

PILLARS OF FAITH V

A Breathtaking Promise



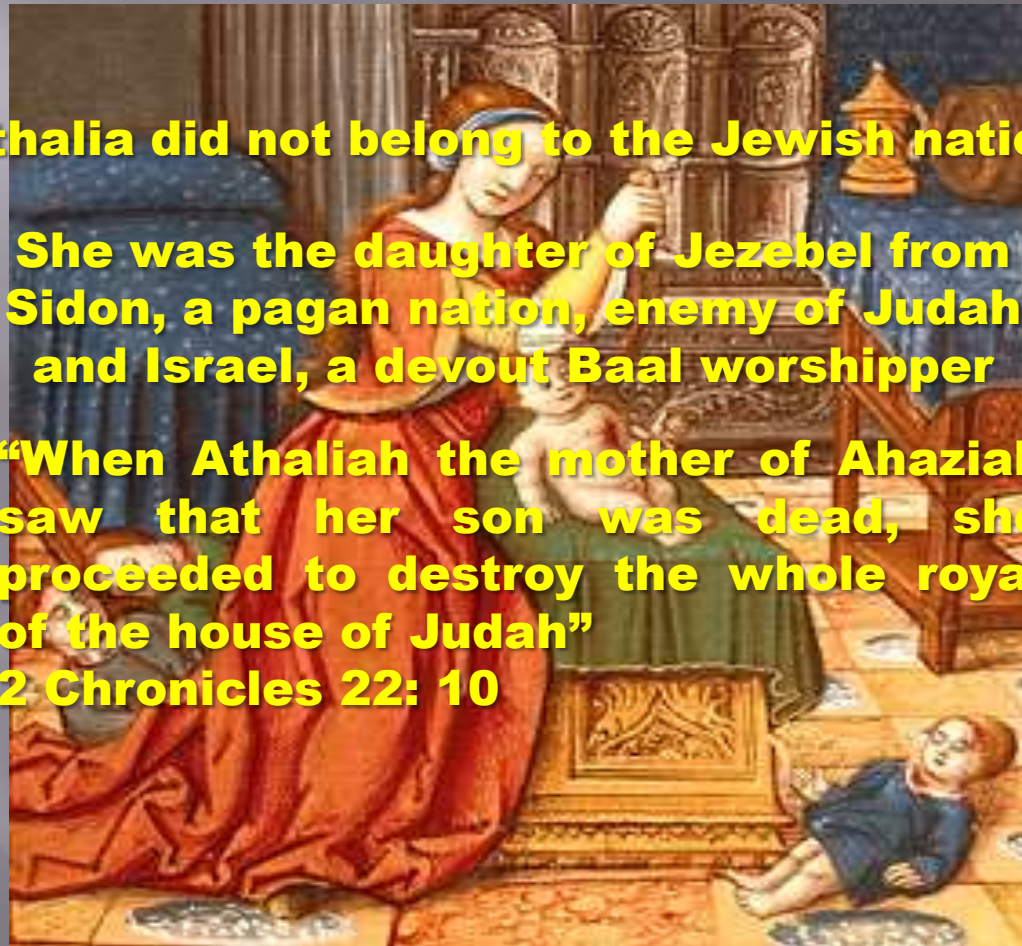
Athaliah the daughter of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel of Israel 842 – 837 BC

Athalia did not belong to the Jewish nation

She was the daughter of Jezebel from Sidon, a pagan nation, enemy of Judah and Israel, a devout Baal worshipper

“When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she proceeded to destroy the whole royal of the house of Judah”

2 Chronicles 22: 10

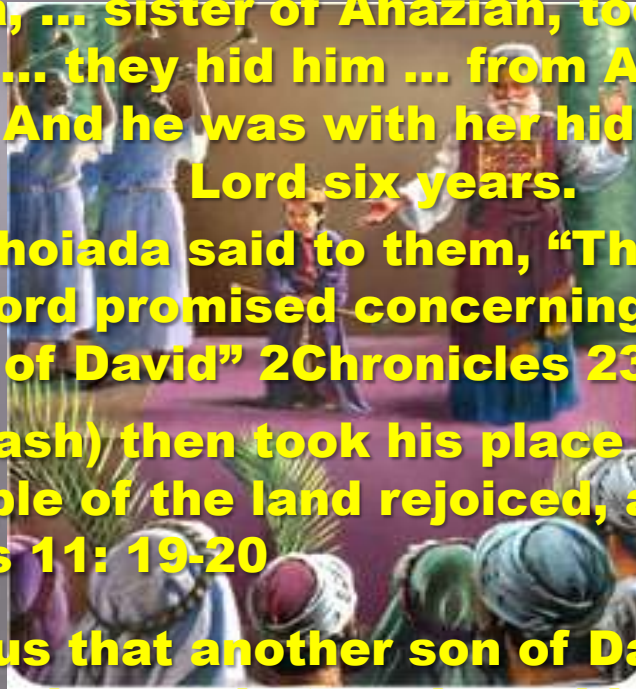


But Jehosheba, ... sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and ... they hid him ... from Athaliah, so that he was not slain. And he was with her hid in the house of the Lord six years.

High Priest Jehoiada said to them, “The king’s son shall reign, as the Lord promised concerning the descendants of David” 2Chronicles 23: 3

“...The king (Joash) then took his place on the royal throne and all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet...” 2 Kings 11: 19-20

The Bible tells us that another son of David will soon emerge from the heavenly temple amidst the blowing of trumpets to receive His rightful kingdom and to destroy the wicked.



God's Promise

"And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies." 2 Samuel 7: 10-11



What is the purpose of Jesus' second coming?

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” John 14:3

“Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever. The angel said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place.

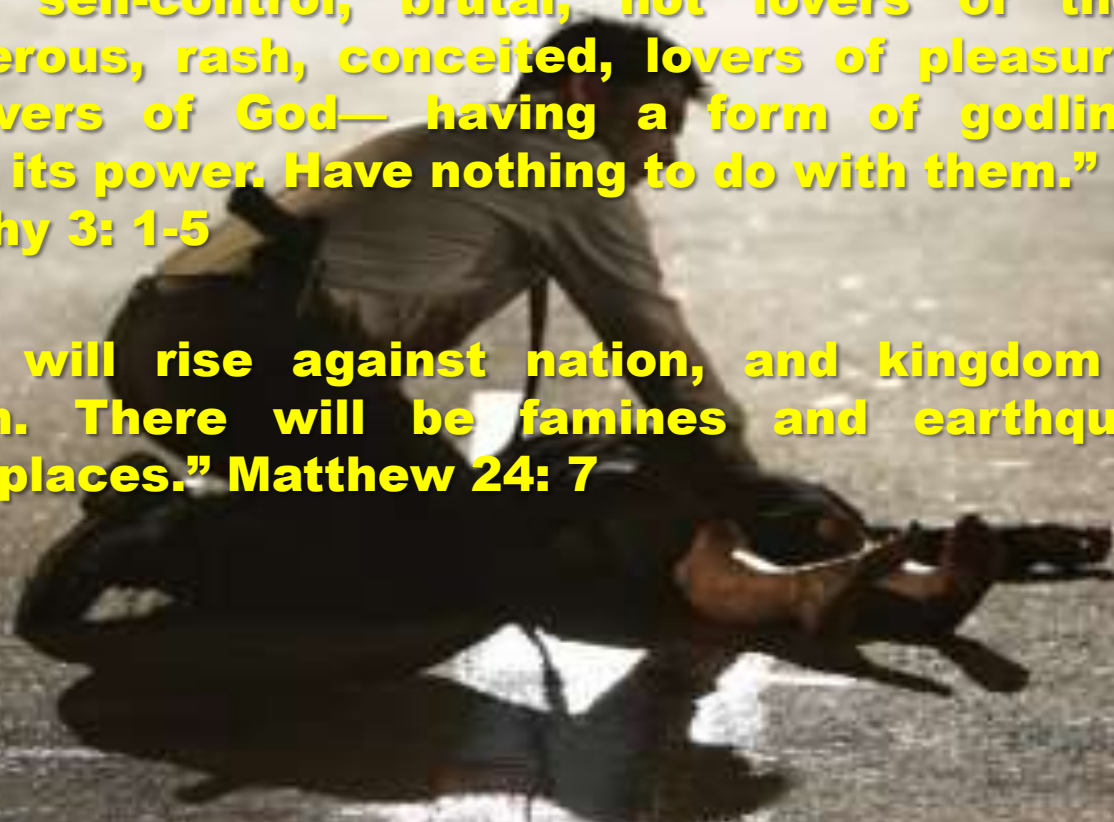
Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book.” Revelation 22: 1-7

From which situation Jesus wants to deliver His people?

“But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.”

2 Timothy 3: 1-5

“Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.” Matthew 24: 7



What will the wicked say when Jesus returns?

“Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?” Revelation 6:15-17





What will the righteous say when Jesus appears?

**In that day they will say,
"Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."
Isaiah 25: 9**



How will people be rewarded at Jesus' second coming ?

“Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

“Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.” Revelation 22: 12-14



What events will accompany Jesus' second coming?

“According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.” 1Thessalonians 4: 15-17

**“Our God comes and will not be silent;
a fire devours before him,
and around him a tempest rages.” Psalm 50: 3**

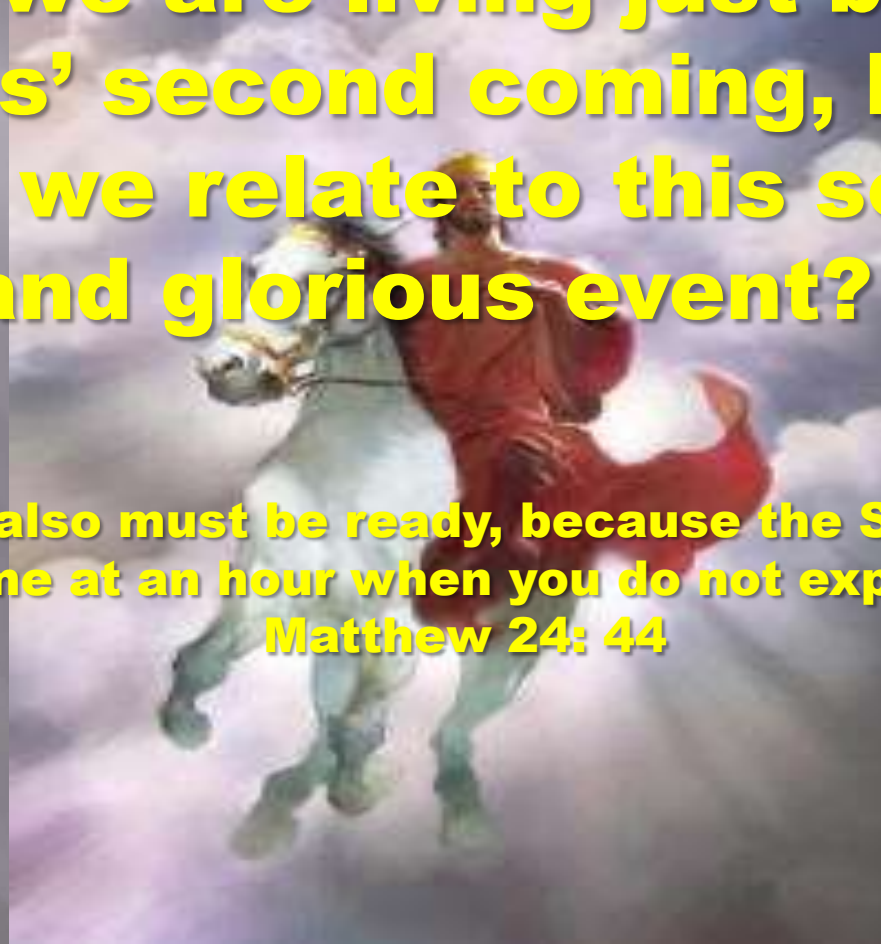
Who will see Jesus when He returns?

"So if anyone tells you, 'There he is, out in the desert,' do not go out; or, 'Here he is, in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather. "Immediately after the distress of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.

At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other." Matthew 24: 26-31

**Since we are living just before
Jesus' second coming, how
should we relate to this solemn
and glorious event?**

**“So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man
will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”
Matthew 24: 44**

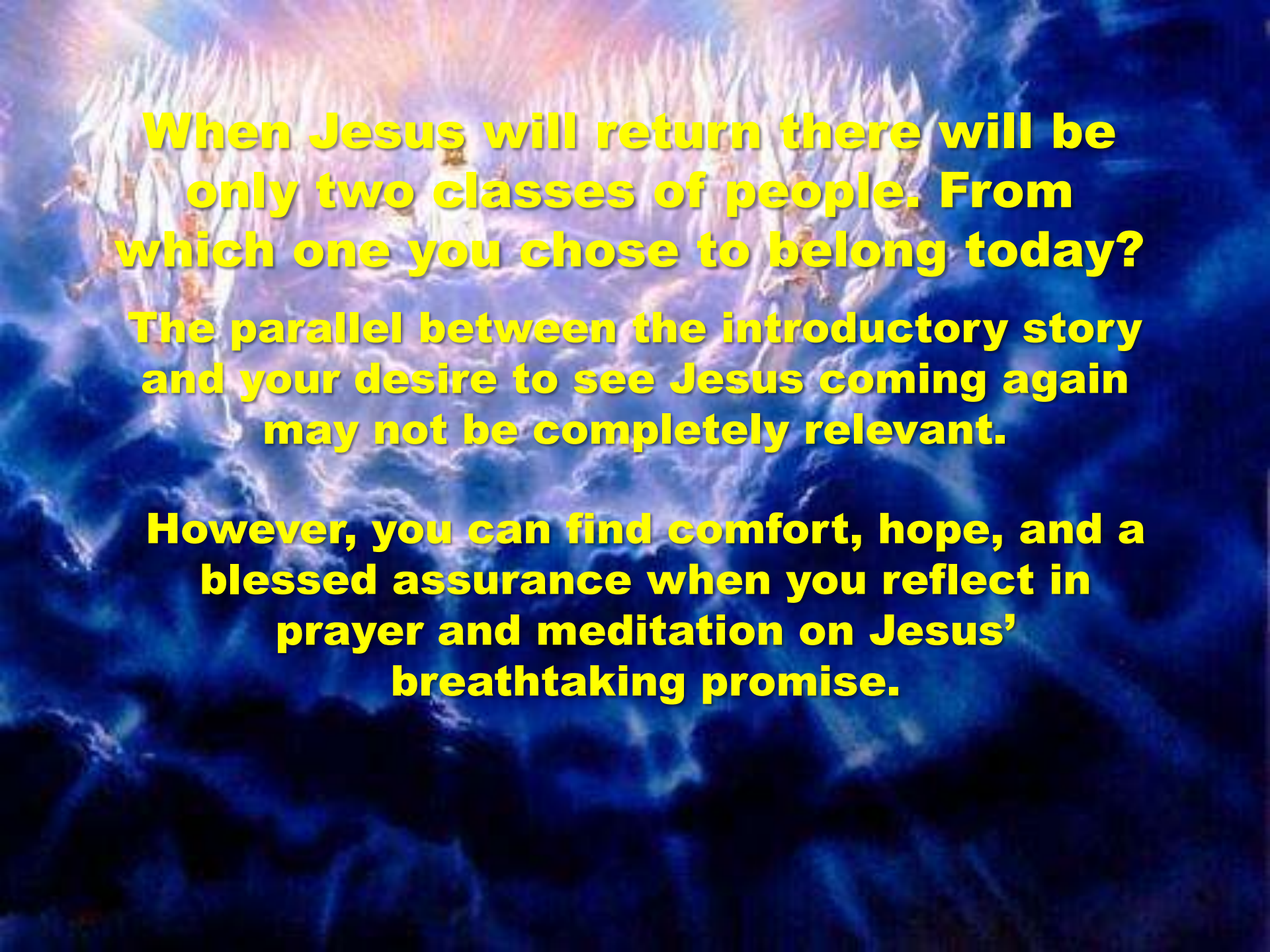




What solemn warning does Jesus give about His second coming?

**“For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Christ, and will deceive many’
Matthew 24:5**

“For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect—if that were possible. See, I have told you ahead of time. So if anyone tells you, ‘There he is, out in the desert,’ do not go out; or, ‘Here he is, in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it.” Matthew 24: 24-26



When Jesus will return there will be only two classes of people. From which one you chose to belong today?

The parallel between the introductory story and your desire to see Jesus coming again may not be completely relevant.

However, you can find comfort, hope, and a blessed assurance when you reflect in prayer and meditation on Jesus' breathtaking promise.



What is your answer ?