



Is Jesus Returning on May 21st, 2011?

Matthew 24:27: (NASB) *For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.*



The time draws near - May 21st, 2011 is fast approaching along with the bold predictions of a rapture and the world beginning to come to an end. Last week we talked about the reasons WHY Jesus returns and looked at his return as an unfolding process rather than a singular and dramatic event. We will focus on HOW Jesus returns and in the light of these predictions for this coming Saturday, I would say that this is a pretty relevant subject. Is Jesus returning this coming Saturday, or are the predictions all wrong?

Let's start with a word picture from one Christian group describing Jesus' return:

 **The return as lightning from the east, 3angelsDVD.com**

- *The Bible texts speak of Jesus approaching in the clouds, but as these clouds come closer, the reality that they are masses of angels will become evident...*

First of all, the narrative combines two different texts:

Luke 21:27: (KJV) *And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.*

Matthew 24:27: (KJV) *For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

What if these two scriptures are talking about different aspects of the return, two different parts?

Secondly, clouds are generally a symbol of gathering trouble, not angels:

Zephaniah 1:15: (NASB) *A day of wrath is that day, a day of trouble and distress, a day of destruction and desolation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness.*

 **We are that very last generation, May 21, 2011 Warning**

- *We are living right at the very end of time. We are that last generation.*
- *Every time that God has brought judgment on the earth, he has always warned the believers.*



Thirdly, we need to examine the lightning:

Lightning: Strong's #796, astrape (as-trap-ay'); lightning; by analogy, glare: KJV-- lightning, bright shining.

Luke 11:36: *If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the **bright shining <796>** of a candle doth give thee light.*

Luke 17:24: *For as the **lightning <796>**, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day.*

Every time this word for lightning is used in the New Testament (outside of Revelation) it always carries a meaning of a glare, as from a bright light or the



sun. So it seems that our theme scripture is actually describing a sunrise, and not a flash of lightning.

Malachi 4:1-2: (KJV) *¹For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. ²But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.*

This talks about the coming of the Lord, using the brightness of the sun as a literal example.

This means to us that the return of Jesus is a process that can be likened to the sunrise.

Does Jesus return with a lot of noise or as a "thief in the night"?

Matthew 24:36: (NASB) *But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.*

 **The day comes as a thief, May 21, 2011 Warning**

This clip is the reading of these texts: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-5

1 Thessalonians 5:1: (NASB) *Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you.*

It seems that these early Christians were given a good sense of the stages that God's plan had gone through and would continue to go through. They understood there was a process.

1 Thessalonians 5:2: (NASB) *For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.*

To paraphrase: "It is already obvious to you that the day of the Lord comes unexpectedly; your expectation is correct."

Matthew 24:3: (NASB) *As he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age?*

They knew he would be returning.

1 Thessalonians 5:3: (NASB) *While they are saying, Peace and safety! then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.*

Luke 17:25-28: (NASB) *²⁵But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. ²⁶And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: ²⁷they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building;*

Suddenly...but how fast is "suddenly?" To us it would be an instant because our lives are so short. But to the God of the Universe, "suddenly" could be several years - consider that there are 86,400 seconds in a day. If the "day" of man on



this earth as a creation is 6,000+ years, then 15 seconds would about equal one year.

1 Thessalonians 5:4: (NASB) *But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief;*

 **End May 21 intro, Ed Shaffery AP News from Claymont Delaware**

- *This group is convinced this is the beginning of the end of the world,*
- *Believers say it is exactly 7,000 years since the Flood in the Biblical story of Noah.*

We want to rightly divide the word of truth as described in 2 Timothy 2:15-16: (NASB) ¹⁵*Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.* ¹⁶*But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness,*

Malachi 4:1-2: (KJV) ¹*For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.*

So is this using literal or symbolic language? If one were to take the first part literally (*the day shall burn as an oven*), then one would need to take the next part literally as well: ²*But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.*

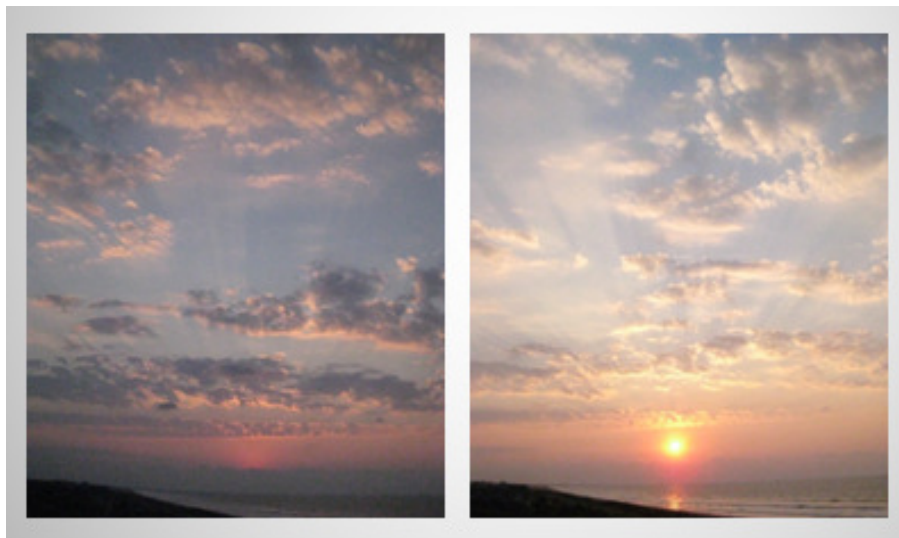
Since when does the literal sun have "wings that heal" - and are we to become like calves?

We need to recognize that there is a lot of symbolism in describing the coming of Jesus. We have to be careful that we don't take the symbolisms as literal and the literal as symbolic. It can be difficult!

Is there a difference between Jesus' "coming" and Jesus' "presence?"

 **Jesus Returns as he left, 3angelsDVD.com**

- *Just as Jesus left physically, so he will return physically.*



What if, based on what we have seen thus far, the Day of the Lord comes in stages - like the sun:

1. Faint and imperceptible at first,
2. then growing to a point of being obviously manifest,
3. then rising to the full revelation of its power!

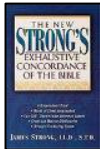
Matthew 24:27: (NRSV) *For as the lightning (brightness) comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.*

The brightness of the sun, Jesus' return, burn off the clouds of trouble.



Let's review and see if this concept fits with the Scriptures we have already read:

Matthew 24:3: (NASB) *As he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age?*



Coming: Strong's #3952 *parousia* (par-oo-see'-ah); a being near KJV-- coming, presence.
From this word: Strong's #3918 *pareimi* (par'-i-mee); to be near, i.e. at hand;
KJV-- come, be here, + lack, (be here) present.

This word is most times translated, "to be present," or "to be near."

Some examples of "coming:"

2 Corinthians 10:10: *For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence <3952> is weak, and his speech contemptible.*

Philippians 2:12: *Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence <3952> only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*

So if in fact Matthew 24:3 should have been translated "presence," it would mean that we should be looking for signs that *he is already here*, or of his *presence*.



Jesus Returns May 21, CNN Colorado

- Her job until judgment day, is to spread the word.

Although we don't agree with this concept of May 21, we can appreciate that these people are trying to do the right thing and we respect their faith.

Returning as he left:

Acts 1:3-11: (NRSV) ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father...⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel? ⁷He replied, It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority... ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.

How did Jesus ascend?

- Only his close followers were there;
- A cloud took him out of their sight;
- They were looking and only seeing the cloud when the angel explained his return. The cloud takes him out of their sight, and he returns with clouds (trouble).



What scriptural reasoning does the May 21st, 2011 scenario use?



Noah's Flood 4990 BC, May 21 Warning

- The flood occurred 4990 B.C. on the 17th day of the second month, in the 600th year of Noah's life.

The spokesperson for this idea is a man named Harold Camping. The problem is that Bible chronology does not agree with that date. He is about 2,500 years off.

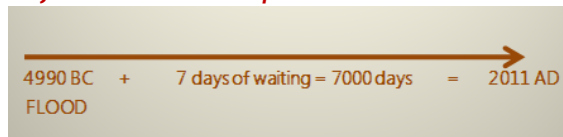
God's 1,000 year-for-a-day formula, May 21 Warning

- 2 Peter 3:8: One day with the Lord is 1,000 years; God is giving us a formula.

Genesis 7:6-12: (NASB) ⁶Now Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of water came upon the earth. ⁷Then Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him entered the ark because of the water of the flood. ⁸Of clean animals and animals that are not clean and birds and everything that creeps on the ground, ⁹there went into the ark to Noah by twos, male and female, as God had commanded Noah. ¹⁰It came about after the seven days, that the water of the flood came upon the earth. ¹¹In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened. ¹²The rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights.

Here is where we believe Mr. Camping and his followers go terribly wrong:

1. They assume (and I don't know how) that the great flood was 7,000 years ago. While there are different understandings of Bible chronology from different scholars, all of those scholars conclude that the Great Flood was about 2,500 years CLOSER to our time. *Please refer to the bonus material at the end of this Rewind for a more comprehensive look at this.*



2. They apply the 1,000 years-to-a-day formula to the seven days before the flood saying that God is giving a warning for a time 7,000 years in the future of the world's total destruction.



Isaiah 33:15-16: He who practices virtue and speaks honestly, he shall dwell on the heights. His stronghold should be the rocky fastness. His food and drink in steady supply.

If the world ends next week, it will just be a coincidence. God calls us every day, not just on the last day, to live in virtue and trust Him alone as our stronghold.

Romans 14:8: For if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord: so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

However, we don't believe they are taking into account this very important promise:

Genesis 8:21: (NASB) I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.

3. They say the "judgment day" is for 153 days following May 21st followed by total annihilation.

2 Peter 3:7-8: (NASB) ⁷But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. ⁸But 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.

This scripture says in context that the Day of Judgment is over a period of 1,000 years. The



thousand-year concept is not being applied by Mr. Camping to the Day of Judgment like the scripture actually does.

**So, If Jesus' return is like the sunrise,
what are the signs the sun is coming up?**

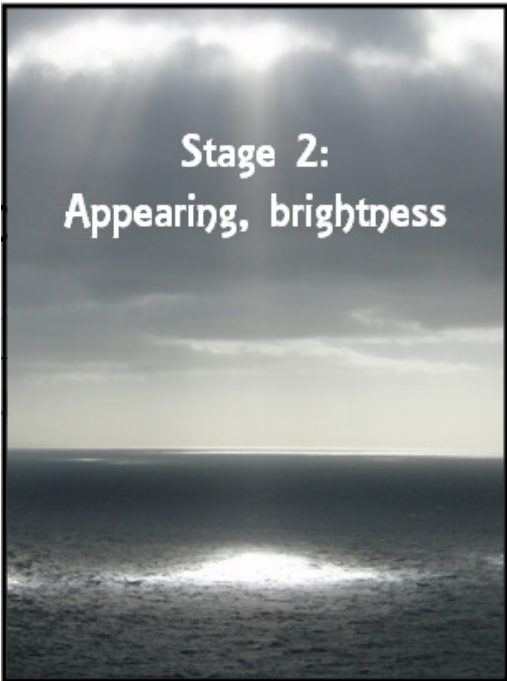
 **Millions will die that day, Harold Camping Radio Call In**

- *It will be a horror story...millions of people will die on that day and every day thereafter.*

Although we do not subscribe to Camping's suggestion, we are suggesting that the Lord's return comes in three basic stages, as there are three different words used to describe it. The first was the word for "presence" which we saw was translated coming in Matthew 24 and other New Testament prophecies of Jesus' return, but translated "presence" multiple times elsewhere.

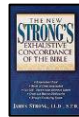


Stage 1: Presence, thief in the night



Stage 2:
Appearing, brightness

The second stage is built upon the first - the return is growing to a point of being obviously manifest. Think of a sunrise on a very cloudy day - you can see the light of the sun, but you cannot see the sun itself. Several hours after the dawn, the dark and stormy sky lightens, so the sun has obviously risen even though you still cannot see it.



Coming: Strongs #2015 epiphaneia (ep-if-an'-i-ah); a manifestation, i.e. (specially) the advent of Christ (past or future): KJV-- appearing, brightness.

2 Timothy 4:1: I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his **appearing** **<2015>** and his kingdom;

2 Thessalonians 2:8: And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the **brightness** **<2015>** of his coming:

Titus 2:13: Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious **appearing** **<2015>** of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ;

When something is made manifest, you don't necessarily see it clearly but you know it is there.

 **Daughters will not have kids, Ed Shaffery AP Claymont Delaware**

- *The end of the world means her daughters will not have children of their own.*



- *All 200 million people who are saved will be taken into heaven May 21st - the world to be consumed by a fireball on October 21st.*

One of the greatest manifestations of Jesus' return, of his presence, of his being here, is the re-establishment of Israel.

Matthew 24:32-34: (NRSV) ³²*From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.* ³³*So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates.* ³⁴*Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.*

When someone is "at the gates," they have arrived.

In 1878, the first legal settlement of Jews back in their homeland was established, named Petah Tikvah. ("Gateway of Hope") In 1948 after World War II, the Jews were finally given a homeland. This is a sign of the presence of Jesus.

Like a sunrise behind the clouds, you can see the faint manifestation of the light that grows and grows.

So, some manifestations of Jesus' return are clouds, wars, and Israel...

So, what does the final stage of Jesus' return look like?



No reason it won't happen, Ed Shaffery AP, Claymont Delaware

- *Camping is now 89-years old...and not willing to entertain the notion that the sun may rise on May 21st without worldwide destruction.*

The third stage of Jesus' return is the bright shining - the disclosure stage. Now the sun is high in the sky and will begin to burn off those clouds of trouble so that its rays can begin the healing process.



Coming: Strong's #602 apokalupsis (ap-ok-al'-oop-sis); disclosure:

KJV-- appearing, coming, lighten, manifestation, be revealed, revelation.

Coming: Strong's #601 apokalupto (ap-ok-al'-oop'-to); to take off the cover, i.e. disclose:
KJV-- reveal.

The stages are secret return, manifestation, then full disclosure.

The Judgment Day will be a day of trial and eventually judgment for the world:

Romans 2:5: *But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and **revelation** <602> of the righteous judgment of God;*

It's getting brighter, but not all at the same time. The return of Jesus is not bringing the burning up of the world. God promised us many times that this would not happen. His plan of salvation is much bigger.





2 Thessalonians 1:6-9: (NASB) *⁶For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, ⁷and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be **revealed** <602> from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, ⁸dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power...*

Jesus is revealed as a future part of what is already happening - another stage down the road. The Day of Judgment clearly reveals and gives full disclosure to the presence of Jesus and the fact that he is in control. Judgment brings accountability and shame, but also opportunity.

The "sons of God" (the true followers of Christ) will also be revealed like Jesus:

Romans 8:19: *For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the **manifestation** <602> of the sons of God.*

The groaning creation is waiting for the true followers of Christ to be revealed to them. They are awaiting with expectation, not to be burned up.

1 Peter 1:5: *Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be **revealed** <601> in the last time.*

Here is another sense of a revealing process, not only for Jesus and his return, but also the true followers of Christ will be disclosed, revealed, as to who they are and it will be a good time for the world.

Bottom Line: Jesus, having returned, is already in the process of taking down the kingdoms of this world and setting up his kingdom of righteousness.

Daniel 2:44: (NASB) *In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.*

God will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed. We are seeing the preparations for this.

Zephaniah 3:8-9: (NASB) *...My decision is to gather nations, to assemble kingdoms, to pour out on them My indignation, all My burning anger; For all the earth will be devoured by the fire of My zeal. ⁹For then I will give to the peoples purified lips, that all of them may call on the name of the LORD, to serve Him shoulder to shoulder.*

This is not literal fire - it is a purifying fire. The result of the return of Jesus is that all will serve Him "*shoulder to shoulder*." That is the result of all of this difficulty.

There is a process involved. Jesus comes quietly at first, and he is wrestling away the governments of this world from Satan's hands. Then there is a manifestation with evidences, including trouble, that we all recognize. Then there is the bright shining of revelation.



May 21st is going to come and it is going to go. God's plan is for everyone's good and not for their destruction.

*So, is Jesus returning on May 21, 2011? (no!)
For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions...
Think about it...!*



*And now even more to think about...
only in the **Full Edition** of CQ Rewind!*

Coming: Strongs #3952 parousia (par-oo-see'-ah); a being near, i.e. advent (often, return; specifically, of Christ to punish Jerusalem, or finally the wicked); (by implication) physically, aspect: KJV-- coming, presence.

From this word: #3918 pareimi (par'-i-mee); to be near, i.e. at hand; neuter present participle (singular) time being, or (plural) property:
KJV-- come, X have, be here, + lack, (be here) present.

1 Thessalonians 4:15: *For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the **coming** <3952> of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.*

1 Thessalonians 5:23: *And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the **coming** <3952> of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

2 Peter 3:4: *And saying, Where is the promise of his **coming** <3952> for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.*

Philippians 1:26: *That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my **coming** <3952> to you again.*

(Source: James Parkinson, Bible Scholar)

Matters of Chronology

The basis for claiming the date of A.D. 2011 for a rapture of good Christians and destruction of everyone else is a chronology at <http://www.ebiblefellowship.com/may21/index.html> by Harold Camping. Camping's chronology is given below and compared with a more conventional Bible chronology. [However, the latter chronology describes Creation as that of man (Adam and Eve), while the creation of the universe and the Earth simply took place earlier, whether or not by billions of years.]



Chronological Foundation of the A.D. 2011 End-of-World Date

Camping	Harold Camping's Comments	Bowen
BC 11,013	Creation. God created the world and man (Adam and Eve).	BC 4128
BC 4990	The flood of Noah's day. All perished in a worldwide flood. Only Noah, his wife, and his 3 sons and their wives survived in the ark (6023 years from creation).	BC 2472
BC 7	The year Jesus Christ was born (11,006 years from creation).	BC 2
AD 33	The year Jesus Christ was crucified and the church age began (11,045 years from creation; 5023 calendar years from the flood).	AD 33
1988	This year ended the church age and began the great tribulation period of 23 years (13,000 years from creation).	
1994	On September 7 th , the first 2300-day period of the great tribulation came to an end and the latter rain began, commencing God's plan to save a great multitude of people outside of the churches (13,006 years from creation).	
2011	On May 21 st , Judgment Day will begin and the rapture (the taking up into heaven of God's elect people) will occur at the end of the 23-year great tribulation. On October 21 st , the world will be destroyed by fire (7000 years from the flood; 13,023 years from creation).	To be determined

The Camping chronology claims 6023 years between the creation of man and the great Flood of Noah's day. In Genesis 5, a simple addition of the ages of the first nine generations when the son of each was born yields a total of 1056 years from the creation of Adam and Eve to the birth of Noah. Genesis 7:6 says that Noah was 600 years old on the year of the Flood. That adds up to a total of 1656 years from Adam to the Flood. [These numbers are found in the Hebrew Massoretic text, the Aramaic and the Latin Vulgate. The Greek Septuagint or Josephus would add no more than six hundred years to that total, and the Samaritan Pentateuch is similar.]

The earliest Biblical event for which there is independent archaeological confirmation is the Genesis 14 Battle of the Kings. Amraphel, King of Shinar, leads an eastern alliance to victory over the West and returns 14 years later to be slain by Abram (Abraham) in a surprise night attack. From archaeological discoveries, Ur-Nammu, King of Sumer, claims victory over the West in his fourth year and is slain in battle during his eighteenth year - 14 years later.



The two events can hardly be unrelated, as no other Sumerian king can fit the Genesis description.

How do we KNOW that the fig tree represents Israel?

Old Testament reference:

Hosea 9:10: (NRSV) *Like grapes in the wilderness, I found Israel. Like the first fruit on the fig tree, in its first season, I saw your ancestors. But they came to Baal-peor, and consecrated themselves to a thing of shame, and became detestable like the thing they loved.*

(Source: Jamisson Fausett and Brown) As the traveler in a wilderness is delighted at finding grapes to quench his thirst, or the early fig (esteemed a great delicacy in the East, Isaiah 28:4, Jeremiah 24:2, Micah 7:1); so it was My delight to choose your fathers as My peculiar people in Egypt (Hosea 2:15).

at her first time—when the first-fruits of the tree become ripe.

went to Baal-peor—(Numbers 25:3): the Moabite idol, in whose worship young women prostituted.

Luke 21:29-30: (KJV) ²⁹And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; ³⁰When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

Side Note: Comparison to Noah's day - life went on, until sudden destruction...

Matthew 24:37: (NRSV) *For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming (presence) of the Son of man.*

The following parallel text proves the thought of presence rather than coming:

Luke 17:26: (NRSV) *Just as it was in the days of Noah, so too it will be in the days of the Son of man.*

Jesus taught much regarding Israel as symbolized by a fig tree at the end of his ministry.

Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem: Matthew 21:1-17 - Then the cursing of the fig tree next: Matthew 21:18-19: (NRSV) ¹⁸In the morning, when he returned to the city, he was hungry. ¹⁹And seeing a fig tree by the side of the road, he went to it and found nothing at all on it but leaves. Then he said to it, May no fruit ever come from you again! And the fig tree withered at once.

Continuing the focus on Israel - The woes to the scribes in Matthew 23.

Then the casting off of Jerusalem: Matthew 23:37-38: (NRSV) ³⁷Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁸See, your house is left to you, desolate.

The fact that Jesus paid so much attention to Israel as a nation before God prior to his crucifixion and the fact that prophecies (such as Ezekiel 37) focused on Israel's re-gathering, draws our close attention to Israel as a true sign of his return.



Interesting Information: (Source: www.eternal-earthbound-pets.com)

You've committed your life to Jesus. You know you're saved. But when the Rapture comes what's to become of your loving pets who are left behind? Eternal Earth-Bound Pets takes that burden off your mind. We are a group of dedicated animal lovers, and atheists. Each Eternal Earth-Bound Pet representative is a confirmed atheist, and as such will still be here on Earth after you've received your reward. Our network of animal activists are committed to step in when you step up to Jesus. We are currently active in 26 states, employing 40 pet rescuers. Our representatives have been screened to ensure that they are atheists, animal lovers, are moral/ethical with no criminal background, have the ability and desire to rescue your pet and the means to retrieve them and ensure their care for your pet's natural life.

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FAQs:

Q: Is this a Joke?

A: No. This is a serious offer to our Christian friends who believe in the Second Coming and honestly care about the future of their pets after the Rapture occurs.

Q: Do YOU believe in the Rapture?

A: As atheists we do not hold beliefs in the supernatural or a divine being. Thus, we do not believe in the Rapture. However, we respect the beliefs of others and are open to the possibility that our perspective could possibly be wrong.

Q: How do you ensure your representatives won't be Raptured?

A: Actually, we don't ensure it, they do. Each of our representatives has stated to us in writing that they are atheists, do not believe in God / Jesus, and that they have blasphemed in accordance with Mark 3:29, negating any chance of salvation.

Q: Can I meet or communicate with my rescue representative?

A: Sorry, No. Our representatives' information are held in strict confidence.

Q: Can I be sure my name and information won't be misused or circulated?

A: We hold all information in complete confidence. Your name, street address, and email info are held only in the EE-BP data base. They are not provided to the respective rescue representative unless and until the Rapture actually occurs. Only the state, town, species, breed, sex and number of pets are known in advance to the rescue representatives for advanced logistical planning purposes.

Q: How can we trust that you'll honor your service agreement, after all, you ARE atheists.

A: Being an atheist does not mean we lack morals or ethics. It just means we don't believe in God or gods. All of our representatives are normal folks who love and live for their family, are gainfully employed, and have friends of varying beliefs. Some of us are married to believers. Many of us volunteer our time at food banks, animal shelters, meals on wheels organizations, etc. We fully endorse the "Rule of Reciprocity", also known as "The Golden Rule." We just happen not to believe in God(s). Belief in God does not ensure righteousness, nor does non-belief imply immorality. Jesus understood this. Please reference Luke 10, re "The Good Samaritan."



Q: Will your representatives personally care for the rescued pets?

A: Yes. Some of our rescuers have the room and facilities to accommodate a very significant number of additional pets. Others can accommodate fewer. We will manage our number of subscribers to ensure that no pets will be overlooked, left out, or subjected to less than optimal care. Eternal Earth-Bound Pets will also coordinate with our member rescuers in adjacent states/regions to balance the pet load where necessary. All pets will live in loving homes, not in animal shelters or pet "mills".

Q: When the Rapture occurs, how long before my pet is rescued?

A: The timing is contingent on the number of subscribers we have in each state/region and travel distance. Our rescuers know that this is a time sensitive service. Pets' lives are at stake. We will limit the number of subscribers in each zone so that any given rescuer will not be over burdened. Naturally, we must anticipate that there will be widespread chaos and confusion immediately following the Rapture that could impact travel times. Thus, we are targeting a maximum of between 18- 24 hours from realization of the Rapture, to animal rescue.

Q: If my pet has special needs, can you accommodate them?

A: Yes. Our contract form includes room for specific care instructions, medications/dosages, preferred foods, even any favored pet toys that should be brought from your home to your pets new home. While we expect most animals to be stressed because of your absence etc., we do ask that if your pet is prone to aggressive behavior that you note this on the form so we can take precautions to ensure the rescuer's and your pet's safety.

Q: What if one of my family members are left behind. Will you still take possession of my pet?

A: That depends. When the rescuer arrives, if your loved one wants to retain possession of the pet, the pet stays in the home. We expect in these circumstances that the pet will offer the family member some comfort and stability given the trauma of what has occurred. If the family member prefers, we will adopt the pet per our contract.

Q: How can your rescuers possibly pay for my pet's care for only \$135.00?

A: The \$135.00 fee for one pet is not for the cost of their care. It is to compensate the rescuers for their travel, cover website expenses, and provide a profit margin. The rescuers have agreed to adopt your pet as their own and care for them as they do their own pets, at their own expense.