

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.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Read → Respond → Reflect

- Open your Bible
- Let Scripture answer the questions
- Be honest with yourself

This is not about knowing more.

This is about seeing clearly—and living differently.

SECTION 1 — DECEPTION ISN'T OBVIOUS

Focus

If you don't know truth, you will be led by something else.

READ

Mark 13:5–6, Mark 13:21–23

RESPOND

1. Why is deception the *first* warning Jesus gives about the last days?
2. What does it mean that deception causes people to still be “led,” just in the wrong direction?
3. What makes something feel true even when it isn't?
4. Where do you see this happening in culture right now?
5. If you're not grounded in Scripture, what will shape your beliefs instead?

REFLECT

- Do I assume I wouldn't be deceived—or do I actually guard against it?
 - What voices shape how I think the most right now?
 - When I hear something, do I check it with Scripture—or just accept it?
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SECTION 2 — GOD ALREADY SET THE TIMELINE

Focus

God didn't react—He revealed.

READ

Daniel 9:24–27

RESPOND

1. What does it mean that this timeline was “determined”?
2. What has already been fulfilled exactly as written?
3. What is still coming—and why does that matter?
4. What happens at the midpoint of the 70th week, and why is it significant?
5. If God already laid this out, what does that say about control—yours vs His?

REFLECT

- Do I live like God is in control—or like everything depends on me?
 - Where do I struggle to trust God’s timing?
 - Do I believe God is intentional with my life—or just reacting?
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SECTION 3 — THIS SHOULD CHANGE HOW YOU LIVE

Focus

Prophecy is not for curiosity—it’s for transformation.

READ

Matthew 24:15, Matthew 24:21

RESPOND

1. Why does Jesus point back to Daniel instead of explaining everything new?
 2. What does the intensity of tribulation reveal about what’s coming?
 3. Why do people avoid or ignore this part of Scripture?
 4. What is the difference between knowing something and responding to it?
 5. If this is real, what should actually change in your life?
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REFLECT

- Do I treat Scripture like information—or truth that demands response?
 - Am I awake spiritually—or just going through life?
 - What am I ignoring that I know matters?
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SECTION 4 — YOU WON'T MISS HIS RETURN

Focus

Jesus' return will be undeniable.

READ

Matthew 24:29–31, 1 Thessalonians 4:16

RESPOND

1. What does Scripture clearly say will happen when Jesus returns?
2. Why is it important that His return is visible, loud, and unmistakable?
3. What lies or ideas does this correct?
4. How does knowing this protect you from being misled?
5. What is the difference between knowing He is coming and living ready for it?

REFLECT

- Do I actually live like Jesus could return—or do I push that thought away?
 - If He came today, what in my life would reflect readiness—and what would reflect delay?
 - What am I putting off that I shouldn't be?
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SECTION 5 — READINESS IS A DAILY DECISION

Focus

Readiness is not a future moment—it's a present mindset.

READ

Matthew 24:13, Mark 13:33–37

RESPOND

1. What does it mean to endure—and why does it matter?
 2. What does Jesus command believers to do while waiting?
 3. What is the difference between being distracted and being aware?
 4. How do daily habits shape spiritual readiness?
 5. What does a “ready” life actually look like in real terms?
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REFLECT

- Do I live like I have unlimited time—or like this matters now?
- What distractions are pulling me away from God?
- What is one thing I need to stop delaying immediately?

FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

Jesus is coming again, and His return will not be hidden, subtle, or confusing. Scripture makes it clear what to expect so that we are not deceived and not unprepared. This is not meant to create fear, it is meant to create clarity. You are not called to guess or follow the crowd, but to know truth, recognize deception, and live ready.

The real issue is not what you say you believe, it is how that belief is shaping your life right now. Live with a mindset of readiness, not delay, because Jesus is coming. **Maranatha, come Lord Jesus!**

