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## Like A Thief In The Night

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It never ceases to amaze me at the number of people who continue to set dates as to when they think that Jesus is going to return. The Bible clearly says in 2nd Peter 3:10 that "...the day of the Lord comes like a thief in the night." We know what this means: Jesus will come without any warning and without any signs. The only warning that we have is the fact He is going to come again. (1 Thes. 1:9-11 & 2 Thes. 1:7-9, etc.) Even Jesus said that He did not know when the end of the world was going to be. (Mk. 13:32). And so how could He give signs as to when that event was going to take place when He clearly said that He did not know when it would be?

But, in spite of all this, people continue trying to figure out when He is going to return. What we need to realize is that it is not important to know when He is going to return, but to be ready whenever that time arrives. In Matthew 25 we read two parables that teach us the importance of being ready when Jesus comes back. Just as it is necessary to make preparations to keep a thief from breaking into our houses, so it is also necessary to make preparations for the return of Jesus also by living the way the Lord has asked us to live. Titus 2:11-15 teaches us that we must live "righteously, so soberly, and godly in this present world" as we await the return of Jesus and then we will be ready for Heaven!

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## Is Jesus Christ Literally Coming Back To Earth?

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One of the fundamental positions of the doctrines of "premillinealism" is that Jesus Christ is "literally coming back to earth?"

1. He is supposed to reign on Earth for 1000 years.
2. He is to be seated on David's throne.
3. All of this is to take place in the city of Jerusalem.

### IS ANY OF THIS REALLY TRUE?

The answer to these things of course is "NO"! Jesus never intended to establish an "earthly kingdom" at all, but rather a "spiritual kingdom" in which mankind could be "saved from the consequences of sin." (Lk. 19:10 / Jn. 18:36) As a matter of fact, there are certain scriptures which will not allow Jesus to ever "set foot on Earth again." Look at the following page to see why this is so.

### CERTAIN SCRIPTURES WILL NOT ALLOW CHRIST TO EVER SET FOOT ON EARTH AGAIN!

- Christ cannot return to Earth because of the "Nature of his priesthood." (Zech. 6:12-13 / Heb 8:1-4 / Heb 7:12-14 / Heb. 6:20 / Heb 7:21-24)

According to Zechariah 6:12-13, Jesus would be both a priest & king" at the same time. Hebrews 8:1-4 tells us that is what Jesus is right now. But Hebrews 7:12-14 tells us that Jesus can't be a priest on Earth because He was not of the tribe of Levi. Hebrews 6:20 tells us His priesthood is an "everlasting priesthood", Hebrews 7:21-24 tells us it will not change because Jesus lives forever. Therefore, Jesus can't come back to Earth without giving up His priesthood and the scriptures say that will never happen.

- **Christ cannot return to earth because of his "ancestry." (Jer. 22:24-30 / Jer.24:1 & 1Chron.3:16 / Mt.1:1,11-16)**

Jeremiah's prophecy regarding Jeconiah means that none of his descendants can ever "reign in Judah upon David's throne" after Jeconiah's reign. But Jesus is a descendant of Jeconiah according to Matthew's genealogy. Therefore Jesus can't literally sit upon David's throne in Jerusalem because that would make Jeremiah's prophecy to be false.

**PREMILLINEALISM IS A FALSE DOCTRINE THAT WILL CAUSE PEOPLE TO LOOSE THEIR SOULS!**