

Hope Trending

[9] The Coming—No More Fear of the End

- Charles Dickens: “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.”
- David Kotok: “It is a sad day for the nation and for the victims and their loved ones. The massacre in Orlando marks yet another appalling lone-wolf attack in a sequence that is unfortunately likely to continue.” “The presumption of innocence is eroding. The suspicion of guilt is rising.” “Orlando has added to this evolution of paranoia and xenophobia in America.” “A growing element of fear now influences behaviors in our country. We need to think about that accordingly.” (www.cumber.com/terrible-news/)
- Chris Martenson and Fenway Park
 - Albert Barlett: “The greatest shortcoming of the human race is our inability to understand the exponential function.”
 - The last five minutes are critical!
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:2-3—“For you know very well that the day of the Lord 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.”
- John 14:1-3—“Let not your heart be troubled . . . I will come again!”
 - Over 1500 references to the return of Christ in the Bible
 - Titus 2:13—no wonder Jesus’ second coming is called “the blessed hope!”
- Indicators/predictors/signs of the return of Christ:
 - In the political world—Luke 21:9-10
 - In the natural/ecological world—Luke 21:11
 - In the financial/economic world—James 5:1-9
 - In the moral/psychological world—Luke 21:26
- Should we be afraid? No!—Luke 21:28

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- What will Jesus' return be like?
 - Matthew 24:27
 - Revelation 6:14
 - 2 Peter 3:10
 - Matthew 24:30-31
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

- What about Heaven—what will it be like?
 - Revelation 21:1, 4
 - Revelation 21:3
 - *The Maker of all things loves and wants me.*

Questions:

___Does the Bible predict the actual date of Jesus' return?

___Why not?

___Why is the 2nd Coming of Christ the greatest hope of all?

___If the news is this good, shouldn't we be sharing with everyone we know?