

# Berean Fellowship

## The Rapture of the Church and the Second Coming of Jesus

A brief sketch of related Scripture and comment

### ROMANS 1:18-19

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of people who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

#### COMMENT:

1. The word “is revealed” (*ἀποκαλύπτεται*) is a present tense verb.
2. There is no reference to Jesus’ return for war and dispensing of justice.
3. Time: Present and by implication future.

### ROMANS 2:5-8

5 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, 6 who will repay each person according to his deeds: 7 to those who by perseverance in doing good seek glory, honor, and immortality, He will give eternal life; 8 but to those who are self-serving and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, He will give wrath and indignation. See also Romans 3:5-8; 4:15; 5:6-11; 9:22; 12:19;

#### COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching about the eschatological judgment of God for all mankind, cf., sheep and goats.
2. Time: Future.

### ROMANS 8:18-22

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the eagerly awaiting creation waits for the revealing of the sons and daughters of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

#### COMMENT:

Paul is teaching about the eschatological revealing of the children of God. There is no reference to the return of Jesus nor a millennial reign. The eschatological wait applies to both Christians and the earth. This points to the merging of a “new heaven and new earth” (Revelation 21:1). Time: Future.

ROMANS 8:23-25,

23 And not only that, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons and daughters, the redemption of our body. 24 For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, through perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching about the eschatological “adoption” and “redemption of our body.”
2. The perseverance applies the waiting for the adoptive and redemptive act of God.
3. There is no reference to the return of Jesus.
4. Time: Future.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:4-9

4 I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge, 6 just as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you, 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you eagerly await the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will also confirm you to the end, blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching about God’s promise to “confirm to the end” the “blameless” of a true Christian “on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
2. What end?
  - a. End refers to the final judgment?
  - b. End refers to our lives now up to the end point of the return of Jesus?
  - c. End refers to day of Jesus, cf. Phil 1:6, 10; 1 Th 1:10; 2 Th 1:6-10?
  - d. End refers to both day of Jesus & final judgment as same event.
3. Time: Future.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:50-54

50 Now I say this, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51 Behold, I am telling you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53 For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 But when this perishable puts on the imperishable, and this mortal puts on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.

COMMENT:

Paul is teaching the Corinthians.

At the “last trumpet,” believers will be instantaneously changed.

This text is used to support soul sleep.

There is no reference to rapture or “going up” to meet Jesus.

Time: Future.

## 1 CORINTHIANS 15:55-58

55 Where, O Death, is your victory? Where, O Death, is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the Law; 57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

### COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching the Corinthians.
2. Death no longer has authority or victory over a Christian.
3. Christians should be strong and excel in the "work of the Lord."
4. There is no mention of rapture or "going up."
5. Time: Future.

## 2 CORINTHIANS 1:13-14

13 For we write nothing else to you than what you read and understand, and I hope you will understand until the end; 14 just as you also partially did understand us, that we are your reason to be proud as you also are ours, on the day of our Lord Jesus.

### COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching the Corinthians.
2. There is no specific language or reference to rapture, tribulation, etc.
3. The "end" associated with the "day of the Lord" may point to the end of the tribulation or the end of time, or the end point when God's judgment begins. See previous notes at Acts 2:20.
4. Time: Future.

## 2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-14

13 For we write nothing else to you than what you read and understand, and I hope you will understand until the end; 14 just as you also partially did understand us, that we are your reason to be proud as you also are ours, on the day of our Lord Jesus.

### COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching the Corinthians.
2. Again the "end" associated with the "day of the Lord" may point to the end of the tribulation or the end of time, or the end point when God's judgment begins.
3. Time: Future.

## 2 CORINTHIANS 5:9-10

9 Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive compensation for his deeds done through the body, in accordance with what he has done, whether good or bad.

### COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching the Corinthians.
2. The judgment seat of Christ, AKA, the βῆμα seat of Christ, is the judgment when God judges the works of all Christians.
3. This interpretation depends on Paul's use of the word "we" (ἡμᾶς). In context, Paul is referring to himself and his fellow Christians.
4. Time: Future.

## 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20-21

20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin in our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

### COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching the Corinthians.
2. Will Christians go through the tribulation as ambassadors for Christ? See Matt 5:10-16; 2 Cor 12:10; 2 Thess 1:4; 2 Tim 3:10-17; 1 Pete 4:12-18.
3. This text does not mentor rapture, tribulation period, or millennial reign.
4. Time: Present and Future.

## EPHESIANS 2:1-3

1 And you were dead in your offenses and sins, 2 in which you previously walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. 3 Among them we too all previously lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the rest.

### COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching the Ephesians.
2. Paul describes the “children of wrath” (τέκνα ὀργῆς) as a title for nonbelievers.
3. Paul does not define wrath, i.e., tribulation, Great White Throne, etc.
4. Time: Present and Future.

## EPHESIANS 4:30

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

### COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching the Ephesians.
2. Paul does not define the “day of redemption.”
3. Paul does not say when the “day of redemption” will occur.
4. Time: Future.

### INTERPRETATION CHALLENGE: WHAT IS THE DAY OF REDEMPTION?

1. Interpretation 1: One of Paul’s titles that is contrasted with the “Day of the Lord” or the “Day of Judgment.” For Christians, the end will bring redemption. For the unsaved, the end will bring the judgment of hell.
2. Interpretation 2: A title for the day the Lord will redeem Christians out and away from the tribulation period, pre- or mid. In this interpretation, the “day of redemption” is the date God’s rescues His children from tribulation.
3. Interpretation 3: A title describing the time when Christians receive resurrected bodies.

#### EPHESIANS 5:6

See that no one deceives you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

#### COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching the Ephesians.
2. Paul does not define when the coming wrath of God will fall on the sons of disobedience.
3. This is a generalized statement of the wrathful judgment of God on nonbelievers in the end.
4. Time: Future.

#### PHILIPPIANS 1:6

For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work among you will complete it by the day of Christ Jesus.

#### COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching the Philippians.
2. Paul does not define what the “day of Christ Jesus” (ἡμέρας Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ) is.
3. Time: Future.

#### INTERPRETATION CHALLENGE: WHAT IS THE DAY OF CHRIST JESUS (1 Cor 1:4-8; Philippians 1:6; 2:16)?

1. Interpretation 1: The “day of Christ Jesus” a generalized title for the time when Christians enter heaven and become One with Jesus.
2. Interpretation 2: The “day of Christ Jesus” is a title for the time when God will judge all Christians at the judgment seat of Christ, AKA, the βῆμα seat of Christ,. God will judges the works of all Christians, cf., 2 Corinthians 5:9-10.
3. Interpretation 3: The “day of Christ Jesus” refers to the pre- or mid- tribulation rapture of the church.

#### PHILIPPIANS 3:20-21

20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; 21 who will transform the body of our lowly condition into conformity with His glorious body, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

#### COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching the Philippians.
2. Paul does not define when Christians will experience the “transformation of the body “with the body of Jesus.
3. Cf., 1 John 3:1-3, gives us a ref. to the transformation occurring when Jesus appears (φανερώω).
4. There is no reference to where the transformation will be.
5. Paul probably has a Christian’s entrance into heaven in mind.
6. Time: Future.

### COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

1 Therefore, if you have been raised with Christ, keep seeking the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. See 1 Thessalonians 2:19; 3:13, and the undefined expression.

#### COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching the Colossians.
2. Paul does not define when Christ will be revealed (φανερῶ).
3. Paul does say we will be revealed with Jesus in glory. This, too, is undefined, e.g., revealed on earth or heaven?
4. Paul language of heaven-ward focus may suggest Christians are revealed in heaven. This may point to the Great White Throne Judgment or Judgment of Christ.
5. Time: Future.

### 1 THESSALONIANS 1:9-10

9 For they themselves report about us as to the kind of reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, 10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is, Jesus who rescues us from the wrath to come.

#### COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching the Thessalonians.
2. Jesus rescues (ρύομαι - present, middle, part) Christians in the present (He is rescuing) and the future (He shall rescue).
3. Paul does not define the coming wrath:
4. Who brings the wrath?
5. When the wrath will come?
6. How the wrath will come?
7. Time: Present and Future.

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### 2 Thessalonians 2:16

hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved; with the result that they always reach the limit of their sins. But wrath (ὀργή) has come (φθάνω - aorist, active) upon them fully.

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### 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-15

3 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as indeed the rest of mankind do, who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose from the dead, so also God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep through Jesus. 15 For we say this to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

#### COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching the Thessalonians.
2. Asleep/sleep is a term referring to those who have died.
3. God will bring with him...
4. Bring up or bring down?
5. Through Jesus (with or by)?
6. There is no statement about the millennial reign.
7. Living believers will not be brought with Him before deceased believers.
8. Time: Future.

### 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16-18

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who remain, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore, comfort one another with these words.

#### COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching the Thessalonians.
2. Lord will descend (καταβαίνω), i.e., to come down.
3. Caught up (ἀρπάζω, i.e., steal, take, snatch, seize, etc).
4. Clouds may be understood as:
5. Up (clouds in the sky).
6. Across (clouds from chariots).
7. Christians, after being ἀρπάζω, are always (πάντοτε) with the Lord.
8. There is no indication of a millennial reign.
9. This suggests generalization.
10. Time: Future.

### 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

1 Now as to the periods and times, brothers and sisters, you have no need of anything to be written to you. 2 For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord is coming just like a thief in the night. 3 While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction will come upon them like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, so that the day would overtake you like a thief; 5a for you are all sons of light and sons of day.

#### COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching the Thessalonians.
2. The term thief (κλέπτης) implies surprise and unexpected violation of the normal day to day lives of this culture.
3. Time: Future.

## 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

5b We are not of night nor of darkness; 6 so then, let's not sleep as others do, but let's be alert and sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk, get drunk at night. 8 But since we are of the day, let's be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation. 9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him. 11 Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, just as you also are doing.

### COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching the Thessalonians.
2. The term destined (τίθημι) refers to setting something in its place, i.e., lamp on a lampstand.
3. Paul does not define this language. It is generalized and points to the ultimate benefit of being born-again, i.e., salvation.
4. Time: Future.

## 2 THESSALONIANS 1:6-10

6 For after all it is only right for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, 7 and to give relief to you who are afflicted, along with us, when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels 8 in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God, and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 These people will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, 10 when He comes to be glorified among His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed—because our testimony to you was believed.

### COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching the Thessalonians.
2. There is no indication of when Jesus will be revealed.
3. Jesus appears to come down.
4. Jesus will judge and punish or bless according to disobeying or obeying the gospel.
5. Jesus will be glorified and marveled at by His saints.
6. Earth appears to be the location for where this glorification will take place, albeit temporarily.
7. Time: Future.

## 2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-4

1 Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, regarding the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, 2 that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit, or a message, or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. 3 No one is to deceive you in any way! For it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

### COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching the Thessalonians.
2. There is no indication of when Jesus will be revealed.
3. Paul states the “apostasy” (ἀποστασία) comes before the return of Jesus. This is undefined.
4. Who is the man of lawlessness?
  - a. Satan?
  - b. The Anti-Christ?

- c. Nero?
  - d. The Pope?
5. Time: Future.

## 2 THESSALONIANS 2:5-10

5 Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things? 6 And you know what restrains him now, so that he will be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is removed. 8 Then that lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will eliminate with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; 9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and false signs and wonders, 10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not accept the love of the truth so as to be saved.

### COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching the Thessalonians.
2. Who is the restrainer?
  - a. God?
  - b. Jesus?
  - c. The Holy Spirit?
3. Who is the man of lawlessness?
  - a. Satan?
  - b. The Anti-Christ?
  - c. Nero?
  - d. The Pope?
4. Time: Future.

## 2 THESSALONIANS 2:11-12

11 For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, 12 in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

### COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching the Thessalonians.
2. Certainly some of the deluding influence centers around the nature and identity of Jesus and therefore, His eschatological authority.
3. Time: Future.

## 1 TIMOTHY 6:13-16

13 I direct you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate, 14 that you keep the commandment without fault or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which He will bring about at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

### COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching Timothy.
2. The appearing (ἐπιφάνεια) of Jesus is generalized.
3. Proper time (καιροῖς ἰδίους). There are no specific details about the day/time of the appearing of Jesus.

4. Time: Future.

#### 2 TIMOTHY 2:11-13

11 The statement is trustworthy: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him; 12 If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He will also deny us; 13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

#### COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching Timothy.
2. The language “live with Him” is generalized.
3. The word “reign with Him” is generalized, i.e., there is not specific statement about location or where we will reign.
4. Time: Future.

#### 2 TIMOTHY 4:1

I solemnly exhort you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

#### COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching Timothy.
2. Jesus is presented as judge.
3. Jesus will judge the living and the dead. If this applies to the Great White Throne Judgment, it demonstrates that it is not for nonbelievers only.
4. Paul links judgment with His appearing.
5. Time: Future.

#### TITUS 2:11-14

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people, 12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously, and in a godly manner in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, 14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, eager for good deeds.

#### COMMENT:

1. Paul is teaching Titus.
2. Grace has appeared.
3. Jesus will appear - generalized.
4. The church is presented as being His possession.
5. Time: Present and Future.

#### HEBREWS 9:27-28

27 And just as it is destined for people to die once, and after this comes judgment, 28 so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

#### COMMENT:

1. Unknown author writing a cyclical letter.
2. Judgment is presented as occurring after death - this is undefined, i.e., immediately after death? Or, judgment is withheld until the Great White Throne Judgement, etc.
3. The second appearing is about salvation to those who are waiting.

4. Time: Future.

HEBREWS 10:24-25

24 and let's consider how to encourage one another in love and good deeds, 25 not abandoning our own meeting together, as is the habit of some people, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

COMMENT:

1. Unknown author writing a cyclical letter.
2. Day drawing near is generalized and probably points to the day of judgment or the day of Christ Jesus.
3. Time: Future.

HEBREWS 10:26-31

26 For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries. 28 Anyone who has ignored the Law of Moses is put to death without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 How much more severe punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge His people." 31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

COMMENT:

1. Unknown author writing a cyclical letter.
2. Historically, v 29, is most likely pointing to the problem of apostate Christians denying Jesus in times of persecution.
3. Time: Future.

JAMES 5:7-8

7 Therefore be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains. 8 You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

COMMENT:

1. James writes a cyclical letter.
2. Be patient (μακροθυμέω).
3. His coming is near (έγγίζω).
4. Time: Future.

1 PETER 1:3-5

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

COMMENT:

1. Peter writes a cyclical letter.
2. Imperishable inheritance.
3. Salvation to be revealed in the last time (καίρῳ ἐσχάτῳ) - generalized language.
4. Time: Future.

1 PETER 4:12-13

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though something strange were happening to you; 13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that at the revelation of His glory you may also rejoice and be overjoyed.

COMMENT:

1. Peter writes a cyclical letter.
2. Persecution is normative for Peter.
3. Revelation of glory indicates positive language of hope.
4. Time: Future. COMMENT:

2 PETER 3:3-7

13 Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, 4 and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue just as they were from the beginning of creation.” 5 For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, 6 through which the world at that time was destroyed by being flooded with water. 7 But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly people.

COMMENT:

1. Peter writes a cyclical letter.
2. Persecution is normative for Peter.
3. The mockery of the “promise of His coming?” gives historical insight to the tension of waiting for His return.
4. “Day of judgment and destruction of ungodly people” speaks of finality. There is no reference to tribulation nor rapture.
5. There is no reference
6. Time: Future.

2 PETER 3:8-10

8 But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. 9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not willing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be discovered. 11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! 13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

COMMENT:

1. Peter writes a cyclical letter.
2. The generalized language of the “Day of the Lord” does not speak of a millennial reign or tribulation period.
3. Day of the Lord is associated with cosmic destruction - no survivors.
4. Time: Future.

1 JOHN 2:28-29

28 Now, little children, remain in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not draw back from Him in shame at His coming. 29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness also has been born of Him.

COMMENT:

1. John writes a cyclical letter.
2. Appears (φανερóω).
3. Coming (παρουσία, cf., usage in Matthew 24; 1 Cor 15:23; 1 Thess 2:19; 3:13; 4:15; 5:23; 2 Thess 2:1, 8-9; James 5:7-8; 2 Peter 1:16; 3:4).
4. Time: Future.