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When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed...2 Thessalonians 1:1-8

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After the Lord's resurrection, He appeared to His disciples and others for forty days and then He gathered the disciples with Himself and commanded them to depart to Jerusalem to wait for the promise of the Father, which was the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The disciples at this time asked Jesus if this was the time when He would restore the kingdom to Israel. Jesus' reply was:

It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1:7-8

In essence, they were to receive power to be witnesses. While Jesus was speaking of these things:

...while they beheld, **he was taken up**; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Acts 1:9

Luke continues:

And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, **which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.**

Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

Acts 1:10-12

As they were steadfastly looking in the sky two men and white apparel saying "this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, **shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.**"

Jesus was to come in like manner as he was seen going into Heaven. There is no mention of Jesus coming down half-way then going back up and coming back down again. This is a clear teaching of the two men in white apparel.

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To reiterate, Jesus will come back to earth in like matter has he went into Heaven. No mid-stops in between. He will come back in like manner **after the tribulation**:

Immediately after the tribulation of those days (great tribulation, v. 21) shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall **appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven**: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and **they shall see the Son of man coming** in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall **gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other**.

Matthew 24:29-31

And:

Behold, he **cometh with clouds**; and **every eye shall see him**, and **they also which pierced him**: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

Revelation 1:7