



Scriptures About Christ...Now

“There’s not a text of Scripture that does not provide a road that leads us to Christ. So, it is your business to find that road and take it.”

Charles Spurgeon

The Bible contains thousands of verses that focus on Christ and help us to know him for who he is right now. Second Corinthians 1:21 tells us that, “all the promises of God are YES to us in Christ Jesus.” It has been estimated that there may be as many as 7,000 separate promise statements in Scripture. So the more we meditate on God’s Word about God’s Son, the more we will get to know him for ALL he is. This resource is designed to help you make that discovery.

Here you can explore passages in the Old Testament that **foreshadow** who Christ is now; and passages in the New Testament that show how all of that is **fulfilled** in who Christ is now.

FORESHADOWED in the Old Testament

Referencing certain Old Testament customs and traditions, the Apostle Paul reminds us: “These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ” (Col. 2:17).

Ultimately a shadow calls attention to something beyond itself – to the object that formed it. In the end, a shadow’s shape points to the something far more vivid and tangible and substantive.

In the same sense, Old Testament texts on God’s supremacy, as well as the hope shaped around that supremacy, **foreshadow** (points toward) the fuller revelation of the New Testament’s teachings on God’s Son and who he is as he reigns right now.

Therefore, as you study some of the Old Testament selections below, ask: “How do ancient truths about God’s awesome ways and works” – whether with Moses or David, Job or Malachi, including dramatic stories of God’s amazing activities as recorded in Exodus or 2 Chronicles or Daniel – serve as **foreshadows** of greater things to come through Jesus?”

Also ask: “How do Old Testament prophecies and promises through God’s messengers **foreshadow** his ultimate plan for the ages, finding ultimate expression and culmination in the person and reign of Christ now?”

See samples of such Old Testament passages at the end of this document.

FULFILLED in the New Testament

For millennia God’s covenant promises were anchored exclusively in the sovereignty of his character and actions. But then, in the “fullness of times” (Gal. 4:4) this revelation burst forth with a whole new level of reality, in clear view of everyone. Why? Because the purposes and prophecies and promises were **fulfilled** by a *Person*. They were embodied in our Lord Jesus Christ.

He continues to this hour to sum up and display what the Old Testament sets forth about God’s supremacy and the salvation he offers earth’s peoples

Christians are convinced that Jesus **fulfills** in himself everything the Bible claims about God's greatness and everything guaranteed by God's Kingdom. God's Son became and remains the promised Savior who, by virtue of his incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension to the Father's right hand now holds preeminence in the universe. Today he reigns as the Person the Church unanimous confesses as "Lord of all" (Acts 10: 36; 1 Cor. 12:3; Rom. 10:9; Phil. 2:11).

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Reflecting on Scriptures about Christ...Now

Take time to reflect on the passages below, maybe selecting just one a day. Each time you do, make it your mission to mine-out of the verses at least one insight into who Christ is right now – **foreshadowed** in the Old Testament passages or **fulfilled** in the New Testament passages.

You might want to keep a journal, writing down a sentence or two about who Christ is, based on your moments of reflection on the text for that day. After a few weeks, look back over your discoveries and let them increase your devotion to King Jesus.

Please note: Only chapter references are given for each theme. Even though in some cases the theme title that's suggested for a chapter applies to only to a portion of the text, reading the entire chapter will ensure a better grasp of the context. In turn, this will help you gain a more accurate interpretation of the verses that relate to Christ.

Who Christ Is Now: FORESHADOWED in the Old Testament

GENESIS

- 1-2 — God's Creation Mandate to Adam and Eve
- 6-9 — God's Judgment and Re-creation Under Noah
- 15 — God's Covenant with Abraham for the Nations
- 28 — God's Covenant with Jacob Before an Open Heaven
- 45 — God Brings Deliverance Through Joseph
- 49 — The Hope that God Gives to Judah's King

EXODUS

- 3-4 — God's Commission and Mission for Moses
- 15 — Moses and Miriam Praise God's Supreme Victory
- 17 — God Delivers Israel Out of Destruction Through Moses
- 23 — The Angel of the Lord Takes His People forward
- 24 — Moses Confirms God's Covenant with the People
- 32-34 — The Reclamation of Israel Through the Intercession of Moses

LEVITICUS

- 26 — God Is Sovereign Both In Reward and Punishment

NUMBERS

- 9-10 — Led By God with a Cloud and a Trumpet
- 16-17 — God Vindicates Aaron as High Priest
- 24 — Two Oracles from Balaam about God's Kingdom

DEUTERONOMY

- 8 – Honor God for His Supremacy
- 10-11 – Hold Fast to God in His Supremacy
- 30 – Return to God and His Supremacy
- 33 – Moses Sets Great Hope in God Before the People

JOSHUA

- 1-4 – God’s Commission and Mission for Joshua
- 5-6 – God’s Supremacy Manifested Over a City
- 24 – Renewing a Covenant with God Full of Hope

JUDGES

- 5 – Deborah’s Song about God’s Deliverance
- 6-7 – God Leads the People Through Gideon

1 SAMUEL

- 7 – Samuel Rules the People at Mizpah
- 16-17 – David Anointed as King of all God’s People

2 SAMUEL

- 5 – the Nation Unites Under the Headship of David
- 7 – God’s Covenant with His King
- 23 – How God’s King Rules

1 KINGS

- 8 – The King Dedicates a Center of Worship
- 18-19 – The Prophet Proclaims the Supremacy of God

2 KINGS

- 4-5 – The Prophet Demonstrates the Supremacy of God

1 CHRONICLES

- 12 – The King and His Army
- 28-29 – Focusing the People on the Glory of God

2 CHRONICLES

- 14-15 – God’s King Experiences His Sovereignty in Revival
- 17, 20 – God’s King Experiences His Sovereignty in Battle
- 29-32 – God’s King Experiences His Sovereignty in Transformation
- 34-35 – God’s King Experiences His Sovereignty in Reformation

EZRA

- 1, 3, 9 – Recovery and Renewal under God’s Chosen Leader

NEHEMIAH

- 1, 2, 4 – Restoration and Reconstruction under God’s Chosen Leader

ESTHER

- 4 – Esther Has Come to the Kingdom for Such a Time

JOB

- 1, 2, 13, 19, 33, 38, 42 – How Job Discovers Hope in the Supremacy of God

PSALMS

- 1 – The King Is Installed Before the Nations
- 16 – The King Finds Joy at the Throne
- 18 – God Gives Victories to His King
- 19 – God Conquers His People by His Word
- 20 – God’s Benediction on His King
- 21 – God Answers the Prayers of His King
- 22 – The King forsaken, Restored and Proclaimed to the World
- 23 – The King as a Shepherd
- 24 – Open Wide to the King of Glory
- 40 – God’s Sovereign Hand upon His People
- 44 – Our Destiny Depends on God’s Reign
- 45 – A Song of Praise to God’s King
- 46 – Be Still and Know that God Reigns
- 68 – The King’s Victory Parade
- 72 – The Full Extent of the King’s Dominion
- 77 – Appealing to God’s Right Hand
- 80 – God’s Sovereignty in Revival
- 85 – God’s Sovereignty in Revival
- 89 – God’s Covenant Promises to His King
- 102 – The Appointed Time for Kingdom Work
- 110 – The King at God’s Right Hand
- 118 – When the Rejected Stone Becomes the Capstone
- 132 – God Blesses His People Through His King
- 144 – God Gives Victory to His King

PROVERBS

- 2-4 – God’s Wisdom Personified and Ruling in All of Life
- 8 – God’s Wisdom Personified and Reigning Ever Since Creation

ECCLESIASTES

- 11-12 – Because He Is Sovereign, Make God Your Highest Passion

SONG OF SOLOMON

- 1-7 – A Drama Revolving Around Consuming Passion for a King

ISAIAH

- 2 – The Mountain of the Lord In the Day of the Lord
- 4 – A Kingdom Glorious and Beautiful
- 9 – A Son Is Given to Carry the Kingdom forward
- 25-27 – Celebrating the Fruits of Heaven’s Sovereignty
- 33 – The Lord Will Arise as King
- 40 – Prepare a Highway for the King
- 42 – The Servant of the Lord Advances the Kingdom of the Lord
- 43 – Israel’s Only Savior Gives Them Great Hope
- 45 – A Earthly King Exhibits What Heaven’s King Will Do
- 49 – The Servant of the Lord Redeems and Restores the Nations
- 50 – God Vindicates His Redeemer
- 52 – God’s People Awake and Sit Enthroned with Him
- 53-54 – God’s Redeemer Suffers But then Triumphs
- 60 – God’s Glory Rises upon the Nations When God Reigns
- 61 – The Lord’s Anointed Messenger Proclaims the Coming Kingdom
- 63-64 – God’s Day Exhibits Sovereign Judgment and Redemption
- 65-66 – God Reigns Supreme over a New Heaven and Earth

JEREMIAH

- 1 — a Prophet Called to Bring Divine Revolution to the Nations
- 23 — a King Raised Up to Rule Wisely
- 30-31 — the Supremacy of God Revealed In the Restoration of His People
- 33 — When God Performs Great and Mighty Things for His People
- 50 — When God Triumphs Over the Enemy of His People

LAMENTATIONS

- 3 — I Have Hope Because God Is Supreme over All Trouble

EZEKIEL

- 20 — When God Shows His Supremacy, He Shows His Holiness
- 34 — How the Chief Shepherd Takes Charge of His Sheep
- 36 — The Multi-Faceted Hope God's Glory Gives to Us
- 37 — Dry Bones Can Live Again When the King Is on the Throne
- 43-44 — What Happens When God's Sovereign Presence Is Made Known

DANIEL

- 2 — A Rock that Crushes the Kings and Fills the Whole Earth
- 7 — Before the Nations the Son of Man Enters the Throne Room of God

HOSEA

- 1-3 — A Marriage Drama that Pictures the Restoration of the Kingdom
- 14 — Blessings that Come Under the Sovereign Hand of God

JOEL

- 2-3 — What Happens When God Roars From Zion

AMOS

- 9 — The Throne of Heaven Is Restored

OBADIAH

- 1 — The Kingdom Becomes the Lord's alone

JONAH

- 2 — The Resurrection of a Prophet to the Nations
- 3-4 — God's Sovereign Purpose for a Gentile City Prevails

MICAH

- 4 — The Kingdom Above All Kingdoms
- 5 — The Ruler of All Is the Least Likely of All
- 7 — When God Visits His People with Power

NAHUM

- 1 — The Wonderful Message that God Reigns

HABAKKUK

- 2 — A Prophet's Vision of Great Hope for the Nations
- 3 — A Prophet's Prayer with Great Hope for the Saints

ZEPHANIAH

- 3 — God Vindicates His People IN the Presence of the Whole Earth

HAGGAI

1-2 — The Temple Is Prepared to Receive the Worship of the Nations

ZECHARIAH

3 — The High Priest Is Set Apart to Lead in God's Purposes
 4 — God's Promises of Restoration Through His Ruler
 9 — The Coming of Zion's King Brings Great Hope
 12-14 — Here's What Happens When the Kingdom Is Established

MALACHI

3 — The Refiner of God's People Suddenly Appears
 4 — God's Reign Purifies, Heals and Consummates

Who Christ Is Now: FULFILLED in the New Testament

Note: Gospel texts that are repeated by more than one writer are presented in only one of the samplings from the Gospels.

MATTHEW

3 — Preparing God's People for God's Messiah
 4 — Christ's Victory over Satan
 5-7 — Living under the Reign of Christ
 8 — Supreme in How He Heals
 11 — The Kingdom Is Forcefully Advancing
 12 — Our Hope IN God's Chosen Servant
 13 — Stories on How the Kingdom Works
 16 — Confessing Christ's Lordship and Following Him
 17 — A Snapshot of the Glory of His Supremacy
 21 — The King Comes in Triumph
 22 — Called to the King's Banquet
 24-25 — The Consummate Display of His Supremacy
 26-27 — Crucified Because of His Claims to Supremacy
 28 — He has All Authority Among the Nations

MARK

5 — Supreme over the Sick and Demon-Possessed
 10 — Calling the Powerful to Surrender to Himself

LUKE

1 — Mary's Song of Supremacy and Hope
 1 — Zechariah's Song of Supremacy and Hope
 2 — The Angels' Song of Supremacy and Hope
 2 — Simeon and Anna Rejoice in Kingdom Hope
 4 — Jesus' Message of Kingdom Hope
 10 — Jesus Sends Disciples to Proclaim Kingdom Hope
 11 — Kingdom Prayer and the Defeat of Satan
 12 — Serving under the Blessing of His Supremacy
 19 — When the King Rewards His Servants

- 22-23 – Kingdom Themes Dominate the Passion of Christ
- 24 – Kingdom Talk Dominates Resurrection Day

JOHN

- 1 – The Supremacy of the Eternal Word
- 3 – God’s Promise Whenever the Son Is Lifted Up
- 5 – The Son Is Supreme in Life and Judgment
- 6 – Consuming and Being Consumed with the Son
- 10 – The Shepherd and His Sheep
- 11 – The Resurrection Is Found in a Person
- 14-16 – Blessings for the Church Tied to the Ascension of Christ
- 17 – A Prayer about Supremacy and the Hope Shaped Around It
- 21 – Supremacy Displayed in Resurrection Glory

ACTS

- 1 – Preparing His Disciples to Serve Him in His Ascension
- 2 – The Spirit Poured Out Manifests the Reign of Christ
- 3 – A Message of Hope and Consummation for God’s People
- 4 – A Prayer of Hope and Kingdom Advance Through God’s People
- 10 – Peter Proclaims the Hope and Supremacy in Christ
- 11 – Gentiles Become Passionate for Christ’s Great Glory
- 13 – Paul Proclaims to God’s People the Hope for the Nations
- 15 – Confirming the Sufficiency of Christ’s Supremacy
- 17 – Paul Proclaims the Risen Christ to Philosophers
- 19 – Christ’s Kingdom Turns a City Upside Down
- 20 – Paul Commissions Messengers of Hope
- 26 – The Supremacy of Christ Expressed IN the Conversion of Paul
- 28 – The Message of the Kingdom Reaches the Center of the World

ROMANS

- 1 – Paul’s Ambitions as a Messenger of Hope
- 1 – The World’s Denial of Supremacy and Loss of Hope
- 4 – Abraham’s Hope Foreshadows Ours
- 5 – Hope IN Christ Never Disappoints
- 5 – Christ Is the Head of a Whole New Race
- 6 – Walking in Christ’s Resurrection Victory
- 8 – Dimensions of the Supremacy of God’s Son
- 8 – Our Future Glory in Christ Is assured
- 9 – God’s Sovereignty over His Purposes and Promises in Christ
- 10 – The Impact of the Message about the Lordship of Christ
- 11 – The Destiny of God’s People under the Lordship of Christ
- 13 – The Day of the Open Revelation of Christ’s Reign
- 15 – The Impact of the Message of Hope among the Nations
- 16 – A Benediction of Supremacy and Hope

1 CORINTHIANS

- 1 – Proclaiming the Power and Wisdom of God in Christ
- 3 – Laboring for Christ with the Consummation in View
- 12-14 – The Lordship of Christ and the Gifts of the Spirit
- 15 – Christ’s Supremacy Displayed in Resurrection and Consummation

2 CORINTHIANS

- 1 – Christ’s Resurrection Power in the Ministry of Paul
- 4 – The Missionary Manifestations of Christ’s Reign
- 4 – The Hope of Triumph Christ Gives His Servants
- 5 – Our Destiny as New Creations in Christ

- 10 — Bringing Every Thought into Obedience to Christ
- 11 — Bringing Every Affection into Obedience to Christ

GALATIANS

- 1-2 — Called to Proclaim the Exclusivity and Sufficiency of God's Son
- 3 — Promises Given and Culminated in God's Son
- 5 — Freedom under the Lordship of God's Son

EPHESIANS

- 1 — Everything Summed Up in God's Son
- 1 — Prayer for a Fuller Revelation of the Supremacy of God's Son
- 2 — Seated with Christ in His Reign in the Heavens
- 3 — Proclaiming the Unsearchable Riches of Christ
- 3 — Prayer for a Greater Experience of Christ's Supremacy
- 4-5 — How the Church Manifests the Headship of Christ
- 6 — Clothed in the Victory Christ Brings Us

PHILIPPIANS

- 1 — A Consuming Passion for God's Son
- 2 — Celebrating Why the Son Receives all the Glory
- 3 — Laying Hold of a Life Wrapped Up IN Christ

COLOSSIANS

- 1 — Defining Major Dimensions of Christ's Person and Reign
- 2 — How the Church Expresses the Headship of Christ
- 3 — How Discipleship Flows Out of the Reign of Christ

1 THESSALONIANS

- 1 — The Impact of the Message of Christ ON the Nations
- 4-5 — The Victorious Return of Christ and Its Implications for Saints

2 THESSALONIANS

- 1-2 — When Christ's Supremacy Is Finally Revealed to All the Nations

1 TIMOTHY

- 1-2 — Christ's Glory Displayed Through Proclamation and Prayer
- 3 — The Mystery of Christ's Supremacy Defined
- 6 — Service to Christ Lived Out with the Hope He Gives

2 TIMOTHY

- 1 — Fan into Flame Your Mission for Christ
- 3-4 — The Lordship of Christ Helps Us Persevere In Hope

TITUS

- 2-3 — God's Grace Rules Because of the Work of God's Son

PHILEMON

- 1 — The Message of Christ Brings about Social Reform

HEBREWS

- 1-2 — God's Son Speaks Sitting at His Right Hand
- 3 — Jesus: The Builder of the People of God
- 4-5 — Jesus: The Great High Priest over the People of God
- 7-8 — Jesus: The Guarantee of a Eternal Covenant with God

9-10 — The Supremacy of Jesus Manifested in His Sacrifice
 11-12 — A People of Hope Shaped by the Lordship of Christ

JAMES

5 — The Judge Is Ready to Take action

1 PETER

1 — A Living Hope Rooted in a Risen Lord
 2 — Living Stones Built on the Cornerstone
 3 — Saved by the Resurrection of Jesus
 5 — Serving under the Chief Shepherd

2 PETER

1 — Experiencing the Richness of Jesus' Lordship in Our Lives
 3 — The Day When Christ's Supremacy Is Consummated

1 JOHN

1 — Walking in the Presence of the Exalted Son
 3 — He Breaks the Power of Cancelled Sin
 5 — Victory that Overcomes the World Is in Him

2 JOHN

1 — Remain in the Truth about Who Jesus Really Is

3 JOHN

1 — Serving for the Sake of His Name Among the Nations

JUDE

1 — Established Forever Before His Throne

REVELATION

1 — The Ascended Glory of Our Lord Revealed
 2-3 — Seven Messages from Jesus about His Supremacy
 4-5 — The Lord of History Is Both a Lion and a Lamb
 7 — Multitudes Living under the Leadership of the Lamb
 11 — The World's Kingdom Becomes Christ's Kingdom Forever
 12 — The ascension of Christ and the War in Heaven and on Earth
 14 — The Conquering Lamb Rules on Mt. Zion
 19 — Jesus and His armies Come to Judge the Earth
 20 — Jesus Reigns and Judges Among All the Nations
 21-22 — A New Heaven, Earth and City Where Christ Remains Our All
 22 — A Cry for Jesus to Consummate His Supremacy Soon

Christ...Now

FORESHADOWED (samples)

Numbers 24: 17-18

“I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel...his enemy, will be conquered, but Israel will grow strong.

Joshua 5: 13-14

...he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?” Neither,” he replied, “but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.” Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence...

2 Samuel 7: 12-14

I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son.

Job 19:25-27

I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth... I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

Psalms 2: 6-8

“I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain...You are my son; today I have become your father. Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.”

Psalms 21: 1-5

The king rejoices in your strength, LORD. How great is his joy in the victories you give...You came to greet him with rich blessings and placed a crown of pure gold on his head. He asked you for life, and you gave it to him—length of days, for ever and ever...you have bestowed on him splendor and majesty.

Psalms 110:1-4

The LORD says to my lord: “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.” The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion, saying, “Rule in the midst of your enemies”...You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”

Song of Solomon 2:3-4

I delight to sit in his shade, and his fruit is sweet to my taste. Let him lead me to the banquet hall, and let his banner over me be love.

Isaiah 9: 6-7

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

Isaiah 42: 1-4

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations....a smoldering wick he will not snuff out...till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.

Jeremiah 33: 15-16

In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

Micah 5:2-4

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times...He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.

Zechariah 9:9-11

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem. See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious...He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

Christ...Now

FULFILLED (samples)

Matthew 3:11-12

“But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Matthew 11:27-28

“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Luke 24:44-45

“This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

John 1:14-16

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth....Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.

John 10:27-28

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.

John 20:28-29

Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Acts 2:32-36

God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear... Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.

Romans 8:32-35

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?...Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Romans 14:8-9

If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

I Corinthians 15:20-26

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep... Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Ephesians 1:9-10

...he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

Ephesians 4:8-10

This is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people” ... He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Colossians 1:17-20

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things,

whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

2 Thessalonians 1:7-10

This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus...on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed.

I Timothy 3:16

...He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.

2 Timothy 1:9-10

...This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Revelation 7:15-17

...they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple...For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water.

Revelation 11:15

There were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever."