

Briefing Document: He Must Return-Lesson 1

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Executive Summary

This briefing document synthesizes key administrative updates, missionary reports, and theological teachings regarding Biblical end-times prophecy. The central focus is the absolute necessity of the literal, physical return of Jesus Christ, examining why this event is foundational to Christian doctrine and the reliability of Scripture.

Key Takeaways

- **Theological Foundation:** Prophecy accounts for 20 percent of all Biblical text, with one-third of all prophecy focusing directly on the Second Coming of Christ.
- **The Integrity of God:** The fundamental reason Christ must return is to fulfill God's explicit promises. Because every First Coming prophecy was fulfilled literally, Second Coming prophecies must also be fulfilled literally to uphold the truthfulness and credibility of God.
- **The Seven Thunders Mystery:** Revelation 10 describes four distinct judgment series during the Tribulation. Unlike the seal, trumpet, and vial judgments, the utterances of the Seven Thunders were ordered to be sealed and left unwritten because their content was too horrific to record.
- **Global vs. Biblical Worldview:** Secular predictions frequently forecast global doom through nuclear war, climate disaster, or overpopulation. In contrast, Scripture teaches that human history will culminate in the physical return of Jesus Christ to establish His reign on Earth.

Community Announcements, Local Advocacy, and Missions

Ministry and Church Activities

- **Benevolence Ministry:** Recognized as the featured Ministry of the Month during Mission Month.
- **October Memory Verse:** Jeremiah 32:17 — "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You."
- **Shoebox Drive:** Volunteers can assemble OCC mission boxes online.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - **Women's Interdenominational Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 10:00 AM.

- **Harvest Festival:** Volunteers needed to supervise children. Snack donations of brownies and nut-free cookies are requested.
- **Team Trivia Night:** Scheduled for October 24th at First.
- **Dessert and Silent Auction:** Benefiting Intended Hope, held on October 24th at the VFW.
- **Women's Fellowship:** October 31st at the church, featuring Tucson Detective Sarah Widman teaching personal safety and situational awareness.

Community News and Personal Advocacy

- **Local Rescue:** A downtown Benson resident, Judy Mitchell, who was lost in the desert behind local homes due to confusion, was successfully located following a multi-agency helicopter search.

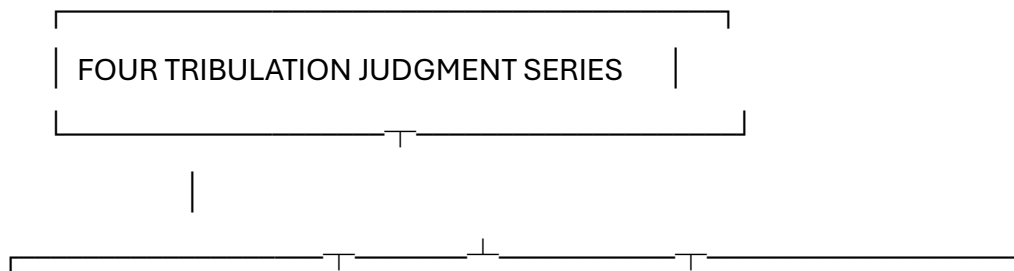
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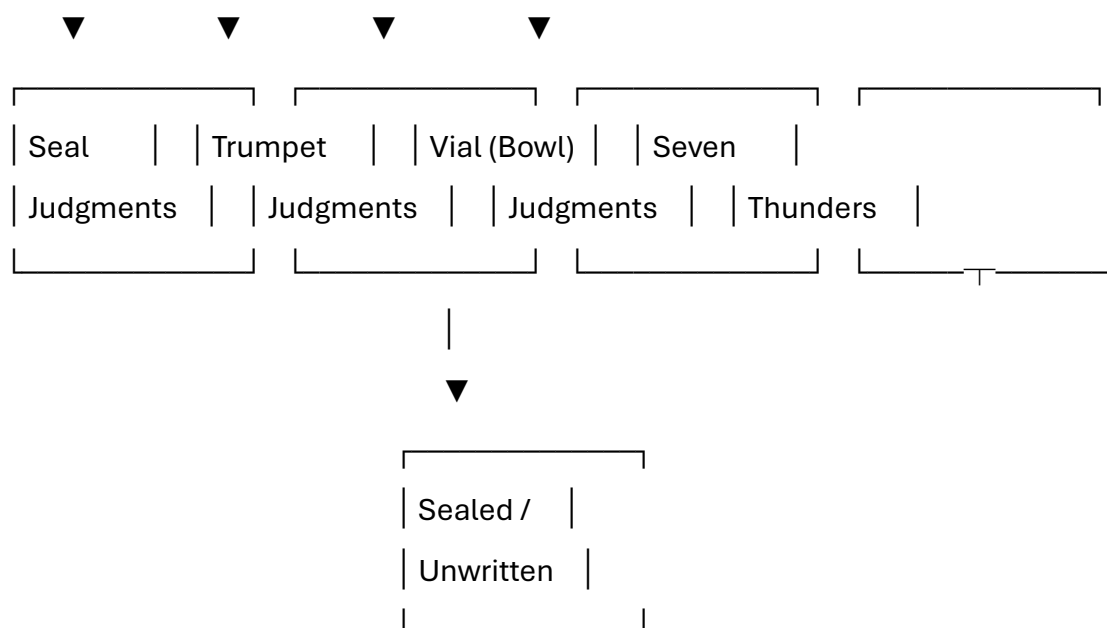
- **Missionary Deployment to Senegal:** Missionaries John and Gailyn successfully established a base in Dar Sagal, Senegal.
 - **Medical Aid and Witnessing:** The team safely transported 40 bags containing one ton of medical equipment. During transit on a public ferry in a predominantly Muslim area, local partners openly proclaimed Christ, and missionaries conducted outreach to local children.

The Judgments of Revelation: The Mystery of the Seven Thunders

A comprehensive examination of the Book of Revelation reveals that there are **four distinct series of judgments** during the Tribulation period:

1. The Seal Judgments
2. The Trumpet Judgments
3. The Vial (Bowl) Judgments
4. The Seven Thunders





Analysis of Revelation 10:3–4

- **The Angelic Messenger:** An angel standing with one foot on the land and one foot on the sea, characterized as God's executioner, cries out with a voice like a roaring lion.
- **Thunder as a Harbinger:** In Revelation 6 and 8, thunder serves as a harbinger—a precursor or warning sign—of impending divine judgment.
- **The Command to Seal:** When the Seven Thunders uttered their voices, the Apostle John prepared to write down what they said. However, a voice from heaven commanded: "Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them."
- **Reason for Secrecy:** Scripture does not reveal the details of the Seven Thunders. The absolute suppression of these judgments suggests they describe events too terrifying for human consumption, exceeding even extreme historical horrors such as the severe sieges of Jerusalem.

Statistical Breakdown of End-Times Prophecy

Biblical prophecy contains extensive quantitative evidence emphasizing the return of Jesus Christ.

Key Prophetic Statistics

Category	Quantitative Count / Ratio
Prophecy as a Portion of All Scripture	20% (1 out of every 5 verses)
Second Coming Portion of All Prophecy	33.3% (1 out of every 3 prophetic verses)
Total General Biblical Prophecies	660+ prophecies
Prophecies Specific to Jesus Christ	333 prophecies
Prophecies Fulfilled in the First Coming	109 prophecies
Prophecies Reserved for the Second Coming	224 prophecies
OT Prophets Mentioning the First Coming	Fewer than 10 (out of 46 total prophets)
OT Prophets Mentioning the Second Coming	36 (out of 46 total prophets)
Old Testament Second Coming Passages	1,527 passages
New Testament Second Coming Verses	330 verses (1 out of every 25 verses)
Ratio of First Coming to Second Coming Mentions	1 to 8
Ratio of Atonement to Second Coming Mentions	1 to 2
Direct References by Jesus to His Return	21 times
Exhortations for Believers to Be Ready	50+ times

Sequential Timeline of End-Times Events

Scripture outlines a clear chronological sequence of events marking the end of the current age:

[Church Age] —> [The Rapture] —> [7-Year Tribulation] —> [Battle of Armageddon] —> [Millennial Kingdom] —> [Great White Throne]

1. **The Church Age:** The current dispensation in which the Christian church operates on Earth.
2. **The Rapture:** Derived from a Latin term meaning "to catch away." Christ meets believers in the air to remove them from the Earth. The Rapture marks the end of the Church Age. Note: The Rapture is distinct from the Second Coming, as Christ does not touch down on Earth during this event.

3. **The Seven-Year Tribulation:**

- The Antichrist establishes a unified world government, economic structure, and religious system.
 - He negotiates a seven-year covenant with Israel, which he breaks at the halfway point (3.5 years) by committing the Abomination of Desolation.
 - The Antichrist proclaims himself to be God and demands universal worship under penalty of death.
 - God executes severe global judgments (Seals, Trumpets, Vials).
4. **The Battle of Armageddon:** At the end of the Tribulation, the armies of the Antichrist assemble. Jesus Christ returns physically to Earth and defeats all hostile forces. The resulting slaughter fills the valley with blood reaching as high as a horse's bridle.
5. **The Millennial Kingdom:** Satan is bound for 1,000 years. Jesus Christ establishes His literal, physical reign on Earth alongside His saints.
6. **Final Rebellion and Great White Throne Judgment:** Satan is briefly released at the end of the 1,000 years, deceives rebellious humans, and leads a final uprising. God swiftly puts down the rebellion. Satan, his demons, and all unredeemed humanity are judged at the Great White Throne and cast into the Lake of Fire forever.
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Theological Necessity: The Promise and Credibility of God

The foundational argument for why Jesus Christ must return is that **the promise and truthfulness of God depend on it**. If Christ does not return physically, God's word fails, making God a liar and invalidating the authority of Scripture.

Literal Interpretation vs. Liberal Spiritualization

Modern liberal theologians frequently attempt to "spiritualize" the Second Coming, claiming it refers to a non-physical, internal spiritual awakening. This viewpoint is rejected based on standard hermeneutics (rules of interpretation):

- **Consistency of Interpretation:** Scripture does not utilize dual hermeneutics. Every single prophecy concerning Christ's First Coming was fulfilled literally and physically—not metaphorically or spiritually.
- **Prophetic Parallelism:** Because all First Coming prophecies were fulfilled literally, logic and grammatical consistency dictate that all Second Coming prophecies must also be fulfilled literally.

First Coming Prophecies Fulfilled Literally

The literal fulfillment of First Coming prophecies provides absolute proof that Second Coming prophecies will occur in the exact same physical manner:

Prophetic Subject	Old Testament Prophecy	Literal New Testament Fulfillment
Born of a Virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Born physically of the Virgin Mary
Birthplace in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Born physically in Bethlehem
Called Out of Egypt	Hosea 11:1	Taken to Egypt as an infant to escape Herod, then recalled
Anointed by the Spirit	Isaiah 11:2	Holy Spirit descended upon Him at baptism
Entry on a Donkey	Zechariah 9:9	Rode into Jerusalem on a donkey's colt
Betrayed by a Friend	Psalms 41:9	Betrayed by Judas Iscariot
Forsaken by Disciples	Zechariah 13:7	Disciples fled upon His arrest
Sold for 30 Silver Pieces	Zechariah 11:12	Sold by Judas for exactly 30 pieces of silver
Potter's Field Purchased	Zechariah 11:13	Betrayal money used to buy a potter's field
Spat Upon and Scourged	Isaiah 50:6	Beaten, whipped, and spat upon by Roman soldiers
Crucified	Psalms 22	Executed via Roman crucifixion
Bones Remain Unbroken	Psalms 34:20	Roman soldiers broke the legs of others, but left His legs intact
Given Gall and Vinegar	Psalms 69:21	Offered gall and sour wine on the cross
Hands and Feet Pierced	Psalms 22:16	Nailed physically to the wooden cross
Garments Divided by Lot	Psalms 22:18	Soldiers gambled for His clothing beneath the cross

Bodily Resurrection	Psalm 16:10	Rose physically from the dead; appeared to over 500 witnesses
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Unfulfilled Prophecies Requiring the Second Coming

Because God cannot lie, specific prophecies that were not fulfilled during the First Coming require a physical Second Coming to reach completion:

1. **The Ruling Scepter of Judah:**

- Genesis 49:10 — "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; and to him shall be the obedience of the people."
- Analysis: "Shiloh" refers to the Messiah, meaning "the one whose right it is" or "to whom all things belong." During His First Coming, Jesus was rejected and rejected by the people ("He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him"). Universal obedience was not established. Therefore, Christ must return to receive the literal physical obedience of all nations.

2. **Physical Return in Like Manner:**

- Acts 1:11 — "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."
- Analysis: Jesus ascended into heaven in a physical, tangible, glorified body visible to human eyes. The angels confirmed that His return will occur in the exact same physical, visible manner.

Cultural Doomsday Fallacies vs. Biblical Assurance

Modern secular society lives in fear of world destruction, often mocking biblical prophecy while promoting alternative doomsday scenarios:

Secular Doomsday Fears

- **Nuclear Annihilation:** Fear of rogue nations or religious sects using nuclear proliferation to spark global catastrophe.
- **Environmental Collapse:** Extreme climate change predictions, pollution, freezing, or melting.
- **Overpopulation Myths:** Claims that the human population will crush itself out of space. (In reality, all 6+ billion people on Earth could easily stand inside the state of Florida with space remaining).

- **Famine, Economic Decay, and Materialism:** Predictions that humanity will spend itself into extinction or succumb to mass despair.

Biblical Descriptions of Hopelessness

When individuals reject God's comforter, they fall into true hopelessness:

- Lamentations 1:16 — "For these things I weep; my eye, my eye overflows with water; because the comforter who should restore my life is far from me. My children are desolate because the enemy prevailed."
- Psalm 44:19 — "But You have severely broken us in the place of jackals, and covered us with the shadow of death."

The Ultimate Outcome

Human history will not end through accidental environmental pollution, nuclear self-destruction, or population collapse. Scripture guarantees that world history will reach its grand climax through the physical, literal return of Jesus Christ to reign as King.

Greek Terminology Analysis

The source text was analyzed for the presence of specific Greek language vocabulary, technical terms, or direct linguistic references.

Term Evaluated	Phonetic Pronunciation	Definition	Source Context Status
None Identified ^[^1]	N/A	N/A	No explicit Greek vocabulary words were utilized in the source text.

[^1]: **Footnote on Greek Language Content:** Review of the primary source context confirms that zero explicit Greek words or terms were used during this instruction. Biblical languages mentioned or implied in textual concepts were restricted to English translations, with explicit etymological references limited to Latin (e.g., the root of the term Rapture).