

Where Jesus Will Come to When He Returns

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The apostle John wrote in his first letter about the future coming of Jesus. There, it says,

“And now, little children, abide in Him, that when *He appears*, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at *His coming*.” (1 John 2:28)

You may be wondering how this verse can tell us about where Jesus will come to when He returns. Well, we need to notice there are two phrases in this verse that are linked to the same two phrases in a prophecy of the future coming of the Lord in the book of Malachi. There, we read:

“But who can endure the day of *His coming*? And who can stand when *He appears*? For He is like a refiner’s fire and like launderers’ soap.” (Mal. 3:2)

The event this refers to is stated in the previous verse:

“And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple.” (Mal. 3:1)

This prophecy concerns the sudden coming of the Lord to His temple. But, where is the Lord’s temple?

The same John, who wrote about the appearing of the Lord at His coming, also wrote in the book of Revelation about the temple of God in the last days. In chapter 11, we read:

“Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, Rise and measure *the temple of God*, the altar, and those who worship there. But leave out the court which is outside *the temple*, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread *the holy city* underfoot for forty-two months.” (Rev. 11:1-2)

This prophecy mentions a building called the temple of God in the holy city. As to which city this refers to, Isaiah 52:1 reads, “Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city!” This tells us the holy city is Jerusalem. Thus, in the last days, there will be a temple of God in Jerusalem. This temple is apparently the temple the Lord will come to suddenly, as Malachi prophesied.

Zechariah was another prophet who connected Jerusalem to the return of the Lord. He wrote:

“Thus says the Lord: ‘I will return to Zion, and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, the Mountain of the Lord of hosts, the Holy Mountain.’” (Zech. 8:3)

From this, we learn that when the Lord Jesus returns, He will come to Jerusalem, and dwell there. In relation to this, Zechariah also prophesied that the Lord will stand on a hill just outside the walls of present day Jerusalem:

“Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east.” (Zech. 14:3-4)

Taking all we have looked at into consideration, we understand that when John wrote in his first letter about the coming of the Lord, he was referring to the Lord’s future visible coming to Jerusalem that was foretold by the prophets Malachi and Zechariah.

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