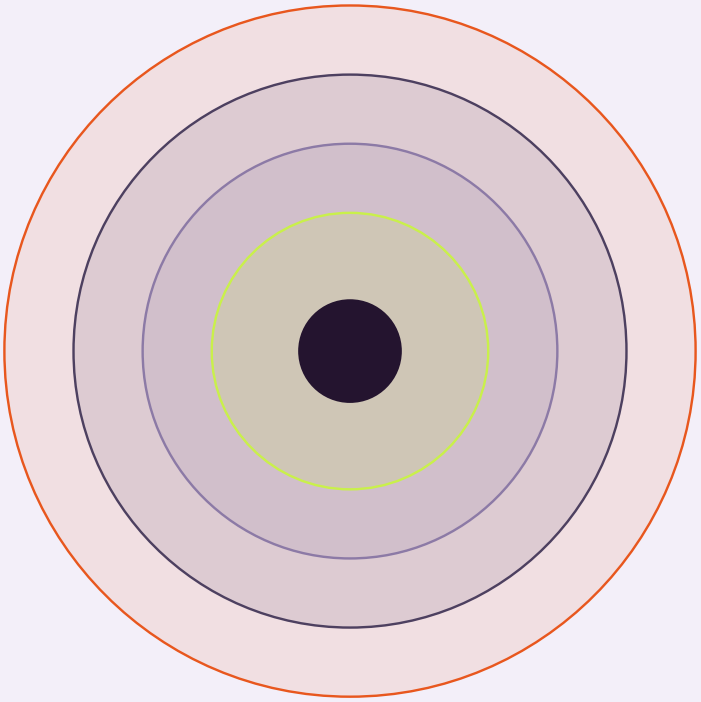
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The King Is Coming: It's Time to Prepare for the Return of Christ

A reading of the book by John Bevere (2026)

1. ACTION BOOK

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ABOUT THIS EDITION

This is HourLife's reading of The King Is Coming: It's Time to Prepare for the Return of Christ, in our own words. It is not a substitute for the book.

BEFORE YOU START 01

The book in a minute

John Bevere is a minister and author who co-founded Messenger International with his wife, Lisa, and wrote The Bait of Satan and The Awe of God. For about four decades he avoided teaching on the end times, because he had seen the subject divide churches, until a period of study that began in 2021 changed his mind. The King Is Coming argues that the return of Christ, which by his count is among the most discussed subjects in the New Testament with more than three hundred references, belongs at the centre of Christian life rather than at its edges. Its emphasis is readiness: holiness, a renewed first love and an eternal perspective, with hope rather than fear as the result. Bevere works from Scripture, including the parable of the ten virgins, the letters to the churches in Revelation and the picture of Christ as a bridegroom coming for his bride, and from his own story, and each chapter closes with five prompts he calls Passage, Point, Ponder, Prayer and Profession. He also sets out his own reading of the rapture and the tribulation, a reading that not all Christians share.

Below are the 9 ideas HourLife readers vote up most, each in our words with a note on what it asks of you, and then the steps that put them to work.

WHAT READERS KEEP

The takeaways

1 HOURLIFE TAKEAWAY

Readiness for Christ's return is a matter of character today, not a guess about a date.

Bevere spends little time matching prophecy to headlines. His question is personal: if the King came now, would you be ready? He returns often to the parable of the ten virgins in Matthew 25, where all ten were waiting and all ten fell asleep, and the difference was the oil they had brought.

2 HOURLIFE TAKEAWAY

The return of Christ is not a side topic in the New Testament.

By Bevere's count, more than three hundred New Testament verses speak of it, roughly one in every thirty, and among the early church writers it was the most discussed subject after salvation. He uses the numbers to ask why so many churches rarely mention it.

3 HOURLIFE TAKEAWAY

Avoiding a hard subject to keep the peace can leave people unready for it.

For about four decades Bevere stayed away from end-times teaching. He had watched it split churches and worried it bred an escape mentality. He tells the book partly as his own correction, after study that began in 2021 changed his view.

4 HOURLIFE TAKEAWAY

Hold two horizons at once: be ready for today, and keep building for the long haul.

Bevere rejects the idea that expecting Christ's return means dropping your plans. He points to the instruction in Jesus' parable to do business until the master comes back. Readiness and diligence belong together.

5 HOURLIFE TAKEAWAY

Eager expectation changes the way you wait.

Bevere holds up Simeon and Anna in Luke 2, who spent years watching for the Messiah and recognised him when he came. He compares the right posture to waiting for an engagement or for Christmas morning: hopeful, alert and glad.

6 HOURLIFE TAKEAWAY

A reputation for being alive is not the same as being alive.

The church in Sardis, in Revelation 3, was known for life but was told it was dead. Bevere uses it as a mirror for people and churches busy with the outward while the inner life has gone quiet.

7 HOURLIFE TAKEAWAY

Studying the end is meant to produce hope, not fear.

Bevere says his own study made him calmer at home and more moved by people coming to faith, not more anxious. The book sets out to replace dread and speculation about the end with hope and steady devotion.

8 HOURLIFE TAKEAWAY

The church is pictured as a bride who gets ready, not a crowd that waits passively.

Bevere leans on the biblical picture of Christ as a bridegroom who goes to prepare a place and comes back for his bride. In that picture the waiting has a task: the bride prepares herself.

9 HOURLIFE TAKEAWAY

A truth you read should end in a response.

Each chapter closes with five prompts: a Passage to read, a Point to hold, a question to Ponder, a Prayer and a Profession to speak. The pattern slows the reader down and turns the teaching into practice.

PUT IT TO WORK

Your action book

Do the setup steps once, then keep the habits going. The setup changes your week; the habits keep it changed after the first good one.

The download puts this whole reading and a printable action book in one PDF: the setup checklist, then a page of real calendar days for each habit, starting on the day you choose.

SET UP ONCE

- [ ] Read Matthew 24 and 25 in one sitting
- [ ] Start a 5 P's notebook
- [ ] Write a today list and a long list
- [ ] Make one thing right
- [ ] Agree how you will disagree

KEEP UP DAILY

- [ ] Tend one lamp a week
- [ ] Close each reading with the 5 P's
- [ ] Answer anxious headlines with a passage

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Part two, after the reading, prints each of these as a page to fill in by hand.

THE LAST WORD

Before you go

Pick one step from the action book and do it today. An idea from a book starts to count once it changes what one ordinary day looks like.

PART TWO

The action book

Change the setup once, then keep it up. 5 setup actions to do once, and 3 habits to mark each day for 30 days.

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Print it, or write on it in any PDF app.

SET UP ONCE

The setup checklist

Each of these is done once. Do one a day, and check it off when it is done.

- [ ] SETUP 1

Read Matthew 24 and 25 in one sitting

Set aside thirty minutes this week and read both chapters straight through.

Note which parable stays with you, and why.

MY VERSION

DONE ON

- [ ] SETUP 2

Start a 5 P's notebook

Give one notebook five headings per entry: Passage, Point, Ponder, Prayer, Profession.

Use it for each chapter of the book as you read.

MY VERSION

DONE ON

- [ ] SETUP 3

Write a today list and a long list

On one page, list what you would put right if Christ came today.

On the next, list the work, family and plans you would keep building if it were two hundred years away. Act on one item from each.

MY VERSION

DONE ON

- [ ] SETUP 4

Make one thing right

Name one relationship, debt or promise you have left unsettled.

Take the first concrete step this week: the call, the apology or the payment.

MY VERSION

DONE ON

- [ ] SETUP 5

Agree how you will disagree

Find one person to read the book with.

Before you start, agree that you may land in different places on timelines and still pray for each other.

MY VERSION

DONE ON

DAILY HABIT 1 OF 3

Tend one lamp a week

Each week, read one of the seven letters in Revelation 2 and 3 and answer one honest question about your own life.

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SMALLEST VERSION

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EACH FRIDAY

WHAT HELPED

WHAT GOT IN THE WAY

ONE CHANGE TO THE SETUP

DAILY HABIT 2 OF 3

Close each reading with the 5 P's

After each chapter or passage, write one line for each of the five prompts before you move on.

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DAILY HABIT 3 OF 3

Answer anxious headlines with a passage

When the news stirs fear about the end, stop scrolling and read a passage on hope instead, such as 1 Thessalonians 4:13 to 18.

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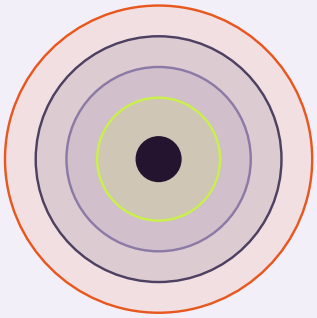
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Keep the lamp trimmed and the work going: ready for tonight, faithful for the long road.

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