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"Now when John, in prison, had heard about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, who said unto Him, 'Are You **The Coming One**, or do we look for another?' Jesus answered and said unto them, 'Go and report to John those things which you hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he, whoever shall not be offended in Me.' " (Matthew 11:2-<u>3</u>-6)

"And John calling unto himself two of his disciples, sent them to Jesus, to ask, '<u>Are You the</u> <u>Coming-One</u>? or do we look for another?' When the men had come unto Him, they said, John Baptist has sent us unto You, saying, 'Are You <u>The Coming One</u>? Or do we look for another?' And in that same hour He cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight. Then Jesus answering said unto them, 'Go your way, and tell John what things you have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached. And blessed is he, whoever shall not be offended in Me.' " (Luke 7:19-23)

The: from the greek word <u>ho</u>, which means: the definitive article "the"

Coming: from the greek word <u>erchomenos</u>, which means: coming, coming-one, one-coming; from <u>erchomai</u> which means: to come, to go; came, comes.

One: implied in context with either with ho or erchomenos,

Thus "<u>ho</u> <u>erchomenos</u>" is translated more literally: "The-One Coming" or "The Coming-One" or "The One-Coming"; and is understood to be an appellation, or title of Jesus. (paraphrases such as: "the One who is to come" - "He who is to come" - "He who is coming" - "He who comes" - tend to obscure the essence of a 'title' within the verses where <u>ho</u> <u>erchomenos</u> is used in the original texts.

This title, within the Messianic Jewish culture in those days, **The Coming-One**, was founded upon Messianic prophecies such as:

"The Stone (Jesus) which the builders refused has become the <u>Head Corner-stone</u>. This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Save now, I beseech You O LORD. O LORD, I beseech You, send now prosperity. "<u>Blessed is **He-who-Comes** in the Name of the LORD: we have blessed you from the house of the LORD. (Psalms 118:22-26)</u>

This Messianic title was used by people who truly believed that Jesus was Gods' promised **Coming-One**, the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of God! Consider these verses:

"The-One Coming (Jesus) from above is above all! He who is of the earth is earthly, and speaks of the earth. The-One Coming from heaven is above all. And what He has seen and heard, that He testfiles; and no man receives His testimony. He who has received His testimony has set to his seal that God is true. For He whom God has <u>sent</u> speaks the words of God. for He (God) does not give the Spirit by measure. The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. He who believes on the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abides on him." (John 3:31-36 – spoken by John the Baptist)

"Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth the <u>Prophet</u>, the <u>The-One Coming</u> into the world." (John 6:14 after 5000 fed)

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"Jesus said unto her, 'I am the <u>Resurrection, and the Life</u>; he who believes in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?' And she said unto Him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, <u>The-One Coming</u> into the world.' " (John 11:25-27)

"And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, And brought the donkey, and the colt, and put on them their robes, and they set Him there-upon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and spread them in the way. And the multitudes who went before, and who followed, cried, saying, 'Hosanna to the <u>Son of David</u>; blessed is <u>The-One Coming</u> in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the Highest.' " (Matthew 21:6-9)

During the time of His First Coming, Jesus fulfilled all that the Father had sent Him to accomplish. ... Now, we too, are looking forward with hope and expectancy for the Second Coming of Christ Jesus. Consider these scriptures:

Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwellings. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, <u>I-will come</u> again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and you know the way!" (John 14:1-4)

Jesus said "But the Comforter, who is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. You have heard how I said unto you, I go away, <u>and come again</u> unto you. If you loved Me, you would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for My Father is greater than I." (John 14:26-28)

Jesus said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you that killed the prophets, and stoned those who were sent to you; how often would I have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, 'You shall not see Me until you shall say, 'Blessed is **The-One Coming** in the name of the Lord.' " (Matthew 23:37-39)

"Therefore, cast not away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of patience, so that after you have done the will of God, you might receive the promise. For yet in a very little while, and <u>The-One Coming will come</u>, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith; ..." (Hebrews 10:35-38)

Paul wrote, "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain unto the <u>coming of the Lord</u> shall not prevent those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words. But of the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that <u>the day of the Lord is</u> <u>coming</u> as a thief in the night. (1 Thessalonians 4:15-18, & 5:1-2)

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For us, today, Jesus is the Coming One who is coming again:

"Be patient therefore, brethren, unto <u>the coming of the Lord</u>. Behold, the husbandman waits for the precious fruit of the earth, and has long patience for it, until he receives the early and latter rain. Be you also patient; strengthen your hearts; for <u>the coming of the Lord</u> draws near." (James 5:7-8)

"Now may God our Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you. And may the Lord make you to increase and abound in love towards one another, and towards all men, even as we do towards you; in order to strengthen your hearts blameless in holiness before God, even our Father, <u>at the coming</u> of our Lord Jesus <u>Christ</u> with all His saints." (I Thessalonians 3:11-13)

"But now Christ has risen from the dead, and has become the <u>Firstfruits</u> of those who sleep (died). For since by a man came death, by a Man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: <u>Christ the Firstfruits</u>; <u>then afterward those who are Christ's at **His**</u> <u>Coming</u>." (1 Corinthians 15:20-23)

And "... from Jesus Christ the Faithful Witness, the First-born From the Dead and the Ruler of the Kings of the Earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and made us a kingdom, and priests to God and His Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, **He is coming with the clouds**, and every eye will see Him, and those who pierced Him will see Him, and all the kindreds of the earth will wail because of Him. Even so, Amen." (Revelation 1:5-7)

"He (Jesus) who bears-witness to these things says, 'Surely <u>I come quickly</u>.' Amen. Even so, <u>Come</u>, Lord Jesus." (Revelation 22:20)

Jesus is...

The Coming-One

The One Coming from Heaven above, who is Above all! The Blessed One who Came in the Name of the LORD God Most High! The One sent by the Father to heal the sick & lame, and the blind & deaf!

The One who raised the dead,

and preached to us the Good News of Salvation, and the Kingdom of God!

The One who said to <u>us</u>, "I will Come again, and receive you unto Myself" The One who has prepared places for <u>us</u> in the House of <u>our</u> Father in Heaven!

Jesus is The-One Coming with the clouds with power and great Glory!

Lord Jesus, You Came from the Father and saved <u>us</u> from our sin! Thank You so very very much for being our Savior!

Come again soon Lord Jesus!

Amen, and Amen!