. Let the Word answer the questions.

The goal is not just understanding, but alignment with God's truth.

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## SECTION 1 — KNOW THE WORD, AVOID DECEPTION

### Focus

The more we know Scripture, the less likely we are to be deceived.

### Read

Mark 13:5–6, Mark 13:21–23

### Respond

1. According to Mark 13:5, what warning does Jesus give first about the last days?
2. In Mark 13:21–23, what are people going to say about Christ, and how does Jesus tell us to respond?
3. What does the passage say false leaders will use to deceive people?
4. Based on these verses, what responsibility do you have as a believer to stay grounded in truth?
5. What do these verses show about why knowing Scripture matters?

### Reflect

- What influences my thinking more, Scripture or other voices?
  - Do I recognize how easily deception can happen?
  - Where do I need to become more rooted in God's Word?
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## SECTION 2 — UNDERSTANDING GOD'S PROPHETIC TIMELINE

### Focus

God's plan is structured, intentional, and revealed in His Word.

## Read

Daniel 9:24–27

## Respond

1. In Daniel 9:24, what does God say is “determined” for Israel and Jerusalem?
2. According to Daniel 9:25–26, what happens after the 69 weeks?
3. In verse 27, what event marks the beginning of the final week?
4. What happens in the middle of that seven-year period?
5. What does this passage reveal about God’s control over history and time?

## Reflect

- Do I believe God is intentional with timing, even in my life?
  - How does understanding God’s timeline affect my faith?
  - Where do I struggle to trust God’s process?
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# SECTION 3 — DISCERNING WHAT IS STILL TO COME

## Focus

Scripture gives clear markers so we are not confused or misled.

## Read

Matthew 24:15, Matthew 24:21–22, Mark 13:14

## Respond

1. In Matthew 24:15, what event does Jesus say to watch for?
2. According to Matthew 24:21, how intense will the tribulation be?
3. What does Mark 13:14 say about recognizing this moment?
4. Why does Jesus connect these events back to Daniel?
5. What do these passages show about how believers should respond?

## Reflect

- Am I aware of what Scripture says about the future?
  - Do I avoid these topics or engage them through the Word?
  - How can I grow in understanding without fear or speculation?
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## SECTION 4 — THE RETURN OF JESUS

### Focus

Jesus' return will be visible, powerful, and undeniable.

### Read

Matthew 24:29–31, Mark 13:24–27, Acts 1:9–11

### Respond

1. According to Matthew 24:29–30, what happens right before Jesus returns?
2. In Mark 13:26, how does Jesus come back?
3. What does Acts 1:11 say about how Jesus will return?
4. What signs accompany His return according to these passages?
5. What do these Scriptures show about how clear His return will be?

### Reflect

- Am I looking for Jesus according to Scripture or according to other voices?
  - How does this truth shape the way I live today?
  - What does it mean for me personally that Jesus is coming again?
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## SECTION 5 — BE READY

### Focus

The return of Jesus calls us to live ready, not distracted.

### Read

1 Thessalonians 4:16–17, 1 Corinthians 15:51–52, Matthew 24:13

### Respond

1. According to 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17, what happens when Jesus returns?
2. In 1 Corinthians 15:52, what happens at the last trumpet?
3. What does Matthew 24:13 say about endurance?
4. How do these passages describe the gathering of believers?
5. What do these Scriptures call you to do right now?

## Reflect

- Am I ready if Jesus returned today?
- Do I live with a mindset of readiness or delay?
- What needs to grow in my life to remain steady and faithful?

## FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

God's Word is not just information, it is truth that prepares us. Jesus is coming again, and His return will be undeniable. Scripture gives us clarity so that we are not left guessing or following the crowd, but instead living with understanding and discernment. This message is not about fear, it is about readiness.

We are called to know the Word, discern the times, and remain faithful. The question is not just what is coming, the question is whether we are ready to meet Jesus. Stay grounded in the Word, stay focused on Jesus, and stay ready.

Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus!

