

WHAT WILL THE WORLD LOOK LIKE WHEN JESUS RETURNS?

ser5032 The Second Coming of Jesus, Pt 1

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I. (HOOK) POINT OF INTRIGUE

A. On Resurrection Sunday, we're going to look at what the world will look like, AFTER Jesus returns. After all, it is Easter Sunday, and as believers we have something to rejoice about and celebrate.

Today we're going to look at what the world will look like WHEN Jesus returns.

B. I think we would all agree, today the world in which we live is a pretty ugly place.

Let's not look at Russia, the Ukraine, India, China, Mexico, Cuba, Canada, North Korea, Iran, wherever ... let's look at America.

We're divided politically, economically, religiously, and morally.

FORGIVE ME FOR LOOKING BACK, but we're talking about what the world will look like when Jesus returns.

1. Did I ever think I'd see the day in America when a governor would say it's not the parent's responsibility to oversee the education of their own children, but it's the state's responsibility? No!

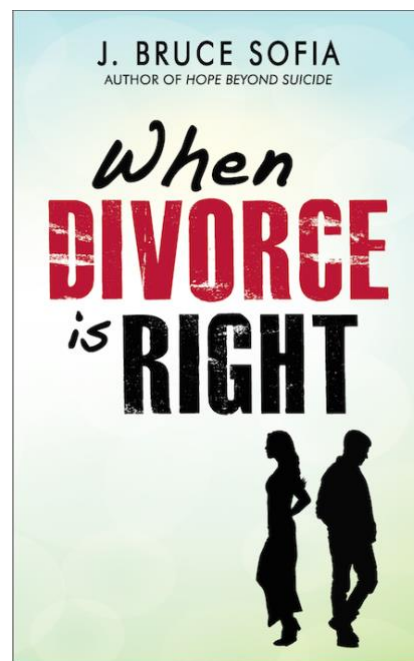
2. Did I ever think I'd see the day when a public school would hand a child clothes that were in opposition to the gender given to them by their Creator, without the parent's knowledge? Then at the end of the day, give them back the clothes in which they came to school? No!
3. Did I ever think I'd see the day when God and the things of God would be taboo, off limits, in the public arena? No!
4. Did I ever think I'd see the day that Americans would be forced to take a vaccine against their wishes, and if they refused it would cost them their jobs? No!

NOTE! Remove the political game played with the Coronavirus, I'm simply stating the facts.

5. Did I ever think I'd see the day when science proves what the Bible has said for thousands of years—that life begins at conception—yet excuse the termination of life in the womb up to the day of birth under the disguise of “a woman's right to choose?” No!
6. Did I ever think I'd see the day when God's definition of marriage—God made them male and female—would be reworded and accepted even by those who profess to be Christians? No!
7. Did I ever think that Christian America would have the sixth highest divorce rate in the world? That 41% of all first marriages would fail? That 60% of all second marriage would fail? And that 73% of all third marriages would fail? (You'd think by the third time,

you'd get it right. Too many children, too many complications? No, I never dreamed it!

Maybe that's why I wrote "When Divorce is Right." ([show photo](#)) It was time to speak healing and offer hope to those who have experienced, directly or indirectly, the pain and sorrow of divorce.



FUNNY! I actually thought about having two different covers. Reason being—people might be afraid to buy the book and take it home thinking, "If my spouse sees that!" The other title was, "A Better Marriage," because that is the heart of the book regardless of one's marital status.

8. Did I ever think I'd see the racial tension we live in today? No! I would have hoped as a melting pot of nationalities, that after 246 years, we would see color, but not see "in color." Does not God tell us in ***Galatians 3:28***

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Granted, every nationality has its own culture, and God designed it that way. It's the beauty of being different, the beauty of God's creation. Who would want only one type

of bread, or vegetable, or meat, or music, or drink, or pasta, or dessert? How boring! Right?

I love art. I love music. With that said, how boring would the art and music world be if all we had was one type of art expression? Within the perimeters of God's love and holiness, not all art and not all music honors Him, why can't we get along as one whole entity?

C. Because sin screwed it all up, that's why!

But there is coming a day, sooner than later, when God will make all the wrongs right, and the world WILL BE what God intended it to be from the beginning.

As John Lennon put it in his song "Imagine" – "and the world will be as one." This won't happen because there is no heaven or hell, no country, no religion or possessions; it will be one because Jesus will be king, and we, the royal priesthood, will rule and reign with Him. And the Church said, "Amen!"

II. WHAT WILL THE WORLD LOOK LIKE WHEN JESUS RETURNS? (BOOK)

Matthew 24: 4-29 (selected verses)

⁴ And Jesus ... said to them ...

⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

⁹ “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.

NOTE! I’m not sure how the western world has come to believe that when tribulation comes, believers are going to be raptured and escape hardship, trial and even death. If that is so, God will have to apologize for all who over the centuries, including the first, have given their lives for their faith. Furthermore, listen to what Jesus says in verse 9, “you will be hated and killed for My name’s sake.” (**Let’s keep reading.**)

¹² ... because lawlessness will abound [tell me if that doesn’t portray the world in which we live], the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But he who endures to the end shall be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

NOTE! With radio, TV, and social media, where hasn’t the GOSPEL been preached if we go back to the first century AD? Are there exceptions? I’m sure. But there are no exceptions with God. If when He died, He preached to the wicked held captive since the flood, and all must come through Him, then He who is the same yesterday and forever, is the same yesterday and forever.

The Great Tribulation

¹⁵ “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), ...

THIS IS WHEN the Satanic trinity—*Dragon* (anti-father), *Beast* (anti-christ) & *False Prophet* (anti-spirit) demand worship for all of humanity.

²¹ For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. ... ²⁵ See, I have told you beforehand.

²⁷ For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

The Coming of the Son of Man

²⁹ “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, ... and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

III. LET'S CHART IT (LOOK)

A. Here's the timeline as I understand it. (show photo)



1. The antichrist will begin putting into place his system by which he will seek to control the world.
2. The world will be ugly—wars, famines, and all the other uglies Jesus spoke of.
3. Halfway through the seven years the antichrist will demand that he be worshipped. I'm not sure exactly what that will look like, but he will demand complete obedience.
4. At that point many believers, more than John the Revelator could count, will die for what they believe. It will not be pretty.
5. Sometime towards the end of the tribulation, God will have had enough. He will have heard the prayer of the martyred saints and "rapture" them as He did Noah, Lot, and Israel while enslaved in Egypt. The saint has never had to face the wrath of God as will the wicked.
6. It's at this point that God will pour out His wrath upon the Satanic Trinity and the wicked world.

7. Then He will come back to earth with His saints to rule and reign for one thousand years.

8. After that, there's a final battle between Michael the Archangel and Satan ... God wins and we enter ETERNITY.

B. What's that going to look like?

Beyond anything we could ever imagine. It will be spectacular. But that message is for Easter Sunday.

IV. INVITATION (TOOK)

A. Are you ready to face the hour of trial?

You say, "I don't think I can do it, Pastor." Just as God gave every person in centuries past the grace to face trials and tribulation, even death itself, He will do the same for you. But ... big "BUT" ... you'll never survive it unless He lives inside of you.

Here's where to start:

Admit– your sins have separated you from God.
(Psa 14:1-3; Rom 3: 23);

Believe – that God did something about your sins through Jesus Christ. (The final Pascal Lamb/Messiah.)
(Lev 17:10; Heb 9: 19-22);

Commit – yourself to His righteousness by confessing Jesus as Lord and Savior. (Isa 53:5; Col 1:22);

Do it today! (Isa 49:8; 2 Cor 6:2).

Father in Heaven, I'm sorry for the things I've done that are wrong: I am a sinner; forgive me. Thank You for loving me and sending your Son, Jesus, to pay the penalty for my sin. Holy Spirit come into my heart; Jesus be my Lord and Savior. I give You my life. Amen.

B. To those of you who prayed with me—I'll be in front of the platform after service and would love to give you a Bible, sign it, and help you get started in your new walk with the LORD.

Today is your spiritual birthday. Let's record it!

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