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Week Three:

The Coming of the King

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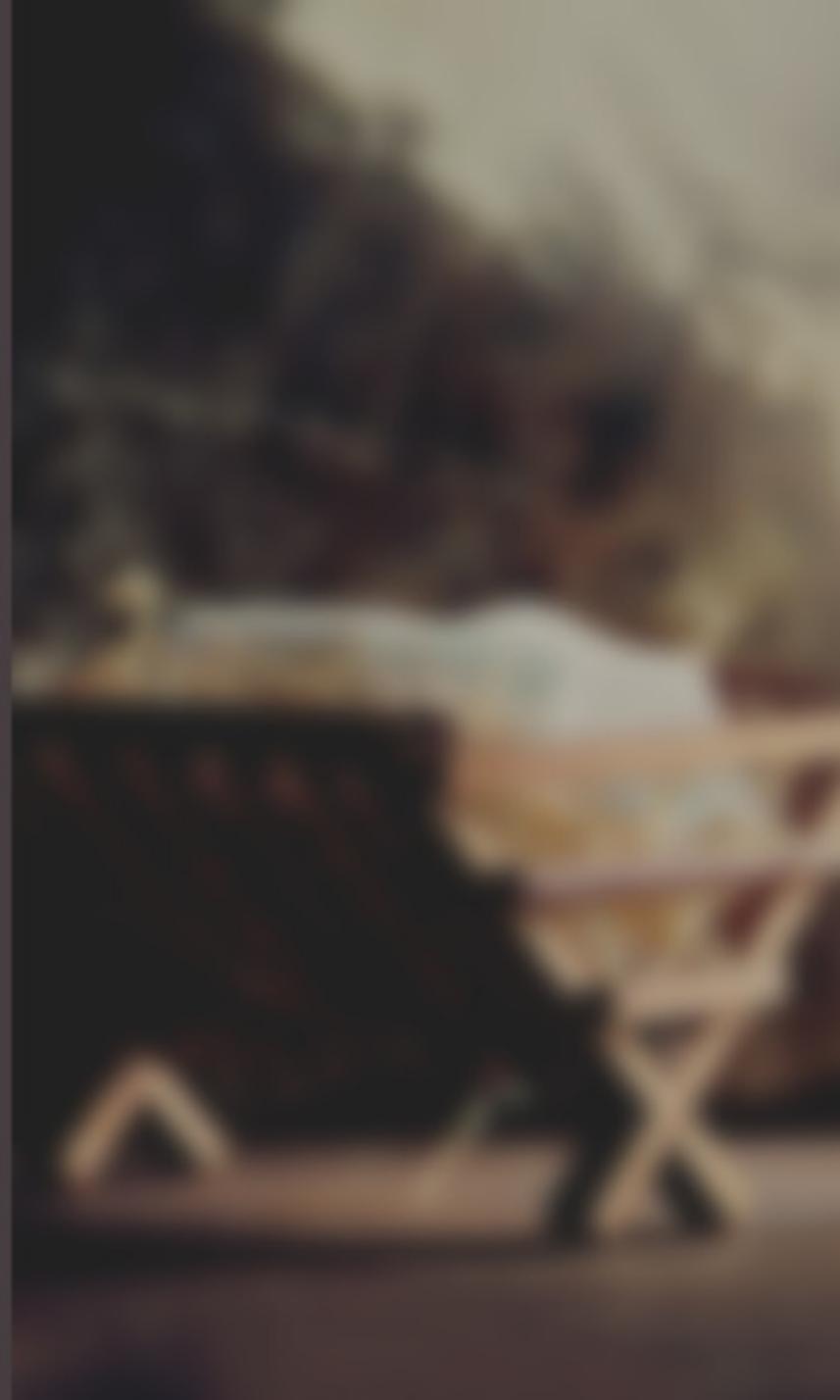


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Scripture Reading:

REVELATION

19:11-16 & 21:1-5



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a *trip to infinity*



What the New Testament tells us about the return of Christ:

- Jesus said that he will return suddenly in apocalyptic fashion to judge the world and bring the fullness of the kingdom (Matt 24:29-31,36-44; 25:31-46)
- The angels told the disciples that Jesus will come again (Acts 1:10-11)
- The apostles used metaphors to describe his literal return, e.g., like Moses, a returning king, a bridegroom coming for his bride (1 Thess 4:13-18; Rev 19:7)



BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW



HOW ANTICIPATING
JESUS' RETURN GIVES
STRENGTH FOR TODAY

CHRIS DAVIS

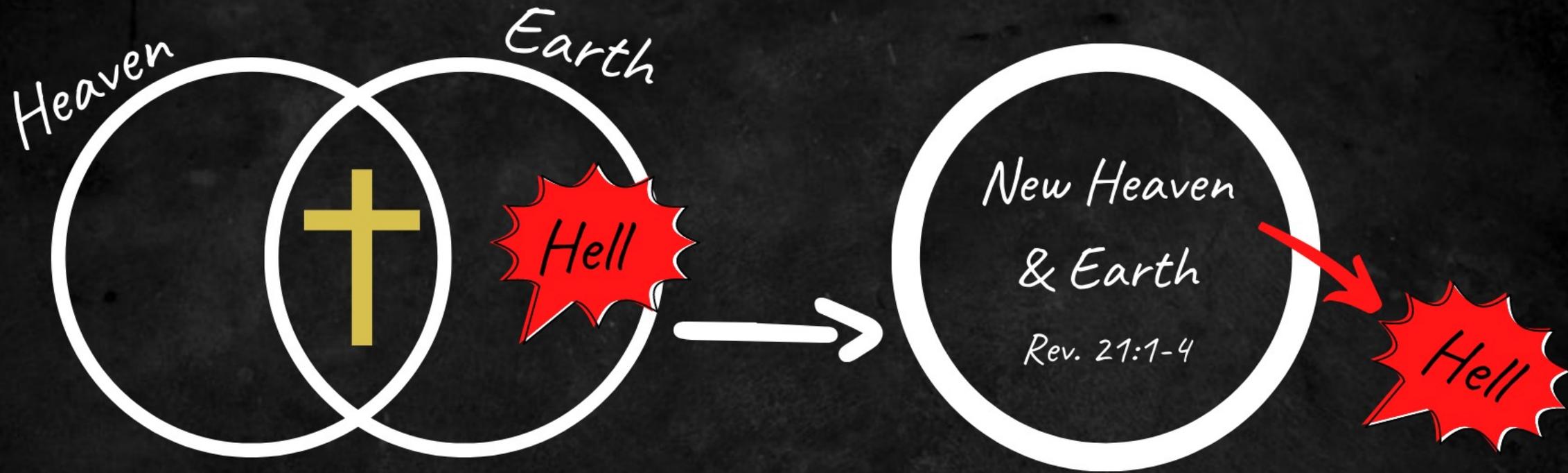
*"The best practical pastoral book on the doctrine
of the second coming written in years."*

—TIM KELLER

“If we think of judgment as a shining light, unveiling the reality of things, then anticipating the coming of the Judge can be a welcome hope rather than the stuff of nightmares. And indeed, Jesus' return as Judge is all about shining the light” (pg. 81).

Hebrews 9:27-28 NIV

²⁷ Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸ so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and **he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.**



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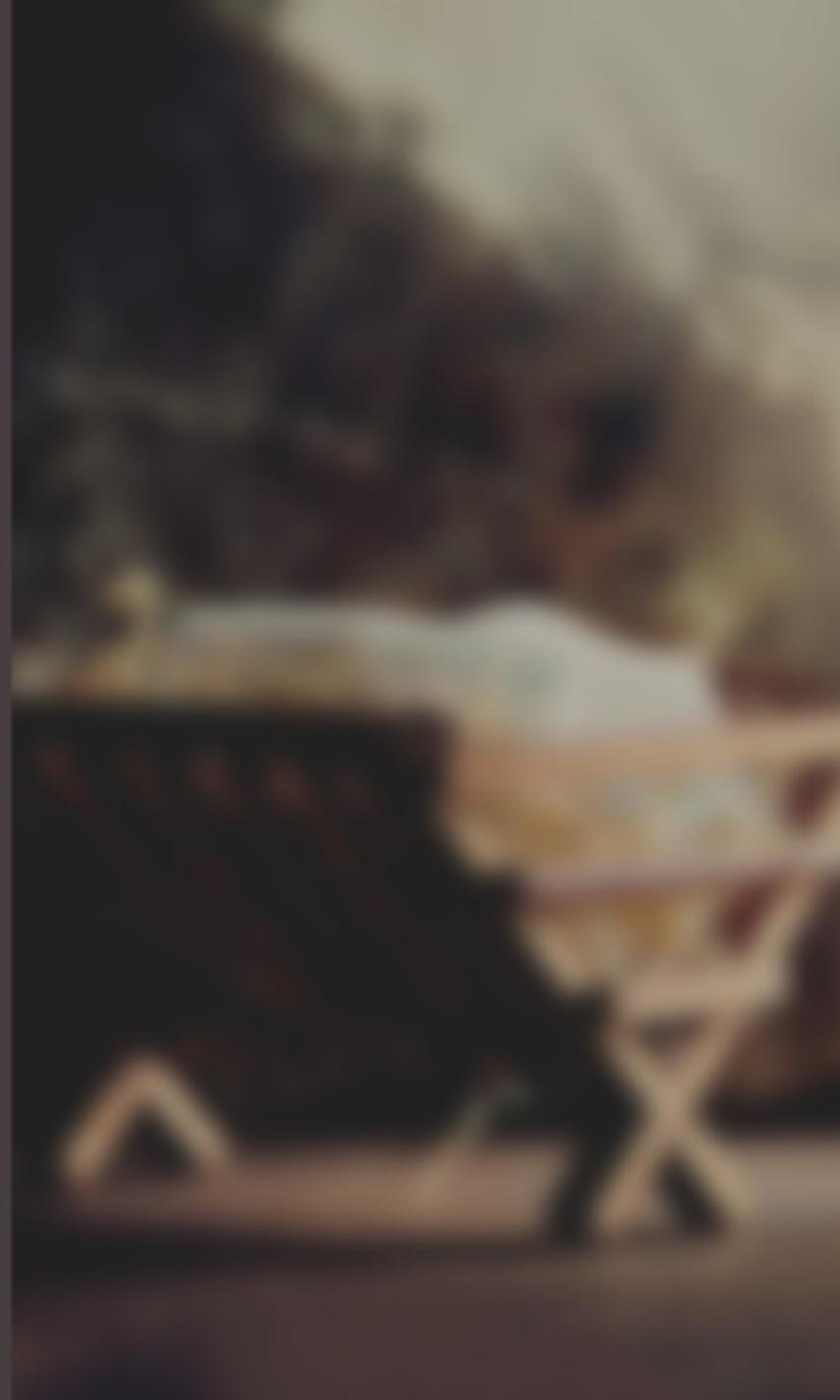
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- 3. No matter what happens, there is a happy ending to our story**

And so we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!"



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2 PETER 3:3-13



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