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**The Second Coming**

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In this [study](study.html) I would like to [study](study.html) the second coming of [Mashiach](mashiach.html) ben [Joseph](joseph.html).

I. What is required of the righteous at the return of [Yeshua](yeshua.html):

***Luqas (***[***Luke***](luke.html)***) 12:35-48*** *"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, Like men waiting for their master to return from a* [*wedding*](wedding.html) *banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the second or* [*third*](three.html) *watch of the night. But understand this: If the owner of the house had* [*known*](daat.html) *at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." Tzefet (Peter) asked, "Lord, are you telling this parable to us, or to everyone?" The Lord answered, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their* [*food*](food.html) *allowance at the proper* [*time*](time.html)*? It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns. I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. But suppose the servant says to himself, 'My master is taking a long* [*time*](time.html) *in coming,' and he then begins to beat the menservants and maidservants and to* [*eat*](eating.html) *and drink and get drunk. The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers. "That servant who knows his master's will and does not get ready or does not do what his master* [*wants*](needs.html) *will be beaten with many blows. But the* [*one*](one.html) *who does not* [*know*](daat.html) *and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the* [*one*](one.html) *who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.*

***Luqas (***[***Luke***](luke.html)***) 21:29-36*** *He told them this parable: "Look at the* [*fig*](bethphag.html) *tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and* [*know*](daat.html) *that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you* [*know*](daat.html) *that the kingdom of God is near. "I tell you the truth, this* [*generation*](toldot.html) *will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.* [*Heaven*](heaven.html) *and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. For it will come upon all those who live on the* [*face*](body.html) *of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and* [*pray*](prayer.html) *that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."*

This passage literally means to be sleepless and to [pray](prayer.html) at the [appointed](settimes.html) times. Remember how often, and when, Daniel [prayed](prayer.html)? [Jews](gen-jew.html) still [pray](prayer.html) today at those same times.

***Marqos (Mark) 13:28-33*** *"Now learn this lesson from the* [*fig*](bethphag.html) *tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you* [*know*](daat.html) *that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you* [*know*](daat.html) *that it is near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, this* [*generation*](toldot.html) *will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.* [*Heaven*](heaven.html) *and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. "No* [*one*](one.html) *knows about that day or hour, not even the* [*angels*](angels.html) *in* [*heaven*](heaven.html)*, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not* [*know*](daat.html) *when that* [*time*](time.html) *will come.*

***Marqos (Mark) 13:34-37*** *It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the* [*one*](one.html) *at the door to keep watch. "Therefore keep watch because you do not* [*know*](daat.html) *when the owner of the house will come back--whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you* [*sleeping*](mashal.html)*. What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"*

***Revelation 3:1-3*** *"To the* [*angel*](angels.html) *of the* [*church*](church.html) *in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the* [*seven*](seven.html) *spirits of God and the* [*seven*](seven.html)[*stars*](mazaroth.html)*. I* [*know*](daat.html) *your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God. Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not* [*know*](daat.html) *at what* [*time*](time.html) *I will come to you.*

***Revelation 16:12-16*** *The* [*sixth*](six.html)[*angel*](angels.html) *poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the* [*East*](east.html)*. Then I saw* [*three*](three.html) *evil spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the* [*mouth*](body.html) *of the dragon, out of the* [*mouth*](body.html) *of the beast and out of the* [*mouth*](body.html) *of the false prophet. They are spirits of* [*demons*](demons.html) *performing miraculous* [*signs*](signs.html)*, and they go out to the kings of the whole* [*world*](worlds.html)*, to* [*gather*](gather.html) *them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty. "Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed." Then they* [*gathered*](gather.html) *the kings together to the place that in* [*Hebrew*](hebrew.html) *is called Armageddon.*

II. The righteous will [know](daat.html) the [time](time.html) of [Yeshua](yeshua.html)'s return:

***I Thessalonians 5:1-11*** *Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, For you* [*know*](daat.html) *very well that the* [*day of the Lord*](day.html) *will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are* [*asleep*](mashal.html)*, but let us be alert and self-controlled. For those who* [*sleep*](mashal.html)*,* [*sleep*](mashal.html) *at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of* [*salvation*](salvation.html) *as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive* [*salvation*](salvation.html) *through our Lord* [*Yeshua*](yeshua.html)[*Mashiach*](mashiach.html)*. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or* [*asleep*](mashal.html)*, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage* [*one*](one.html) *another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*

The [Day of HaShem](hashem.html) will not surprise us even though we do not [know](daat.html) the day or the hour:

***Matityahu (Matthew) 25:6-13*** *"At midnight the* [*cry*](mashal.html) *rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' "'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the* [*wedding*](wedding.html) *banquet. And the door was shut. "Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!' "But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't* [*know*](daat.html) *you.' "Therefore keep watch, because you do not* [*know*](daat.html) *the day or the hour.*

***Matityahu (Matthew) 24:32-42*** *"Now learn this lesson from the* [*fig*](bethphag.html) *tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you* [*know*](daat.html) *that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you* [*know*](daat.html) *that it is near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, this* [*generation*](toldot.html) *will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.* [*Heaven*](heaven.html) *and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. "No* [*one*](one.html) *knows about that day or hour, not even the* [*angels*](angels.html) *in* [*heaven*](heaven.html)*, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of* [*Noah*](noachide.html)*, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were* [*eating*](eating.html) *and drinking, marrying and giving in* [*marriage*](mashal.html)*, up to the day* [*Noah*](noachide.html) *entered the* [*ark*](ark.html)*; And they* [*knew*](daat.html) *nothing about what would happen* ***until the flood came and took them all away****. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.* [*Two*](two.html) *men will be in the field;* [*one*](one.html) *will be taken and the other left.* [*Two*](two.html) *women will be grinding with a* [*hand*](fourteen.html) *mill;* [*one*](one.html) *will be taken and the other left. "Therefore keep watch, because you do not* [*know*](daat.html) *on what day your Lord will come.*

Notice who was taken!

***Matityahu (Matthew) 24:43-51*** *But understand this: If the owner of the house had* [*known*](daat.html) *at what* [*time*](time.html) *of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his* [*household*](househld.html) *to give them their* [*food*](food.html) *at the proper* [*time*](time.html)*? It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. But suppose that servant is* [*wicked*](wicked.html) *and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long* [*time*](time.html)*,' And he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to* [*eat*](eating.html) *and drink with drunkards. The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be* [*weeping*](mashal.html) *and gnashing of* [*teeth*](body.html)*.*

[Yeshua](yeshua.html) will come from the [east](east.html) and be visible in the west:

***Matityahu (Matthew) 24:26-31*** *"So if anyone tells you, 'There he is, out in the desert,' do not go out; or, 'Here he is, in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. For as lightning that comes from the* [*east*](east.html) *is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will* [*gather*](gather.html)*. "Immediately after the distress of those days 'the* [*sun*](hachama.html) *will be darkened, and the* [*moon*](chodesh.html) *will not give its light; the* [*stars*](mazaroth.html) *will fall from the sky, and the heavenly* [*bodies*](body.html) *will be shaken.' "At that* [*time*](time.html) *the* [*sign*](signs.html) *of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the* [*nations*](nations.html) *of the earth will* [*mourn*](mourning.html)*. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his* [*angels*](angels.html) *with a loud trumpet call, and they will* [*gather*](gather.html) *his elect from the* [*four*](four.html) *winds, from* [*one*](one.html) *end of the* [*heavens*](heaven.html) *to the other.*

***Marqos (Mark) 13:24-27*** *"But in those days, following that distress, 'the* [*sun*](hachama.html) *will be darkened, and the* [*moon*](chodesh.html) *will not give its light; The* [*stars*](mazaroth.html) *will fall from the sky, and the heavenly* [*bodies*](body.html) *will be shaken.' "At that* [*time*](time.html) *men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his* [*angels*](angels.html) *and* [*gather*](gather.html) *his elect from the* [*four*](four.html) *winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the* [*heavens*](heaven.html)*.*

***Yochanan (John) 10:7-10*** *Therefore* [*Yeshua*](yeshua.html) *said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

***II Tzefet (Peter) 3:3-13***[*First*](one.html) *of all, you must understand that in the* [*last days*](lastdays.html) *scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil* [*desires*](needs.html)*. They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our* [*fathers*](fathers.html) *died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of* [*creation*](bara.html)*." But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the* [*heavens*](heaven.html) *existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the* [*world*](worlds.html) *of that* [*time*](time.html) *was deluged and destroyed. By the same word the present* [*heavens*](heaven.html) *and earth are reserved for* [*fire*](fire.html)*, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. But do not forget this* [*one*](one.html) *thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the* [*day of the Lord*](day.html) *will come like a thief. The* [*heavens*](heaven.html) *will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by* [*fire*](fire.html)*, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives As you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the* [*heavens*](heaven.html) *by* [*fire*](fire.html)*, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a* [*new*](new.html)[*heaven*](heaven.html) *and a* [*new*](new.html) *earth, the home of righteousness.*

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*"Hear O' Israel,* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *is our G-d,*

[*HaShem*](hashem.html) *alone"*

**Order of** [**Events**](feasts.html) **in the Messianic Era[[1]](#footnote-1)**

1. The [ingathering](gather.html) of the [ten](ten.html) [Tribes](tribes.html), and their union with Judah and [Benjamin](benyamin.html) under the dominion of [one](one.html) king of the house of Judah (see Ezek. 37:16-22)

2. The rise of Gog from Magog [Magog = from Gog = Agag], and their incursions into the territory of Israel (Ezek 38 and 39, also Zech 14:12).

3. The [Mount of Olives](east.html) shall be rent asunder (see Zech 14:4), "And his [feet](heel.html) shall stand on that day on the [mount of Olives](east.html), which is before [Jerusalem](city.html), and the [mount of Olives](east.html) shall be rent asunder in the midst of the [east](east.html) and the west, so as to become a very extended valley"

4. The river of Egypt dry up, and the Euphrates divided into [seven](seven.html) wadis, so that the [exiles](galuyot.html) can cross them dry-shod prior to the gathering of the [exiles](galuyot.html) of Judah (see Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 11:15,16).

5. Yechezkel (Ezekiel) 47 "...The waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward.... And by the river shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, nor the fruit thereof be consumed. It shall bring forth [new](new.html) fruit according to his month. Because their waters they issued out of the [sanctuary](mikdash.html), and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine." See Zechariah 14:8, "And it shall be in that day that living waters shall go out from [Jerusalem](city.html), half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea, in summer and in winter shall it be." Yoel (Joel) 4:18, "It shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down [new](new.html) wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters [many of the rivers of Judah are dry wadis, that flow only on occasion when there is a lot of rain]; and a fountain shall come forth of the house of [HaShem](hashem.html), and shall water the valley of Sheetim." [BTW, I highly recommend that you read the entire chapter 4 of Yoel (Joel).]

6. The fulfillment of Zech. 8:23 "They will say (to the [Jews](gen-jew.html)), we will go with you, for we have heard that [HaShem](hashem.html) is with you."

7. The [annual](annual.html) pilgrimage of the remnant [after the war of Gog] of all [nations](nations.html) to [Jerusalem](city.html) "to bow down to ... the L-rd of Hosts," etc. see Zech 14:17

8. The celebration of [Shabbat](sabbath.html), and the [new](new.html) moons by all the [Gentiles](gen-jew.html) (see the end of the book of Yeshayahu (Isaiah) ver 23).

9. The total extinction of [idolatry](idolatry.html). See Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 2:18, "And the [idol](idolatry.html) he will consume completely;"

10. Unity of faith shall prevail throughout the [world](worlds.html). See Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 45:23. "I have sworn by myself, a word of righteousness is gone out of my [mouth](body.html), and shall not be reversed, That to me every knee shall bow, every [tongue](spirit.html) shall swear." Zech 14:9, "And the L-rd shall be a King over the whole earth; on that day shall [HaShem](hashem.html) be [one](one.html) and His [name](name.html) [one](one.html)" ["i.e. the L-rd alone shall be worshipped and shall be invoked by His true [name](name.html)."--note from JPS Tanach]

There are [ten](ten.html) more [events](feasts.html) to occur. This is only half of the list. None of them have occured, so the [Mashiach](mashiach.html) has not yet come.

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1. From pp32-38 of Faith Strengthened by Isaac Troki and are paraphrased by me for the most part. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)