

# MOMENTUM YOUTH BIBLE STUDY SERIES

THE CHRONICLES OF JENIAH & URIA  
#25 - THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST  
TRAGEDY HITS CLOSE TO HOME





Uriah and Jeniah were on the front row next to the parents of their fallen classmate. They adopted Benji into the family when they were in middle school and they always did things together. He played basketball with Uriah after school and he and Jeniah always had a friendly banter going on about anything from the news to who had the best grades in Physics. Today was hard because they had questions that no one could answer... “Why? Why so many mass murders? Why was the world so evil? What would be next?”

The pastor stood in front of the hurting congregation. Words were hard to come by and reasons why this tragedy hit so close to home was unimaginable. We have seen this on the news in other towns and involving other students, but never would anything happen here. There were minor scuffles between students and there were occasional fights, but they were over silly stuff like girls or parking in the wrong spot. This was different. A disgruntled teen, upset about his final grade, walked into school and opened fire on his innocent classmates. The death toll was one too many and this funeral was one of several that weekend.

It was as if the pastor read their minds when he said, “It won’t always be like this. This is a difficult time. A time where it seems like evil has won, but it won’t always be like this. We are here to mourn the loss of a loved one. A young man gone way too soon, but it won’t always be like this.”

You could hear tears thunder down well-watered cheeks as he continued. Many of the men in the audience could be seen trying to hold back tears, but the next statement broke them. “We can’t understand everything God allows. What He allows doesn’t always make sense..., but He is still in control... and one day Jesus is going to come back and fix this.”

His voice drifted off as he continued to talk. The moment was too painful for many of the high school students to comprehend at the time. The Pastor must have known this and passed out a handout with the following scriptures on it to help them understand what the Bible says about the Second Coming.

**Revelation 21:2** “ I saw the Holy City, the new \_\_\_\_\_, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.”

**Revelation 21:4** “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more \_\_\_\_\_ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has \_\_\_\_\_ away.”

**Revelation 1:7** – “Look, he is \_\_\_\_\_ with the clouds,” and “every eye will see him, even those who \_\_\_\_\_ him”; and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.” So shall it be! Amen.”

**Titus 2:13** – “while we wait for the blessed hope—the \_\_\_\_\_ of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ..”

**2 Timothy 3:1** – “But mark this: There will be terrible times in the \_\_\_\_\_ days.”

**2 Thessalonians 2:8** – “And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the LORD Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his \_\_\_\_\_.”

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-16** “Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be \_\_\_\_\_ about those who \_\_\_\_\_ in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen \_\_\_\_\_ in him. According to the LORD's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the LORD, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the LORD himself will come down from \_\_\_\_\_, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ will rise \_\_\_\_\_.”

1 Thessalonians 5:2 – “for you know very well that the day of the LORD will come like a \_\_\_\_\_ in the night.”

1 Corinthians 15:51-54 - “Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all \_\_\_\_\_, but we will all be \_\_\_\_\_ in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with \_\_\_\_\_. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “\_\_\_\_\_ has been swallowed up in victory.”