

When Christ returns...

Remembering Jesus Christ's predictive ability

- 1. That he would be killed & raised**
- 2. That Jerusalem would fall within a generation**

So:

If he was right about that, he can be trusted when predicting his return.

Recap:

**His return will come unexpectedly, and will be seen by all.
When the great commission has been decided by God to be complete, Christ will then return.**



**But what exactly will happen
when Christ return's?**

Jesus will finally arrive and overthrow the forces of evil

“Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ... Rev. 19:11-21

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“...and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marvelled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

2 Thess. 1:7-10

Jesus will cast Satan into the lake of fire

“And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Rev. 20:10





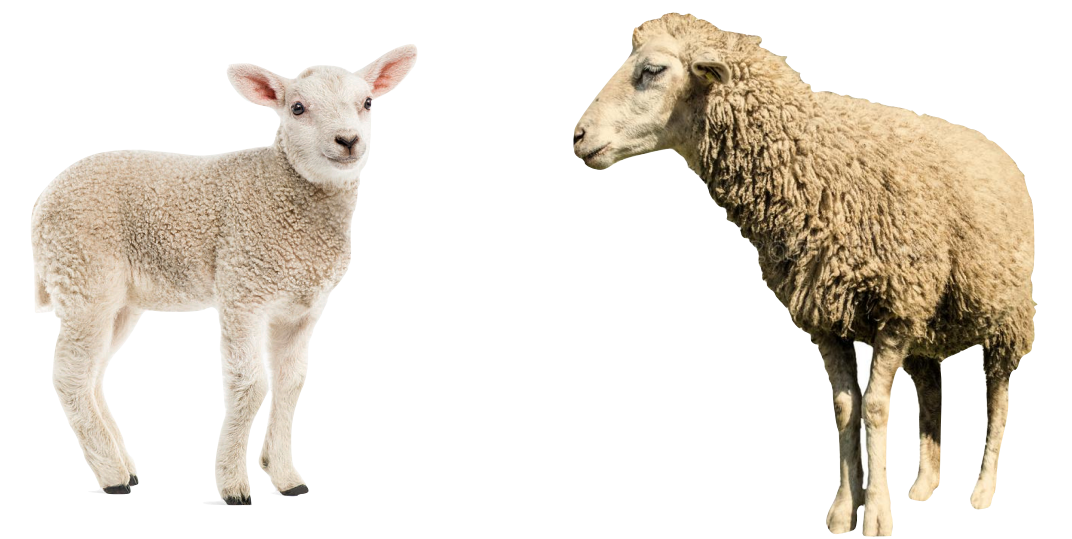
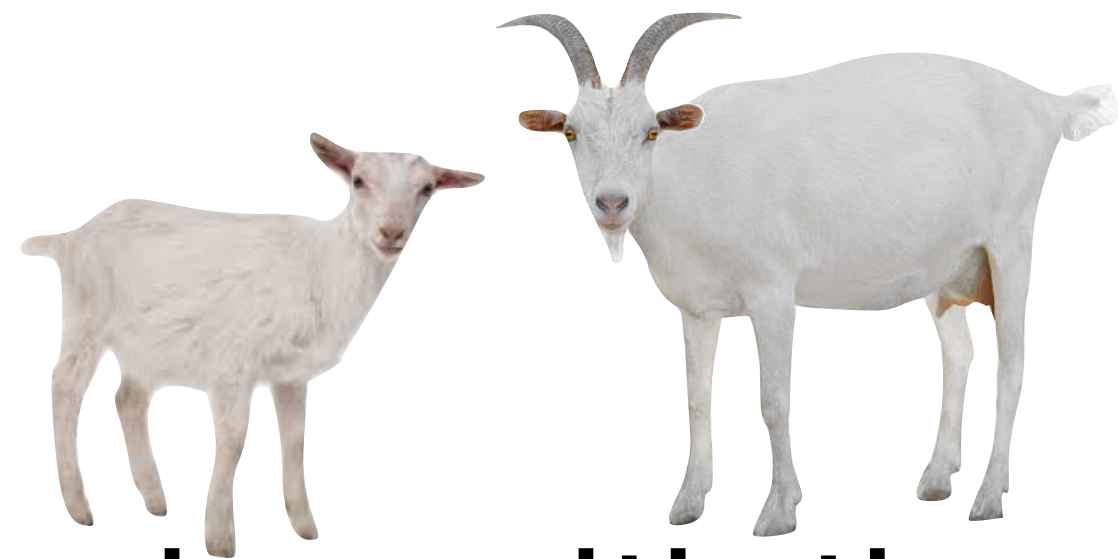
Believers, dead and alive, will be given new resurrection bodies (like Christ's body)

“For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the first-fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him... “So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable. 1 Cor. 15:22-23 + 42

All humanity will be gathered to stand before Jesus, for separation

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left...

Matt. 25:31-33



Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. **Rev. 1:7**

Jesus will expose and judge the things done on the earth

“For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. **Matt. 16:27**

He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. **Rom. 2:6-8**



The separation will be ultimately decided according to God's book

“Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it....And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire. **Rev.20:11-15**



Believers will be assessed at the Judgement Seat of Christ: for hopefully crowns and honour.

Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. **2 Tim. 4:8**

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. **2 Cor.5:10**

Believers will be assessed at the Judgement Seat of Christ: and some will suffer loss, but be saved

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames. **1 Cor.3:11-15**

The present heavens and earth will be consumed, and God will create a new heavens and new earth.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives.

2 Peter 3:10-11

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. **Rev.21:1**

God and his people will be united forever, as in a wedding feast, with Christ as the Bridegroom and the church as his bride.

Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready....Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” And he added, “These are the true words of God.” **Rev.19:7+9**



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- **Believers will be given new resurrection bodies**
- **All humanity will be gathered to stand before Jesus**
- **Anyone whose name is not found written in the book of life will be separated from God forever**
- **Believers will be assessed and some rewarded**
- **This creation will be replaced with a new heaven and earth**
- **We will be united forever with Christ like a Bride with a Bridegroom**