

Ready Or Not, The Lord Is Coming Back

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I) For Unbelievers The Coming Judgment Should Bring Great Fear

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2 Peter 3:3-4 (NLT) — (3) Most importantly, I want to remind you that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires. (4) They will say, “What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again? From before the times of our ancestors, everything has remained the same since the world was first created.”

Matthew 25:46 (NLT) — (46) “And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life.”

Revelation 20:10-15 (NLT) — (10) Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (11) And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. (12) I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God’s throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books. (13) The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds. (14) Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. (15) And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.

II) For Believers The Day Of Jesus Coming Should Bring Great Comfort.

III) Malachi Closes With A Message That There Is A Strong Need To Warn And Warn