

Apocalypse Of The Empire

STUDY GUIDE NO. 9

- 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17** When Jesus returns He is coming to raise His friends from death to life and reunite His friends torn apart by death.
- 1 Corinthians 15:51-54** When Jesus returns He is going to give His friends new bodies that will never age or grow tired.
- Philippians 3:20, 21** Our new bodies will be made like Jesus glorious body when He rose from the dead, a body of flesh and bones (see (Luke 24:39).
- John 14:1-3** Jesus promises to return and when He does He will take His friends with Him to heaven.
- Revelation 19:7-9** The picture of Christ's return comes from Hebrew wedding imagery. The church is the bride of Christ. The Groom (Christ) will one day come to take His bride to His home. When they get there they will enjoy a great marriage feast.
- Revelation 16:14, 16** When Jesus returns He is going to rescue His friends from their enemies. Before He returns however the battle of Armageddon will occur. The gathering to this battle occurs as a part of the 6th plague.
- Revelation 16:17, 18, 20** The actual battle occurs during the 7th plague. Then there will be a terrific earthquake and islands will disappear.
- Revelation 6:14-17** A similar event occurs under the 6th seal and it directly links these events to the return of Christ. The coming of Jesus is the great day of God Almighty. When Christ returns there will only be two groups of people alive – the saved and the lost.
- Revelation 19:7, 11-16** Armageddon means “mountain of slaughter” and reminds us of the times when God rescued His people from their enemies (Gideon's battle and the showdown on Mt. Carmel with Elijah). Jesus return is pictured as a king going into war to fight to deliver his people.
- Titus 2:13, 14** The return of Jesus is the great hope of His friends.
- Matthew 24:27** When Jesus returns it won't be a secret. It will be the most spectacular sound and light show ever seen.
- Matthew 24:30, 31** When Jesus returns it won't be a silent event. Trumpets will be sounding and God's friends will be gathered for their trip to heaven.
- Matthew 24:42-44** Jesus is coming as a thief to those who aren't expecting or preparing for His return. The good news is we can *be* ready for His return.