

“The Return of the King: The True Story” ***Revelation 1:1-18***

I. *What will the return of Christ be like?*

A. It will be **visible**.

B. It will be **physical**.

C. It will be a **heavenly** return.

II. *What’s the reason for Christ’s return? What’s it all about?*

A. *How do Eastern religions describe life?*

Life is a wheel, a circle of birth, death and rebirth, going nowhere, and ultimately ending in nothingness.

B. *How does Christianity describe life?*

Christianity is unique among the faiths and philosophies of the world in declaring that there is a point to it all, and that history is actually taking us somewhere because there is an intelligent, loving Creator overseeing it all. History is “his story”.

C. *How does Revelation 1 describe God?*

Everything that has taken place in the past, everything that is taking place as we speak, and everything that is yet to come is all part of this grand story which God is writing.

III. *Why will people be mourning on the day Christ comes back?*

Because when Jesus Christ is seen visibly, physically, in the heavens – in that one indescribable moment it will dawn on people in a flash, in an instant, what is happening, but it will be too late. Too late to repent. Too late to change. Too late to get right with God. The Bible says in Hebrews 9:28 – “Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to save those who are waiting for him.”

IV. *What are the different ways I can respond to this message?*

A. I can be a **sleeper**.

You can go back to putting your head in the sand and pretend that the stories are not true, that Jesus Christ never lived, died and rose again – and go about living life as you see fit.

B. I can be a **scoffer**.

Atheists and evolutionist think that they can disprove God’s existence by pushing back the age of the universe. But every time they do that, they open the door and –

God's still there. Billion years – “Hi!” Alright, two billion years, “Smile”. Let's make it five billion years – “Me again!” Science proves nothing against my Jesus. All truth is God's truth.

C. Or I can be a seeker.

How do I become this?

You can give your life, bow your knee to Jesus Christ, the one who according to this chapter in Revelation loves you and has freed you from your sins by his blood, and has made you to be a kingdom and a priest to serve God, the one who wants to be your Heavenly Father. No one will ever love you like this.