

WEEK 1  
HE WILL  
COME AGAIN  
IN GLORY

BIBLE STUDY

1. This has been a hard year. What words would you use to describe 2020? What difficulties or challenges—be they personal, community-wide, or global—made the year stressful, painful, or discouraging?

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2. How do you tend to think of the word *hope*? What stands out to you from Jay Y. Kim's article "Hope Is an Expectant Leap" as particularly important regarding Christian hope?

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3. Read and reflect on **1 Peter 1:3–5, 13**. What does it look like to embody a "living hope"? How does this passage challenge you?

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4. Read **Romans 5:3–5; 8:18–30**. In your own life, how have you experienced the connection between suffering, hope, and love? How does waiting in expectation of Christ's return play a part in that hope?

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5. Read **Revelation 1:4–8; 21:1–5, 22–27; 22:1–5**. What draws your attention in these passages, particularly in light of the hardships you named earlier? Why is having the Second Advent in view so crucial for our lives in the here and now?

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LOOK, I AM COMING  
SOON! . . . I AM THE  
ALPHA AND THE  
OMEGA, THE FIRST  
AND THE LAST,  
THE BEGINNING  
AND THE END.

Revelation 22:12–13

6. Read **Revelation 22:20**. In his article, Charlie Dates emphasizes the importance of saying, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus," amid our trials and frustrations. Reflect candidly on your own life: What does it mean for you to pray that today?

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