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THE BIBLE teaches that JESUS CHRIST, who visibly left the earth almost 2000 years ago, will RETURN and appear personally among men, to establish the Kingdom of God on earth.

- **Angels told the Apostles that Jesus would return from heaven in the same way that he went into heaven.**

Acts 1:10 (KJV) And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Christ is to return *'in like manner'* as the apostles *'saw him go'*.

He will return personally, visibly, and literally, for it was in a personal, visible, and literal manner that the disciples saw him ascend.

- **Jesus said that he would return.**

Matthew 16:27 (KJV)... the Son of Man shall come in the glory of his Father, with his angels; and then shall he reward every man according to his works.

Jesus depicted himself in a parable as ‘*a certain nobleman*’:

Luke 19:12 (KJV) A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return... 15... when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him...

Christ literally ascended to heaven and must literally descend again to the earth.

It cannot mean the spread of his doctrine, for he asks:

Luke 18:8 (KJV)... when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

It cannot mean the coming of death to his people, for Paul speaks of those who ‘*are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord*’:

1 Thessalonians 4:15 (KJV)... we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent (precede) them which are asleep.

He says of such that they will not sleep (i.e. die)

1 Corinthians 15:51 (KJV) Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

- **The Apostles prophesied of Christ's return.**

Peter said:

Acts 3:19 (KJV) Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; 20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Paul wrote:

2 Thess. 1:7 (KJV)... The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven, with his mighty angels... 10 when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe...

- **The Apostles spoke of Christ's return as an event to be expected and relied upon.**

Titus 2:13 (KJV) Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of ... our Saviour Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 4:1 (KJV) He shall judge the quick (living) and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom.

1 Peter 1:13 (KJV) Hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

- **The prophets foretell his coming in power and great glory.**

Daniel 7:13 (KJV) I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven.

Isaiah 2:4... he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Isaiah 66:15 (KJV) The Lord will come with fire... to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.

Christ's first appearing literally and accurately fulfilled Old Testament prophecies; it is therefore consistent to expect a literal fulfilment of the prophecies of his return. It is important that we understand what the Bible teaches about Christ's return, because the benefits of his coming are for individuals that 'look for him', and 'love his appearing'.

Hebrews 9:28 (KJV)... unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

2 Timothy 4:8 (KJV)... there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

- **The return of Christ to the earth was an essential part of the preaching of the gospel in the days of the Apostles.**

The gospel hasn't changed.

The Bible teaches that **THE RETURN OF CHRIST TO THE EARTH** is still a vital part of the gospel today.