

# **Why the Urgency?**

**Matthew 11:15**

# **Bible Prophecy**

# Message of Redemption

# Jesus said.....

- There will be wars and rumors of wars
  - (Matt 24:6)
- There will be conflict between the nations
  - (Matt 24:7)
- There will be famines and earthquakes
  - (Matt 24:7)
- Christians will be martyred (Matt 24:9)
- There will be an increase in wickedness
  - (Matt 24:12)

# Apostle John added.....

- A devious world leader will seek world domination (**Revelations 6:2**)
- This world leader will institute a false religion (**13:11-15**)
- There will be a move toward a global economy, and anyone who refuses allegiance to the world leader cannot participate in commerce (**13:16-18**)

## 2 Timothy 3:1-5

- **But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!**

## Ezekiel 33:7-9

- “So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me.

**Why would God tell us  
that Jesus is coming back?**

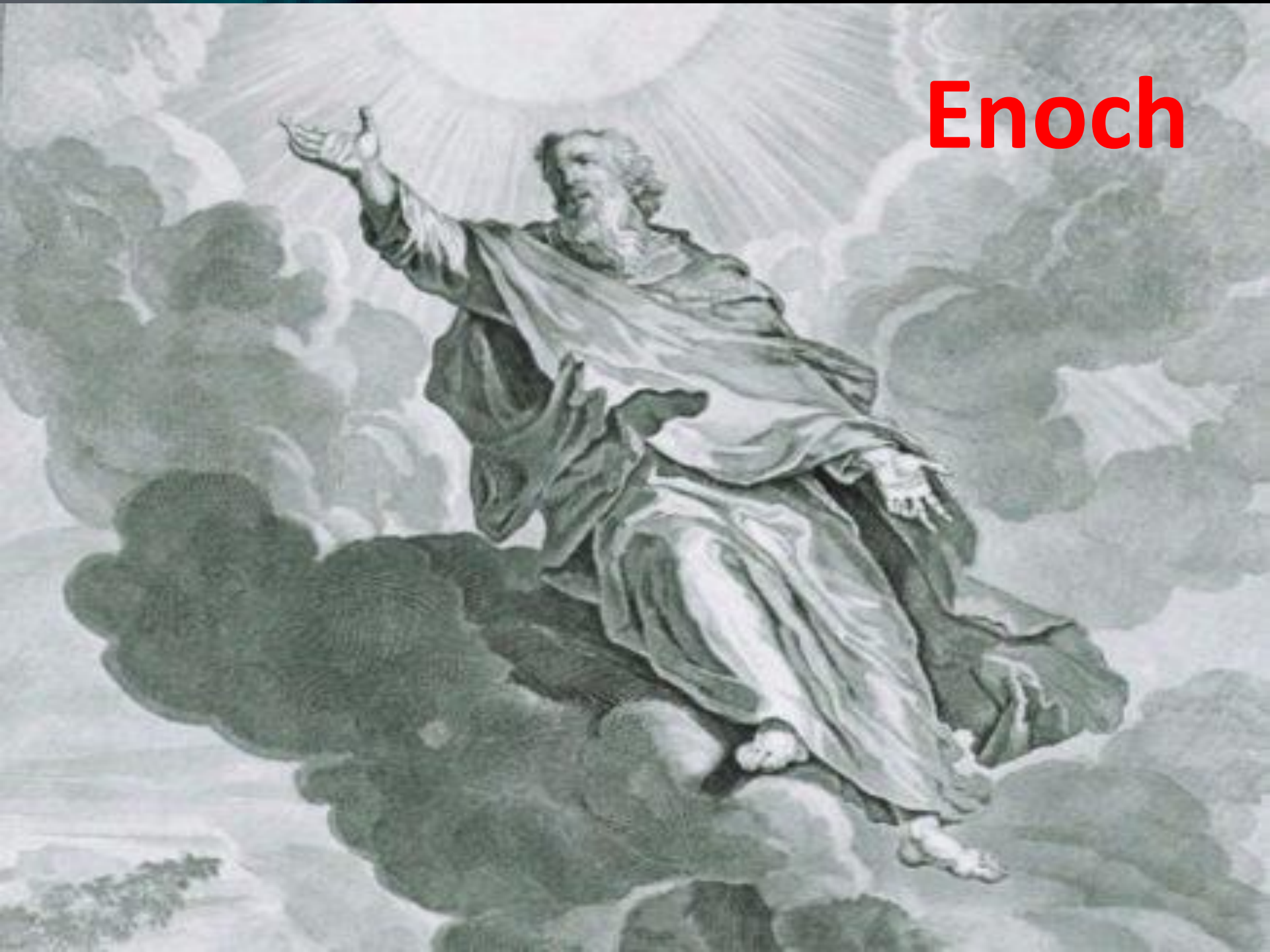


**Jesus Christ appearing**

**Jesus Christ returning**

**1. Because He has a day of separation in store.**

**Enoch**





# Elijah

"Elijah Taken Up In A Chariot of Fire"  
By Giovanni Battista Piazzetta (1682-1754)



**Philip**

## **Acts 1:9-11**

- **Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”**



# 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

- But I do not want you to be (uneducated) ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. : for this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain **shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.** And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.



**We are to comfort each other knowing  
that He is coming back and we are to  
urgently spread the  
Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

**So that was the  
appearing.**

**What about the  
returning?**

## **Romans 11:25-26; 28-29**

- **I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, and in this way all Israel will be saved. As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable.**

- **2000 BC Covenant with Abraham**
- **1460 BC The Exodus from Egypt**
- **727 BC First exile under Assyrians**
- **586 BC Babylonians (Nebuchadnezzar)**
- **539 BC Persians (Cyrus)**
- **333 BC Greeks (Alexander the Great)**
- **63 BC Romans**
- **312 Rome converted to Christianity.**
- **1095 The first Crusade**

- **1290**      **Jews expelled from England**
- **1306**      **Jews expelled from France**
- **1492**      **Jews expelled from Spain**
- **1881**      **Jews persecuted in Russia**
- **1939**      **Holocaust**
- **1948**      **Israel became a state on May 14**
- **1948**      **On May 15, Arab nations (Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq) attacks**
- **1949**      **January: Egypt defeated. March: Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Iraq defeated**
- **1967**      **Six Day War (Arab nations attacks Israel)**

## ISRAEL and...

### New Jersey



*Maps drawn to same scale.  
Israel shown in blue.*

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TURKEY

Adana

CYPRUS

Nicosia

Aleppo

SYRIA

Euphrates

Mosul

IRAN

LEBANON

Beirut

Damascus

Golan Heights  
(Israeli occupied)

Baghdad

IRAQ

ISRAEL

Tel Aviv-Yafo

Jerusalem

Gaza Strip

West Bank

Amman

1967 Cease-Fire Line

JORDAN

Armistice Line

Al Başrah

KUWAIT

Iraq-Saudi Arabia  
Neutral Zone

EGYPT

SAUDI ARABIA

Nile



**God has his ownership  
placed on Jerusalem  
from the beginning.**

- Lord said, “In Jerusalem I will put my name. (2 Kings 21:4)
- God said to David and to his son Solomon, “In this temple and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put my Name forever. (2 Chronicles 33:7)

**Why would God tell us that  
Jesus is coming back?**

**2. Because He has  
a promise to keep**

## **John 14:1-3**

- **“Let not your heart be troubled; you 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 to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.”**

**90,000 Christians murdered  
in 2016**

**North Korea, Somalia, Afghanistan,  
Pakistan, Sudan, Syria, Iraq, Iran,  
Yemen, and Eritrea.**

## **Matthew 5:10-11**

- **Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.**

# 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

- Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed : in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.



**Why would God tell us that  
Jesus is coming back?**

**3. Because He has scheduled  
A homecoming**

# Philippians 3:20-21

- For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body,

# 1 John 3:2-3

- Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

**How should we respond  
upon knowing Jesus will return?**

**Let's be discerning,  
be perceptive  
and be aware**

## **James 1:21-22**

- **Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves.**

## **Psalms 119:130**

- **The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.**

**Let's be enduring,  
be persistent  
and be longsuffering**



## 2 Timothy 4:1-5

- **I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.**

**Let's be excited, be joyful,  
be expectant and enthusiastic**

# Luke 12:35–40

- **“Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”**

**Urgency?**

**YES**

## **Romans 12:1-2**

- **I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**